

## **Community Safety Women's safety, health and wellbeing event**

The council's Community Safety Team led an event in Hayes specifically focussing on women's health, safety and wellbeing.

The event brought together over 40 services and organisations including those from the council, NHS, voluntary and third sector, and Police

Partners who participated included:

Southall Black Sisters; SORTED; Age UK; Citizens Advice; Traveller Movement; Barra Hall Children's Centre; H4ALL; Bereavement Midwife; Hillingdon Women's Centre; Care2Talk; LBH Children's Services; Hillingdon MIND; Hillingdon Adult and Community Learning; Cawogido; P3Navigator; REAP; Youth Council; REFUGE; Richmond Fellowship.

In organising the event, consideration was given to women's intersectionality and the needs resulting from this.

The feedback from both agencies and residents attending was positive, a few of the comments from the event are detailed below:

"What a buzz on the day, we feel it was a great success" **Hillingdon Citizens Advice**

"Really positive feedback from our service users as it made it easy for them to access support, it was empowering for them. One service user was able to speak directly with housing and they were really helpful -it took down the usual barrier for her of having to go to the civic centre or talking on the phone. She was given forms and guidance on completing them and contacted me today to say she will complete these herself instead of relying on someone else which is a big step forward for her. She also felt that the services were more approachable this way. I think it was a great event and a good opportunity to promote services and organisations also to network and build relationships as an organisation with other agencies offering support. I have already setup a couple of workshops sessions with other organisations present which I probably wouldn't have done without the event due to lack of knowledge or opportunity to reach out to them" **Hillingdon Mind**

"It really was a very good networking event" **Desor & Co**

"Overall, it was a brilliant event, good to network after a very difficult year. Thank you all again, without you the event wouldn't have happened, and it was so lovely to see and meet you all – **Carers Trust Hillingdon**

"It was an amazing event. We had such a good time meeting other organisations as well as the ladies" **GROW organisation**

"To provide more events like these for women as they are very much needed"  
**Resident**

“Very helpful and informative” **Resident**

“Really enjoyed walking around and finding information” **Resident**

“Congratulations to all involved, there was an amazing energy in the room, and it will be interesting to hear more about the evaluation. Good to see recruitment for Covid Booster appointments for people living or working in LBH – **Anon**

“This event should be held annually” **Resident**

“Thanks to the organisers and contributors” – **Resident**

“Thank you glad I attended” – **Resident**

The Community Safety Team will now develop and build upon this feedback to organise and deliver similar events in other areas of the borough, to ensure that everyone has chance to access an event near to their home.

Research will be conducted prior to each event (once venues have been established) to ensure that local issues and harder to reach groups in each region are taken into consideration.