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# Hanley Crouch Community Association Annual Report

**Making a difference in the community since 1972**



Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill ,  
Registered Charity:288337

# 2018/19

## Our Aim

**Hanley Crouch will:**

**Improve the lives of people in our local community and to promote community involvement and community cohesion through the delivery of services needed for children, young people and the elderly.**

We are a multi-purpose Community Association operating in the Tollington Ward, in North Islington, London. Our Association was set up originally in 1972 by a group of local parents who needed somewhere for their children to play. We are a multi-cultural organisation that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

We aim to provide services to the whole community irrespective of age, gender, race, disability or sexual orientation. All are welcome to our centre.

Over the last forty odd years we have had and will continue to have a major influence for the good in our community, providing a stable base in a rapidly changing environment.

## History

**1972**

The Association was set up by a group of local parents who needed somewhere for their children to play.

**1986**

The start of a much loved community transport project, that culminated in the purchase of a fully accessible double decker bus

**2017**

45 years later and we continue to have a major influence for good in our community, providing a stable base in a rapidly changing environment

## Finance Report

The financial performance of Hanley Crouch Community Association Ltd for the 2018/19 financial year is a deficit of £9,061. The charity has total reserves as at the year-end of £51,286, of which none were restricted revenue funds.

The centre has strived to provide the highest possible level of services to meet the needs of the local community of one of London's most impoverished and disadvantaged areas (Tollington Ward) against a backdrop of reducing Council and grant funding.

The centre moved to its new Brickworks building in January 2018. This building has expanded the opportunities to provide services across a wider variety of community activities and to also increase income generation from hall and room hire. The level of hall and room hire income has steadily increased throughout 2018/19 and creates a solid foundation for the centre to be financially sustainable for 2019/20 and beyond.

**Allister Bannin (Treasurer)**

## Donations

Over the past 40 odd years Hanley Crouch Community Association has provided services and projects to the community. We rely upon grants and donations from generous organisations/businesses and individuals to continue our work.

If you wish to make a donation or would like more information, please contact us by (t) 0207 263 1067, (e) [admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk) or alternatively come in to the centre and speak to a member of staff.

If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make it out to 'Hanley Crouch Community Association Ltd' and post it to Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill N4 4BY.

You can also donate online via PayPal on our website: <http://www.hanleycrouch.org.uk>, there is also information on the site about other ways you can help.

Every penny you can give will help support our services and all the people that use our community centre.

## Our Funders

We would like to thank our funders for their continuing support and confidence in our work. They are:

Awards for All

First Give

LBI Children's Services

LBI Early Years Services

LBI Housing Needs & Strategy

LBI Regeneration

East London Business Association who kindly give us over 150 toys to give out to our users of our Stay & Play and After School Club.

John Lewis Partnership.

Tescos

## The Local Area

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| <b>Population</b>             | <b>There are 14,220 people living in Tollington</b>  |
| <b>Vulnerable groups</b>      | <b>27% of children are living in poverty in Tollington compared with 30% across London</b>           |
| <b>Housing</b>                | <b>2% of households lack central heating in Tollington compared with 3% across London</b>            |
| <b>Crime &amp; Safety</b>     | <b>The overall crime rate is lower than the average across London</b>                                |
| <b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b> | <b>17% of people have a limiting long-term illness in Tollington compared with 16% across London</b> |

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| <b>Education &amp; Skills</b>        | <b>17% of people have no qualifications in Tollington compared with 17% across London</b>                            |
| <b>Economy</b>                       | <b>42% people aged 16-74 are in full-time employment in Tollington compared with 42% across London</b>               |
| <b>Access &amp; Transport</b>        | <b>64% of households have no car in Tollington compared with 65% across London</b>                                   |
| <b>Communities &amp; Environment</b> | <b>The % of people 'satisfied with their neighbourhood' (77.1%) is higher than the average across London (77.1%)</b> |





## CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

It's been a great year for Hanley Crouch in our building and I can't really believe we are finally here.....

My colleagues' have coped well with the enormous changes and challenges that come with a building double the size of our old building and with windows!

In terms of users, we have diversified the activities and have doubled the number of people that use the centre.... our first year we focused on building on our health and wellbeing programme and we now offer Pilates, Self-Management for Diabetes and continue to run the one project such as Doula Training and Mental Health Awareness training to try to meet the complex needs of our community...

We also continue to run our After School Club, Stay and Play and our Weekenders programme and you can read all about their year in the following pages.....

We rely on the support on the locals to run some of our local projects so a big thank you to Glenda, Carol, Florence and Ms Rose for their hard work, support and humour over the last year..... thank you.....

We also spent the last year telling people what we do and running out on the street and handing out our leaflets and going out to community events and promoting what we do as well as seeking out the views of the residents on what services/support is needed....

As a result, you have told us that we need to do more around Food Poverty, Homelessness and Isolation so the next year or so we will be looking at developing projects (in partnership with other local groups and residents to support all our neighbours affected by those challenges.... please watch this space....

We are part of the TESCO Food Share and would like to take the opportunity to thank the fantastic support we receive from staff in the Stroud Green and Crouch End Stores supplying us with the food/water that we share with neighbours.....it is greatly appreciated and we will build on that so we can finally open a Community Fridge.....

I hope you enjoy reading the review and I just want to thank all the staff (especially Caroline, Amrik and Helen), trustees (Sally and co) and our wide and varied users for coming to the centre and making it the great place it is....

Thank you....

## Volunteering/Work Placement

As an organisation, without the support of our volunteers, we would not be able to provide a range of services that we currently deliver. So we would like to thank them all for their contribution in keeping our projects going. In 2018 there were 10 volunteers offering an average of ten hours per week of un-paid work which valued at national living wage, demonstrates a total contribution of

Hanley Crouch has a long tradition of working with volunteers and all the projects we currently run have volunteers working with them. They provide a vital service and many of our volunteers have gone onto full time employment within the project they have worked with or within similar settings.

We also aim to provide work placement students/ volunteers a rewarding and fulfilling experience within our organisation which should equip them with the necessary skills, behaviours and attitudes to progress within their chosen field.

However, I do want to stress that there are a number of different volunteering opportunities such as the Community Café, Afterschool Club and more.... We would meet prior to you starting to determine what you would like to get out of the opportunity and put you on any relevant training that is needed to develop your skills.

Please speak to any member of staff if you are interested in volunteering or email [admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk).

## A Special Mention to Catherine Powloski

We would like to give a special thank you to Catherine for all her guidance, support and sheer hard work over the years. Catherine has worked with us for over 10 years without pay to help us in securing more funding for the centre and other centres across Islington.

So we would like to let her know how much we appreciate her work and how fantastic she has been.

## Other Services at Brickworks:

### Blythwood Nursery:

**Mondays - Fridays: 8am – 6pm**

For over 15 years, we have been providing a day care service that is dedicated to building a safe, loving and caring environment for children aged between 18 months and 4 years. Whatever cultural background your child is from and whatever their requirements may be, you can be sure that our nursery will give them all the love and support they need. For more information, please contact us on **020 7263 5070** or [info@blythwoodcommunitynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@blythwoodcommunitynursery.co.uk)

### Special People:

**24/7 support**

Special People are a specialist service working with children and adults with special needs. The services they provide are short break service, overnight care, companionship, personal care, behavioural management, live in support, life skills teaching and physiotherapy.

For more information, please contact us on **020 7686 0253** or [www.specialpeople.org.uk](http://www.specialpeople.org.uk).

### Palace for All:

**Monday - Thursday. 12:30pm – 6pm (drop in all day)**

Palace for All works with children with special needs and offers drop in play and a range of therapies including speech and language therapy, music therapy, reflexology, cranial osteopathy and social communication.

For more information, please contact us on **020 7561 1689** or [www.palaceforall.org.uk](http://www.palaceforall.org.uk)

### Centre 404:

**Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm**

**Day Opportunities** service in order to further promote a person centred vision to empower and enable individuals to lead a life that is truly their own. Each person has their own weekly timetable based on their goals and interests. Inclusion is at the heart of the service. We offer a mixture of community and centre based activities along with having Centre 404 transport available for local service users..

For more information contact, please contact us on **0207 607 8762** or [general@centre404.org.uk](mailto:general@centre404.org.uk)

## CHAIR'S REPORT



### What a difference a year makes!

So much has happened in the past year. Our new home at Brickworks has given us scope for growth that we could never have dreamed of at the old Laundry site, with all its leaks and creaks, and daily dramas.

We were nominated for (and won) a prestigious international award for the building design (thanks to Brady Malileau Architects), which has put us firmly on the map of successful community initiatives.

We have increased both our activities and our footfall by 100% in the last year, in part because we are now so visible on Crouch Hill and also because of the great variety of new projects covering all ages and abilities.

We are hosting or facilitating across a broad spectrum of services to our local community including health and fitness, adult social care, child care, special educational needs and employment opportunities.

We regularly evaluate activities and continue to strive to be the voice of our community. We are putting out a powerful message in our Borough by standing firm and tackling such issues as food poverty and hate crime. In all the uncertainty of the World around us, Hanley Crouch (Brickworks) remains a haven of safety and hope for a brighter future.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our team of staff, volunteers and trustees who have worked so conscientiously through all the teething problems a new building presents and are committed to our mission.

As always, a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** must go to Colin Adams MBE, our Centre Manager for his amazing fortitude, energy and commitment. We always ask too much of him and he continues to deliver!

**Sally Sturgeon**

**Chair of Trustees**



## After School Club:

**Mondays—Fridays: 3:30pm—6pm**

**£11 session £8 concessions (Daily Rate)**

The After School Club is designed to support families with affordable childcare, our provision concentrates on the individual needs of your child. Our team continues to have a strong working relationship.

We are still currently collecting children from five local schools; St Gilda's Junior School, St Peter-in-chains infant school, Christ the King primary, Ashmount and Pooles Park primary school.

We have had a very busy year. We have had an increase in the number of children and have introduced some new activities. A sign language teacher provided sign language lessons to the children, the first two sessions the children learnt how to sign their name and the children really enjoyed the sessions. Secondly we started a cooking club so children can build their confidence while in the kitchen. They have made cupcakes, brownies and while gaining more confidence have started to do bread, pizzas and cake. It is one of the activities that the children really enjoy as they get to eat at the end.

In December we had our Christmas party, again we had received toys from East London Business Alliance. All the children were so excited in receiving these presents.



## Holiday Play Scheme:

**Monday to Friday 8:30am to 6pm (half terms 9 weeks during the year) £20 per day (additional fees may apply for certain trips & outings, trips and outings are subject to change depending on weather)**

Holiday Play Scheme provides a safe and stimulating environment. We plan activities and trips for all ages and stages of development of the children that attend. Our activities are varied to ensure all children get to enjoy something they love doing.

Over the year they have been on many trips. Some of the trips that the children enjoyed the most was going to Madame Tussauds, London Dungeons, London Aquarium and Shrek World. All our trips are at an affordable rate.

At the end of the Summer Term we gave out prizes to children who had won something while attending the trips e.g. Sports Day. In addition, we gave out prizes to those children who stood out during the term such as: Best Behaviour, Most Helpful but no child goes away without an award as there is always something they will achieve.





## Fitness Activities:

### Boxercise:

**We have a variety fitness activities in the centre.**

Boxercise runs every Thursday the classes are based on training methods by boxers. The sessions are fun, challenging and a safe workout which is great for stress busting, accessible to all ages and fitness levels.



### Circuit Training:

**Classes: Tuesday 7pm and Thursday 7:45pm:**

Fun session to improve circulation making your heart pump., improve your endurance, agility , strength and co-ordination while listening to music.



### Postnatal Pilates:

**Tuesdays 11am—12pm:**

Join Olivia for Post Natal Pilates with your baby. Classes will release your achy back & shoulders, improve your posture and strengthen and tone your abdominal muscles and pelvic floor. Bring your baby and let them sleep, play or watch as you get some exercise and precious 'me time'.

### Arsenal Double Club:

**Saturdays 10am - 11:30am (Ages: 7yrs to 13 yrs)**

Mirroring the two halves of a game of football, the programme combines a 45 minute classroom session, in which Arsenal related educational resources are used, with a 45 minute football coaching session after. The resources are aimed at reluctant learners and those in need of a boost to their studies.

### Adamant FC:

**Saturdays 9am—10am (Mixed Ages)**

Adamant FC is Volunteer - Community based football Club. Was founded to close the gap between academy and grassroots, between rich and poor, between race. Adamant FC provides quality coaching session, Safe, Fun, Psychological, Physical, tactically and technique, with qualified, experience and updated DBS's.

## Under 5's - Stay & Play

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am—12 noon Islington £2 Haringey £3**

**0-5 years**

Our Stay & Play offers a friendly, safe, informative and stimulating environment for young children, parents/carers, nannies and childminders. We support the children in the six prime areas of development in line with the EYS:

- Communication
- Language
- Physical
- Personal
- Social
- Emotional



Our early year play workers offers a range of play and learning activities encouraging parents.



Carers to engage with their children in a small group setting. This helps with a child's overall development where they can make choices and decisions through learning based on indoor and outdoor play. These activities include: Baby Corner, Home Corner, Creative Play, Gardening, Rhyme Time, Story Time and more...

Over the year we have done a number of workshops in partnership with Bright Start: to support parents/carers:

- Healthy Eating—we provide healthy snacks at our sessions
- Parenting workshops—potty training (discussions and sharing ideas)
- Back to work—free access to computers for users to research jobs, courses etc...
- Oral Hygiene—to promote teeth cleaning and oral hygiene
- Signposting— We have a variety of information and leaflets on different services such as other children centres, housing etc...

During Christmas we had our Christmas party and was very lucky to have presents donated to us by ELBA. The presents were given out to the children and all of them were pleased with them. John Lewis Partnership donated money for the group to buy some new resources and equipment.



At the end of Summer Term, we took children and parents/carers on a trip to the Post Office Museum. Every-one thoroughly enjoyed the day out. The children were able to role play being a post person, deliver the post in the post box and pack parcels.



## Older People's Services:

Lunch Group: 1pm – 2:30pm

Zumba Gold: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Arts & Crafts Group: 11am – 2pm

Our Weekender's group has been running for many of years now . On a Fridays we have our lunch club where we provide warm cooked meals prepared by our volunteers Rose and Jean. The club is a place where people can come and meet new people or to find out what other services is available in the area such as Hornsey Lane Estate who we are in partnership with. During these sessions we have offered First Aid Training for Over 50's, healthy eating and more...



Over the year we have been on a number of trips. These include Tina Turner the musical, Kenwood House, Victoria & Albert Museum, Bowling and Sadler's Wells. Sadler's Wells completed a dance workshop at Brickworks where they had taught our users Bollywood Dancing. Once they had learned all the steps they then did a performance on stage at Sadler's Wells. We were so

proud of all the performers who took part.

We are grateful to Jackson's Lane Theatre for allowing us to attend their brunches in many sheltered accommodations around Haringey. Each one has been great we have seen so many performers such as Jordan Charles, Lams, Topsy as well as learning Bollywood and African dancing and more. We have enjoyed each one that we have



attended. If you like to know about any further trips please email: [admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk](mailto:admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk).

We still continue to do Zumba Gold on Fridays before lunch and Arts & Crafts on a Monday. Carol who runs the arts & crafts session teaches various arts and craft techniques from card making to designing jewellery.



## Resident Led Projects:

### Tranquil Health & Wellbeing workshop:

Once a month.

Tranquil Health & Wellbeing workshops is going on to its second year hosted by Glenda Daniel. Providing therapeutic activities to raise awareness on health & wellbeing focusing on physical, mental, and social aspects. At the workshops we have various of different speakers (Diabetes UK, Stress project and so on...)



During the workshops entertainment is provided such as vocalists, dancers, musicians. We encourage the group to express themselves through poetry so we have a number of people

who will share their thoughts.

The last workshop was for Black History month where we had African drummers, Fashions of Expressions, and Poetry.

### Gardening:

Ask for more details as days and times changes:

We have four plant beds in our Marie Heywood Roof Garden room which has been maintained by Wild Places and Brian Heywood. Wild Places have put herbs and wild plants in some of the beds. Brian and his daughter Jackie have planted a Rose Bush, Marigolds, Busy Lizzies and more...



Our Roof Garden room was named after Brian's wife Marie who sadly passed away. She was a life long resident with a gift of making people feel "Welcomed"



### Flower Arranging:

Last Saturday of the month:

Florence teaches how to prepare and arrange your very own hand-tied bouquet. Sharing top tips and trusted techniques to help you craft your very own professionally designed bouquet (even if you're a complete beginner.) Materials is provided.