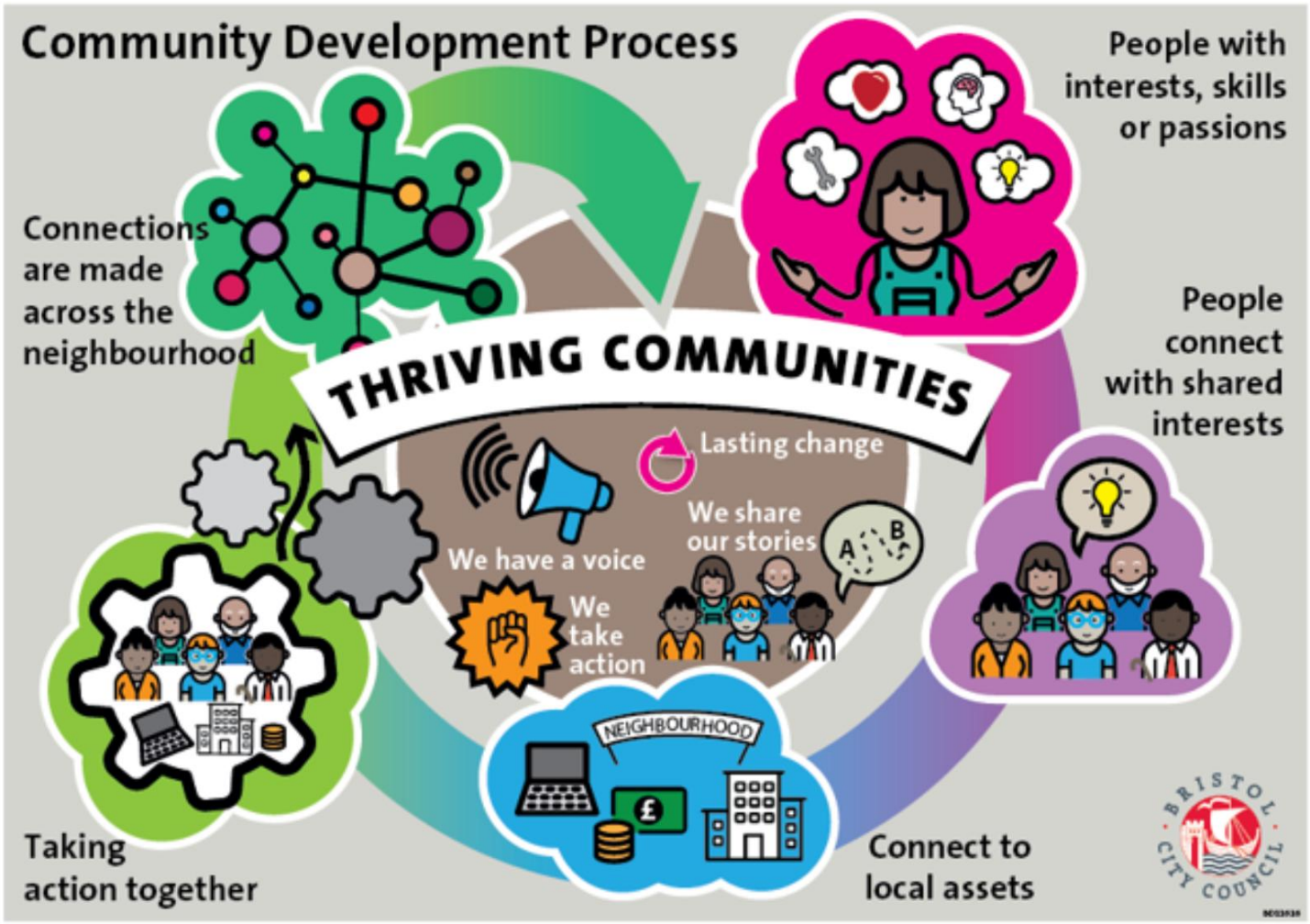
Community Development Offer







The Community Development Team is part of the Communities and Public Health Directorate within Bristol City Council.

Our role is to support people in their communities to take action on issues which are important to them.

We have two community development teams. One is North and East and the other covers South Bristol

Mohammed Elsharif manages the North Team.

Terry Black manages the South Team.

This is our community development offer for Bristol to support community led action across the City.

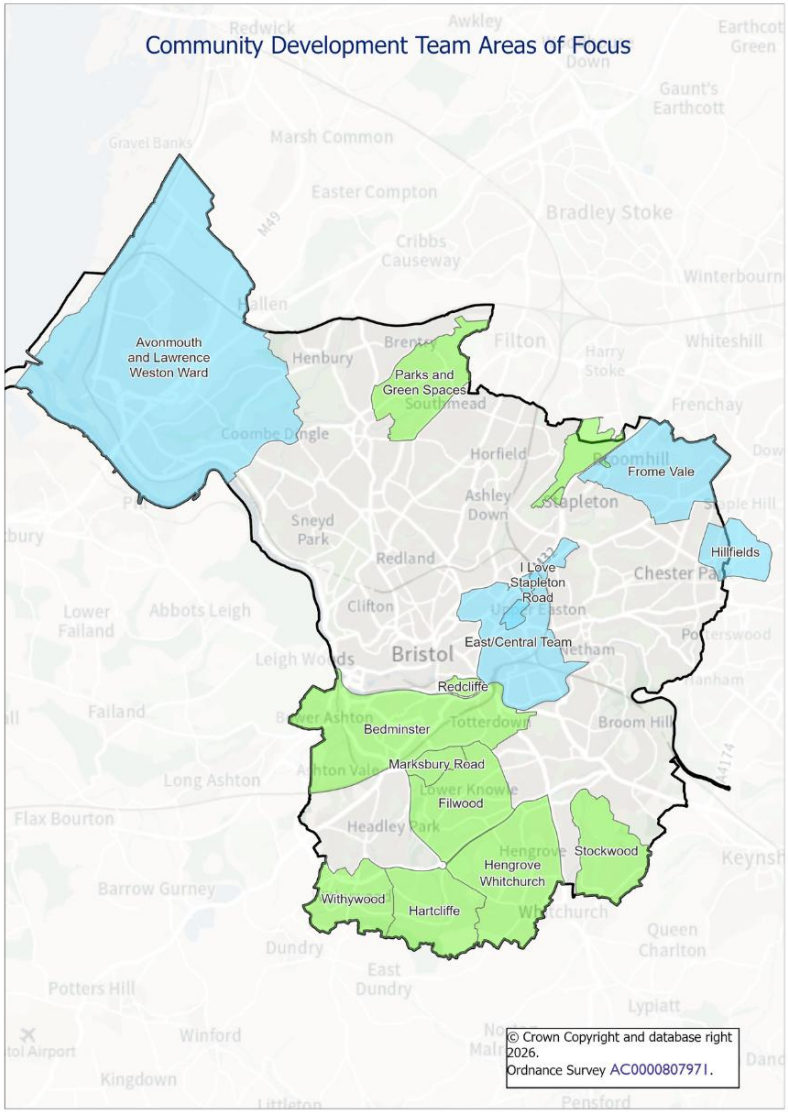
Community Development Support

We deliver community development work to the communities that most need it.

We are working in at least ten priority neighbourhoods and communities of interest which includes a focus on race and disability equality.

We are working in collaboration with residents and partners to meet the aspirations of local people, led by them.





Priority Themes





We support resident led community action and partnership working, delivering high quality community development work under our priority themes:

- Regeneration (Temple Quarter, Bedminster and Knowle West)
- Parks and Green Spaces
- Drugs and Alcohol Recovery Services
- Community Safety
- Youth Empowerment

Community Cohesion and Equity

We will create opportunities and spaces for our diverse communities to meet within their community or from across the city. Where they can share their experiences, gain better understanding of each other and collaborate together.



In the neighbourhoods where we work, we will prioritise working alongside the most marginalised communities to support grassroots community action.



We will work alongside strategic partnerships in the city that promote community cohesion.

Community Hubs

We support a network of 27 community hubs across the city that offer:

- Local area co-ordination
- Builds local networks
- Supports communications across their community
- Supports citizen led action
- Takes an active role in a thriving community hub network

These are our trusted partners supporting place based communities or communities of interest.





Community Champions



Community Champions have been key at supporting health messages and connecting services into communities that face multiple barriers in accessing them.

We currently have 30 organisations participating and 48 community champions in the city.

We will continue to grow and develop a network of community champions in all parts of the city.

City Wide Influence and Networks

We will provide spaces where residents, our partners and colleagues can come together, share ideas, experiences and influence key decision makers in the city.

We host a community exchange meeting which is bi-weekly for voluntary sector partners to connect with each other and the council.

We convene the One City Many Communities gathering which links voluntary sector partners to council and other city leaders.

We host conversations between communities and city council leaders across the city hosting at least four annual events.





Learning and Professional Development

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We deliver high quality workshops where people can learn about Asset Based Community Development and share their experiences with each other.

We host learning circles where practitioners can deepen their practice and refine their skills in a peer learning environment.

We support citizens to come together and share their stories, and exchange ideas to take social action in their communities.

We connect with partners and be part of a network of practitioners from across the UK to share our experiences and learn from others.



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We produce stories of resident led action which we share to encourage more to happen in the city.

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How to Find Us

Find your local community development worker and contact them by looking on our map.

Find out what is happening across communities in Bristol by going on our facebook page.

Read stories of what people have been up to in their communities or sign up for our connecting in neighbourhoods workshop on our webpage.

We look forward to supporting you to make your community a better place.





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