Welcome and introductions

Gants Hill Research Project Information Session

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Context

- Gants Hill Community Hub Co-Design Group

- Smaller group of community members wanted to stay involved to discuss the community more broadly

- There was a desire to find out more about the strengths, needs and aspirations of Gants Hill

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What will the research focus on?

- Carry out research with community members into two areas:

  1. **People**: Understanding the individual stories and changes that have taken place in order to build a picture of what Gants Hill could look like in the future.

Example: People

Under the 'people' theme, the groups' research question focused on 'what do local residents think about change?'

In order to find this out, they decide to:

1. Carry out interviews with their friends, neighbours and peers in Gants Hill to collect views on change

2. Take photos of people in places to document where they have noticed change locally

From this, the group decide to create a podcast for community members to listen to each other sharing their memories and stories of change, as well as their hopes for the future. They also display the photos in a local exhibition to visually share stories.
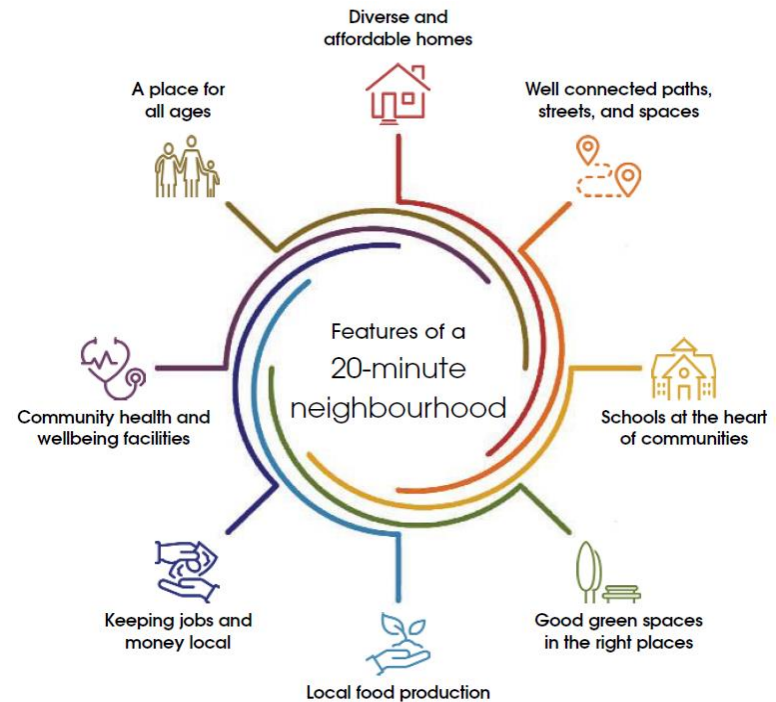
The group decide to continue to gather stories of community members which is shared with schools and other community groups.

What will the research focus on?

2. **Place**: Using the concept of a 15 Minute City, gain an understanding of what activities, amenities and services currently exist within a 15-minute walk or cycle, what is accessible and what is missing to build a good quality of life in Gants Hill.

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Example: Place

Using the concept of the '15 minute city', one research question focussed on 'how safe do we feel walking in Gants Hill?'

To find this out, the group decided on three research activities:

1. Look at the data on crime statistics to understand different types and levels of crime

2. Carry out a survey with local people to ask how safe they feel

3. Organise walking groups to plot areas that feel safe or unsafe.

From this, the group present their findings in a report, with an accompanying map of the routes they took and any areas that felt unsafe, with recommendations on how to improve it.

Following this, the group decide to put their recommendations into practice, through creating street art or pocket parks to improve the feeling of safety in the area.

How will the project work?

There are several steps to the project, and it's up to you what you would like to be involved in.

1. **Co-design and training**: Working together, we will decide the research question, plan and create research activities

   – Pre-session, Monday 14th June

   – Four workshops, starting on Monday 21st June, 6-8pm
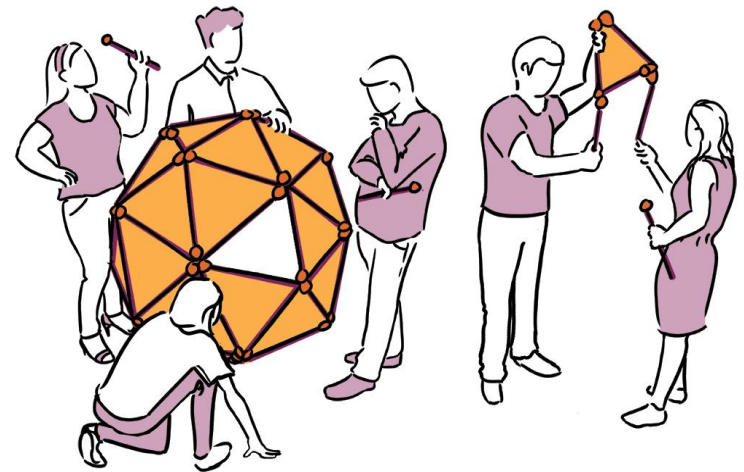
   – Up to four research groups

   – Budget available

How will the project work?

2. **Research**: We do what we planned

3. **Showcase**: Present our findings back to the community and feed into a Community Vision

4. **Next steps:** Consider what we do with our findings

This is a **six month** research project.

What can I get involved in?

- Defining the research

- Deciding the activities

- Receiving training and support

- Carrying out the research

- Analysing the findings

- Showcasing to the wider community

- Feeding into the wider Community Vision

- An opportunity to put your findings or recommendations into practice

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Who should apply?

- Anyone and everyone who lives, works or studies in Gants Hill

- By Gants Hill, we mean Aldborough, Barkingside, Clayhall, Cranbrook, Fullwell and Valentines

- A group of people who are curious to find out more, who will bring diverse perspectives and an open minded to listen and understand different viewpoints.

What will I gain?

Depending on what you choose to get involved in, there is lots to gain.

- Training and development in research techniques from world-leading university UCL

- A brilliant opportunity to build connections with others in your community

- Help shape our insight into the Gants Hill Community and the future Hub

- Working in partnership with London Borough of Redbridge and UCL to shape the research

- Take new skills back into the community

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What will I need to commit to?

This depends on what part of the project you are involved in:

- Connect with your local networks or groups to carry out the research and share the findings.

- If possible, connect with other community researchers online

- Communicate how much time you can commit a month

- Work collaboratively with volunteers, London Borough of Redbridge and UCL

What will London Borough of Redbridge offer?

- Provide group support in monthly check-ins with Community Organisers

- Contact with a Community Organiser for one to one support if needed, including during the sign up process.

- Additional expenses to cover childcare, travel or other costs where required.

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How to sign up

Go on to our website and complete this short sign up form.

Launching Gants Hill Community Research Project

17 May 2021

Eastern Avenue c. 1956.
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Do you live, work or study in Gants Hill or have an interest in the area? Volunteer researchers are being invited by Redbridge Council and University College London (UCL) to learn more about Gants Hill, building on recommendations from local residents to explore the themes of 'people and place' across the area.

No previous experience is needed, just a desire to find out more and learn about the area. Volunteers will receive support from Redbridge and UCL to take part. The opportunity is open for community members in the wards of Aldborough,

Three things to take away from today

- It is open to everyone

- This is a flexible project

- You will receive support and training

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Questions

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Thank you

If you have any further questions, please email:

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