



Community Research Project winners

Healthwatch Wokingham Borough is delighted to announce the research project winners!

Thank you to everyone who applied. We were astounded to receive more than 15 applications. Following assessment by the Board members, Healthwatch Wokingham Borough are now delighted to be able to announce the winners of the Community Cash Fund 2016/17.

1. **Browns Community Services CIC** - “Voices in the Darkness” hearing from disadvantaged and excluded women about their experience when in crisis
2. **CLASP** - will be running a series of Healthy Living Workshops and produce a Video & accompanying easy read summary report outlining peoples experiences of local health services and the support they get to live independently
3. **Chemo Gift Bags** - will be telling the story of 12 breast cancer patients and their journey of recovery
4. **Finchampstead Women’s Group** - “knit and natter group” will allow women from around Gorse Ride to talk informally about their experiences of care.
5. **Macular Support Group** - will be looking at isolation and exclusion of those with eye conditions, as well as testing out the accessible information standard
6. **Parenting Special Children** will put on a male speaker event to bring together dad’s of those with special needs or learning disabilities, highlighting the role of men as carers.
7. **Wokingham in Need** - will run a drop in center for the homeless and vulnerable and be better able to understand the health and care needs of these group of people

8. **Unlock Your Wellbeing** will offer subsidized places on 4 self care workshops for people living with long term conditions such as fatigue or a mental health condition

Congratulations to all the winners. We are very much looking forward to working with these groups over the next 3 months as they begin and progress their projects to help boost wellbeing and amplify the health and social care experiences of people in Wokingham.

All of the above community groups will be presenting their research proposals to Commissioners and Stakeholders at a **launch event on Wednesday 7th December 2016, 4-6pm at Wokingham Town Hall**. You are more than welcome to join us.