



**Evelyn Assembly  
12 October 2013  
Akwaaba Centre  
11.00pm – 2.00pm**

**Meeting notes**

*Your local assembly, your say!*

### **The Day**

There were community stalls with information from the Library Service, Childrens Centres, some local community groups, the Neighbourhood Community Safety team, the North Lewisham Health Partnership and the Salvation Army Youth Club. There was also an area for children to play and craft activities being carried out by the Evelyn Parents Forum. There was a face painter and storyteller and food and drink for everyone that came along.



**A local artist was also asking people to contribute to a communal piece on the theme of 'what does community mean to you'.**



### **Speakers**

Councillor Crada Onuegbu spoke to the assembly and thanked them for coming to the meeting. She prased the community groups that do so much to help local people and asked for volunteers to join the Local Assembly coordinting group and gave details on how to sign up to be a member. She explained about the voting sheets and how the projects were put forward for the vote.

### **Folkestone Gardens Skate Park**

The Salvation Army youth group explained that they have been working with Lewisham Park department to get funding for a Skate Park in Folkestone Gardens in Evelyn Ward. This was

something that residents had asked the assembly for and the group shared their progress as they are bidding for Marathon Funding to really make the park a great place for skating.



### **Evelyn Assembly Fund**

It was explained at the assembly that the coordinator of the assembly had asked people at two assembly meetings and also visited local community groups asking people what they thought the assembly should spend money on and work on in 2014. There was a brochure handed out with the results of this called '**What People Said**'. It was also explained that the coordinating group were asking people to vote on project ideas which were based on what residents had said they wanted the assembly to work on, and a brochure with the details of all the projects '**Projects you could have**' was also handed out. All projects were to be run by local charities, community groups and non for profit organisations, with support from community volunteers. (Brochures also attached on the internet)

### **Assembly Priorities**

It was explained on the voting sheet that residents had asked for new priorities that included issues around new housing developments and also training and community building. It was asked if people could also vote if they wanted to change the priorities:

#### **Old Priorities**

1. Youth Provision
2. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime
3. Provision for Older People
4. Housing Issues
5. Tackling Drug Problems

#### **New Priorities**

1. Young people and children
2. Community Support on ASB, Crime & Drug Issues
3. Provision for Older People
4. Housing Issues / New Developments
5. Community Capacity Building

## Results

The Results of the voting were that all projects were voted to receive funding ranked in order below.

Local Families Support Project	<b>£3,000</b>	95% YES Votes
Exercise Classes and Trip for older people	<b>£4,000</b>	91% YES Votes
Youth activities and training	<b>£2,000</b>	87% YES Votes
Evelyn Training Project	<b>£3,000</b>	83% YES Votes
Community Gardens and bringing the community together	<b>£1,000</b>	78% YES Votes
Johnson Ndjoli Memorial Foundation and XLP	<b>£2,000</b>	74% YES Votes

75% of people voted to change the priorities also.

## Vounteers

People were able to sign up to volunteer for projects and community groups were asked if they wanted to take part in projects.

## Black History Month & Entertainment

There was entertainment by a local young person rapping about Black History and also a Storyteller from Irie dance theatre, there were also african instruments from Clyde Childrens Centre.

Declarations of interest were made at this meeting from the community groups that were bidding for funding.