

LONDON RESILIENT COMMUNITIES LOCAL AUTHORITIES EVENT

We'll start at 10.05 so grab a tea or coffee!

Housekeeping

- Please keep mics on mute, unless you are asked to unmute
- Questions in the chat – we'll be answering them as we go but also have time for Q&A at the end
- Feel free to introduce yourself in the chat
- Cameras on or off – this session is being recorded
- Edit your name to include your borough & team if possible
- We will be sharing the slides by e-mail later

LONDON RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

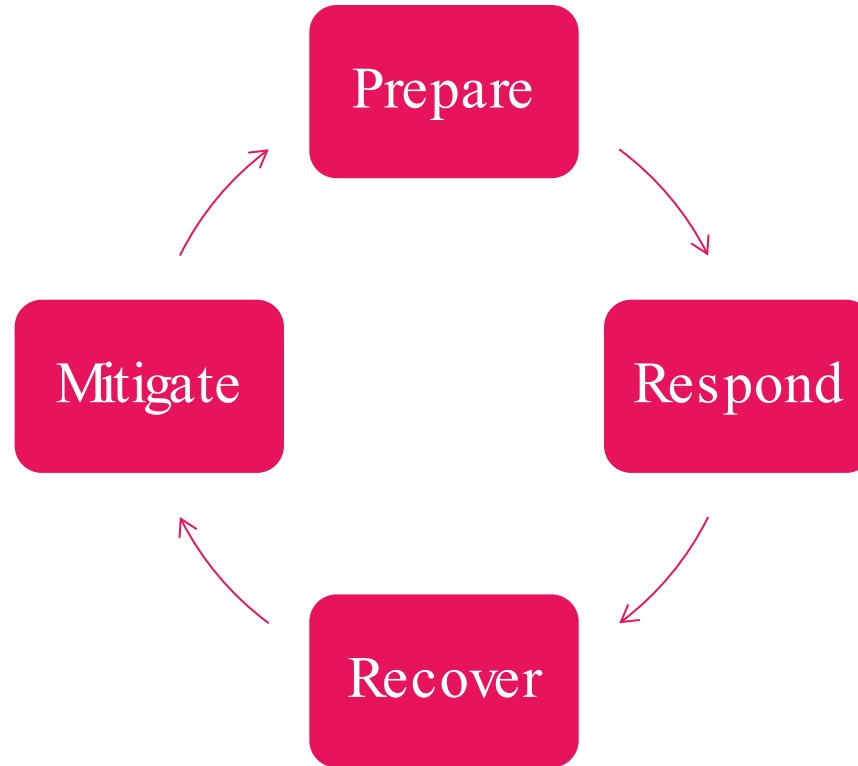
London's diverse communities more resilient in the face of emergencies, through development of community emergency plans and establishment of community resilience hubs



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- Online Training & Resources
 - From experts in resilience, exploring different hazards
- Small Grants for Community Resilience
 - £500 to contribute towards developing the Community Emergency Plan
 - £1000 to contribute towards becoming a Community Resilience Hub

WHAT IS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE?



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY A COMMUNITY?



IT COULD BE ...

- A WhatsApp group on an estate
- An organisation that supports a cultural or diaspora group
- A local volunteer centre
- A pan-London LGBTQ+ support group that meets online
- Worshippers at a mosque, church, temple synagogue or other place of worship
- A community garden group
- Parents and carers of children with additional needs

WAYS THAT COMMUNITIES PROVIDE SUPPORT



- A list of people to contact for signposting and advice
- Know how to support with community interpreting
- Holding a social/event to gather people together
- A listening service
- Practical support
- Holding a 'listening' session to capture views and experiences
- Becoming a community resilience hub

"WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME STORM,
BUT IN VERY DIFFERENT BOATS"

HOW DID WE GET HERE?



- We are living in times of increasing emergencies
- We know that communities respond to help those in need in emergencies
- We've heard from communities that they need support to engage in resilience work – training, resources and financial support
- London Community Resilience Toolkit
- Community Resilience Hubs Venue Mobilisation Programme

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE



- ✓ Communities create Community Emergency Plans
- ✓ Venues that serve communities become Community Resilience Hubs

WHAT THIS PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE



- Online Training & Resources
 - On different hazards, including flooding and extreme heat
 - Other topics such as volunteering and community engagement
- Small Grants for Community Resilience
 - Supporting communities with a structured approach to become more resilient

LONDON RESILIENT COMMUNITIES – PROGRAMME VALUES

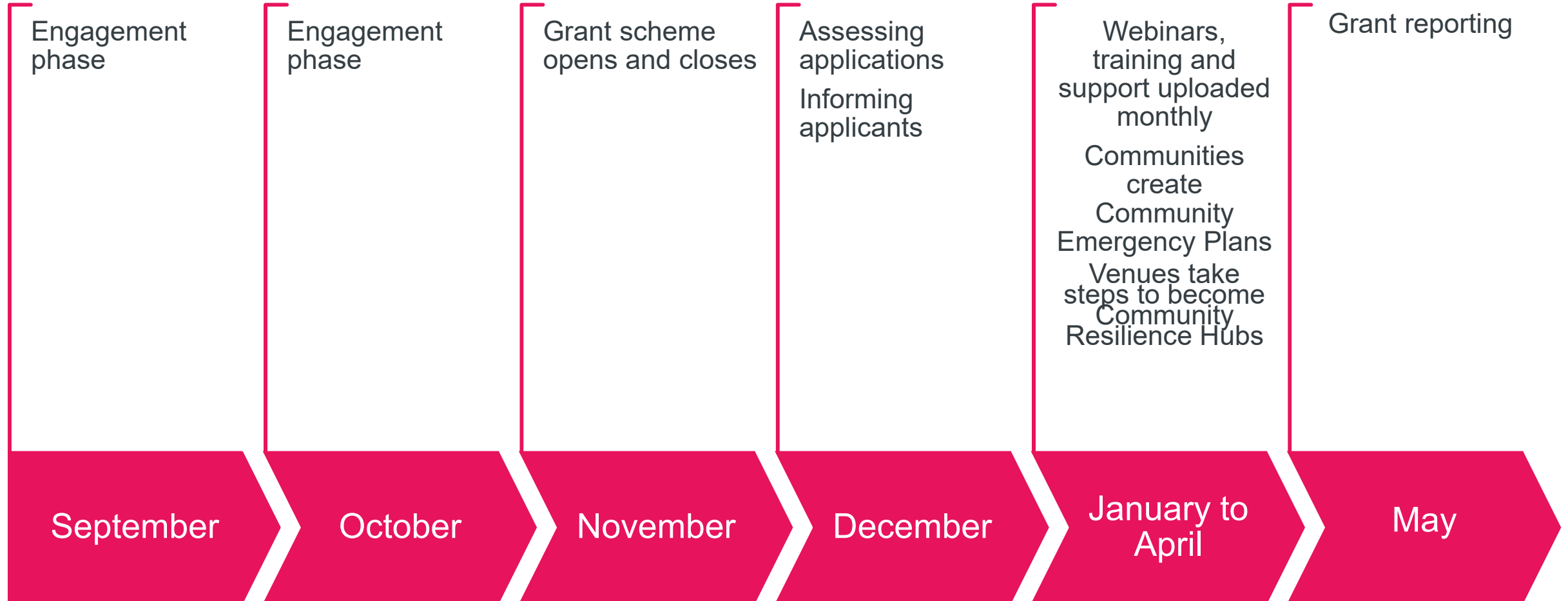


Supportive

Community
Led

Impactful

TIMELINE



- Monthly webinars on different topics and themes to increase knowledge and skills – these will also be recorded and available for viewing at any time
- Resources and templates to support the development of community emergency plans and organisations becoming community resilience hubs

GRANTS



Grant	Amount	What it can support	Who can apply	How it's paid
Toolkit Grant	£500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping your local stakeholders and assets • Creating a community emergency plan 	Community, voluntary, or faith groups (no need for a separate bank account)	Paid once your project is completed and a short monitoring form is approved
Hubs Grant	£1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activities above • Developing a space that can be used as a Community Resilience Hub 	Community, voluntary, or faith groups (you will need a separate bank account). You'll also need to let your local authority emergency planning team know before applying – we'll provide their contact details.	Paid once your project is completed and a short monitoring form is approved

- In addition to/supporting Official Rest Centres
- ‘Desire paths’
- Supporting organisations to prepare

We explored with local organisations what it means for venues to become community resilience hubs - below are some key lessons



Focus on your vicinity, using trusted relationships and local knowledge.

Take a strengths-based approach building on what works.

Plan and share your planning with the local authority emergency services.

Develop a strong business continuity plan before engaging with the community.

Build trust and connection with emergency structures while being able to support people independently.

Allocate funding, time and capacity to being a Community Resilience Hub.

Build mutual awareness and trust with the wider volunteering ecosystem.

OUR FINDINGS ON THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES



- Local authorities are vital partners
- Build trust and engagement
- Support and guidance, not leadership
- Strengthen preparedness and response
- Enable sustainable, community-owned mobilisation

BRITISH RED CROSS

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES?



- ✓ Sign up to the programme
- ✓ Promote the programme
- ✓ Attend webinars
- ✓ Explore and build relationships with community resilience hubs
- ✓ Welcome hearing about Community Emergency Plans



GET IN TOUCH



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