

'All the Ps'

This is the first newsletter of the Common Health Assets research project.



Common Health Assets is an ambitious research project, funded by NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) to investigate the health and wellbeing impacts of Community Led Organisations (CLOs) working in deprived areas of Scotland, England and Northern Ireland.

We will also be blogging, **tweeting** and posting **reports** on our new website, where you can also find details of the study design and the project team – have a look here www.commonhealthassets.uk and follow us on twitter [@AssetsCommon](https://twitter.com/AssetsCommon).

Partnership

As well as a team of academic researchers with a wide range of expertise, our team is made up of community partners (see [website](#)). We worked in partnership to ensure the research is designed to be relevant, feasible and impactful. We believe that working together on the research processes and tools is the best way to get meaningful results and we will be sharing plans and research materials for your input at all stages.

This project is also a way for CLOs to get together and share your knowledge and experience. As part of the project we'll be setting up a 'Lived Experience Panel' for community participants to engage with and inform the research too.

Progress and pauses

It will come as no surprise that our plans have been delayed by a global pandemic. Covid-19 has hit everyone and we know from our community partners that CLOs have been innovating and working hard to help some of the hardest hit communities. In other circumstances we would have arranged to meet everyone to start talking about our research - we enjoyed meeting a number of CLO leads at a workshop in June (thanks to those who attended!) and we look forward to meeting in person soon.

Preparations

Despite delays, the research team have been working hard to prepare the project. There are lots of things that need to be in place for a large, multi-site research project. (finalising a protocol, securing research ethics approval) – these are important to set out the research aims and methods broadly and ensuring we consider any risks. We have now advertised our four research positions to be based at our participating universities



“As restrictions lift and vaccination rates improve we grow in confidence and our new start date - 1st September 2021 – feels right

“As we take the project forward we will continue to work in this way with a growing number of CLOs and community partners

(Glasgow Caledonian University, Bournemouth University, Queens University Belfast and University of East London). We are looking forward to introducing you to our new recruits.)

“ We want to get to know how you work, your systems and your communities

“ There will be others, tweets, blogs, reports – so watch this space!

Plans

What happens next? We will be contacting you between September and the end of the year to work together on a number of tasks. We want to get to know how you work, your systems and your communities and our research team will set up interviews and workshops to talk about how your organisations impact on the people you engage. We are interested in how different activities impact on health and wellbeing in different ways and what ‘mechanisms’ lead to different impacts. More practically we’ll be talking to you about setting up recruitment systems that enable identification of participants to take part in surveys, interviews and card sorts in 2022 and 2023.

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We will be working our way through a number of tasks so don’t worry if we’re not in touch with you on September 1st. It will be a phased start and some CLOs will start a little earlier than others. If you want to discuss the project or ask any questions in the meantime, though, feel free to get in touch. **We are looking forward to working with you!**

In Press

We will be sharing links to recent, relevant publications that might interest you - reporting research from our own team and from others. Here are a couple of recent reports from elsewhere. As the project develops you'll see more from our researchers here too.

Emerging Drivers of Vulnerability to Health Inequity in the Context of COVID-19

mcusercontent.com/a694bc0ff11d9dd94b05ccd0d/files/99c8574d-63f7-14e0-3fc2-7be9d4dae0ba/Emerging_Vulnerabilities_report_2_002_.pdf

Rapid scoping review of community champion approaches

www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-champion-approaches-rapid-scoping-review-of-evidence

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