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HAVCO supports people and groups to help the local community

- Providing information to start a community group
- Advising individuals on how to find money for a community project
- Support for people who would like to become a volunteer with a community organisation
 - Specialist help with managing your money, using technology etc.
 - Responding promptly to assist voluntary organisations in a crisis
- Helping individuals to meet like-minded people from other community groups and voluntary organisations

What are the strengths of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Haringey?

Community Heartbeat

- Local knowledge and networks
- Trusted
- Responding to clear and specific needs
- Independent
- Open to Partnership working
- Resilient

Breaking social isolation

Through their outreach work HAVCO found us. We are a group of older people trying to help ourselves but we did not know how to go about raising money for our work. With HAVCO's support we got funding from the BIG Lottery this has enabled us to organise our group and we hold regular exercise sessions, such as high impact and stretching exercises.

Supporting New Mums through volunteerism and social action

My name is Karen Whiteread and I am a local resident in Haringey. Two years ago I started PramDepot (pramdepot.wordpress.com/) an arts led recycling project based in the Chocolate Factory in Woodgreen. PramDepot recycles baby clothes and equipment and passes them onto new mums who receive support through Birth Companions (www.birthcompanions.org.uk).

Keeping young people safe

In 2010 Godwin Lawson was murdered whilst protecting his friends from a gang. The talented 17 year old had just started a sports scholarship and his bereaved parents turned to local politicians to create a Foundation in his name. However, it was HAVCO that helped establish and fundraise for the Godwin Lawson Foundation.

“HAVCO have also offered me an office to hold my trustee meeting. Their Development Manager, in particular, is always welcoming and extremely helpful. The passion and dedication always goes beyond the expected.”

Providing a pathway to a better future

2 years unemployment, experiences as a mental health service user and a feeling of total isolation did not leave Julie in a great place. With the help of HAVCO Volunteer Centre, Julie completed two successful volunteer placements which provided her with opportunities for social interaction and skills development. Ultimate success came with a job at KfC where Julie has now worked for several months.



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