

ECN Budget Engagement Session with Ealing Council

Thursday, 17 Dec 2020 17:00 - 18.00

This event will be of particular interest to VCS groups already in receipt of grants and/or contracts or likely to be in the future

Sign up for your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ecn-budget-engagement-session-with-ealing-council-tickets-129844894575>

Budget plans and changes in priorities by Ealing Council could affect the future of your organisation and your beneficiaries. It is important that you join this event so that your voices are heard.

Ealing Community Network (ECN) are pleased to announce that we are hosting a Budget Engagement session with Council Leads. This engagement is a start to 'conversation' on this topic and further VCS engagement activities will be organised from Jan 2021

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It has already been noted that cuts will need to be implemented in 21/22 as the council faces difficult financial decisions and needs to save a huge amount of money.

Councillor Mahfouz will give an update of the council's difficult financial position, the pressures it is facing after a decade of government grant cuts and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainties and tough choices it faces in the next financial year.

There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Link to the Ealing News Extra story:

<https://ealingnewsextra.co.uk/latest-news/sign-up-for-online-council-budget-qa-session/>

Although cuts might be imminent it is really important that as a cohesive voluntary sector, we understand what cuts might look like and are able to influence decision making on these:

- What will be the impact be on organisations already receiving grants/contracts from the council?
- How can the VCS support cuts whilst still being able to deliver services effectively?
- The VCS offers extremely good value for money

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Do you have questions you might want to ask?

Let us know by **NOON on WED 16th DECEMBER** and email to Ealingcommunitynetwork@outlook.com

ECN is keen to be representative and, although there will be a Q&A session during the meeting, we would like to know if there are any particular questions that VCS orgs might like to address so we can ensure we get a response at the meeting instead of similar queries being asked within the meeting.

If organisations feel they would like to be able to ask their own questions they will be limited to 1 minute per person.

The following people will be present at the meeting:

- Councillor Bassam Mahfouz, Cabinet member for Finance and Leisure
- Councillor Julian Bell, Leader of Ealing Council
- Councillor Kamalijit Dhindsa, Cabinet member for Business and Community Services
- Senior Council Leads

After this event, ECN will host a series of events to gather further VCS voice and opinion which will then be shared in a cumulative document to the Council. Dates in January 2021 to be organised.

This event is for **voluntary sector organisations delivering services in Ealing** and, as it is expected this will be a very popular event, tickets are limited to 2 per organisation.

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