



## HIGHLIGHTS - JAN TO MAR '24

This report highlights what Roots to Change has been up to for the period from January to March 2024.

It includes a brief description of who we are and what we do; an outline of our activities; and a list of upcoming events for your diary.

## ABOUT ROOTS TO CHANGE CIC

Roots to Change is a community interest company based in London with over 20 years of experience in both the private and social sectors.

We celebrated our 2nd anniversary as an incorporated entity in March this year with a little get together in Suzette's Café!

Roots to Change offers bespoke, collaborative services based on the specific needs of the organisation and can support in the following key areas:

- Research
- Strategy Development
- Project & Event Management Support
- Training & Capacity Building
- Facilitation & Engagement
- Independent Impact Evaluations & Reviews

We also facilitate community-led programmes like The Big Reshape and the research study that informed it.

A portion of the income generated through offering our services is put towards funding activities of The Big Reshape and other community-led programmes. This is to reduce our reliance on grant funding.

Get in touch to discuss how we might collaborate or how we might support your organisation.

# THE BIG RESHAPE PROGRAMME

The Big Reshape aims to influence positive change towards building a fairer, safer borough where women and girls can live free from harm.

It was designed in response to findings from our research published last year that pointed to the need for a reshape in how we address violence directed at women and girls.

A fundamental reshape in... our understanding of the issue, how we talk about it, the norms that condone it and the systems that support it, our ideas and expectations, how people of all genders are portrayed in the media, and relationships between people.



## THE BIG RESHAPE ART WORKSHOPS

As part of The Big Reshape, Roots to Change and Seduced by Art are conducting a series of art workshops that bring together people with close ties to Wandsworth and surrounding boroughs and invite them to paint their vision of a nicer, kinder and more equal borough where women and girls can live free from harm.

We conducted one on 20 Jan at Balham Library; one on 14 Feb at the SW15 Women's Network coffee morning; and one on 16 Mar at Tooting Library. 48 additional pieces of artwork were created by children and adults of all ages and genders in these sessions.



# THE BIG RESHAPE ART INSTALLATIONS

The artwork from the art workshops is being displayed across the borough, together with highlights from the research and some tips on what we could all do individually and collectively to help address this issue and prevent some of it from happening in the first place.

Following on from the installations at Suzette's Café in Battersea, and Roehampton and Battersea Libraries last year, the exhibition was up from 29 Jan to 16 Feb '24 at Balham Library. To mark International Women's Day, we also collaborated with Wandsworth Council to have one in the Marble Hall at Wandsworth Council between 6 and 13 Mar.

Next stop will be Tooting Library from 8 April to 5 May!

We have been using these exhibition spaces as the backdrop of various events to engage different groups of people in different ways. We partnered with Live Karma Yoga who facilitated an amazing yoga and meditation workshop on 3 February at Balham Library that was attended by 15 people. The session incorporated a look at the exhibition as well as time for reflection.

We are planning to produce a book of the first series of pop-ups to reach an even wider audience and to keep it alive well after the artwork goes back to the artists- and we replenish the pieces in the autumn!

Get in touch if you would like to participate in this programme or if you would like to know how you could support it.



## PROJECT AND STRATEGY SUPPORT

Roots to Change has continued to provide advice and support to Hanwell Big Local on behalf of Local Trust as they approach the beginning of the final year of the 10 year programme.

We also became a preferred supplier of the Big Local SW11 and look forward to providing support to community groups and Battersea Alliance partners.

## FACILITATION AT MET POLICE EVENTS

The South West Basic Command Unit of the Metropolitan Police has been conducting a series of community events where they have been introducing their New Met Plan for London as well as their new plan to tackle violence against women and girls.

We independently facilitated a session aimed at young people in Wimbledon in January 2024 to invite their inputs into what they think the police should be doing better to prevent the problem happening in the first place and responding to it when it does happen.

## WANDSWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Roots to Change became a member of Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce in February 2024.

We are excited to engage, foster collaboration and seek new and mutually beneficial ways of working with other important members.

## 2024 WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE DAY

Roots to Change enjoyed an inspiring day at the 2024 Women's Enterprise Day at The Roehampton Club on 20 March.

Really interesting and humbling interview with Karen Millen; a fantastic panel of speakers including Sama Trinder, co-owner of Bingham Riverside and Rachel Wang, founder of Chocolate Films. This was followed by a helpful workshop with Patricia van den Akker, director of The Design Trust and finally a session on confidence with the hilarious Viv Groskop.

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COLLABORATORS!

Roots to Change would like to thank all individuals and organisations who have supported our work in various ways during these past few months. We would like to thank The National Lottery players as we are a recipient of a small grant from The National Lottery Community Fund.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months!

## \* UPCOMING ROOTS TO CHANGE EVENTS \*

April/ May '24

- **Art Installation** - 8 Apr to 5 May, Tooting Library
- **Drop in Evening** - 11 Apr, 5-6.30pm, Tooting Library
- **Mindful Painting with Artanda** - 20 Apr, 1-3.30pm, Tooting Library

June '24

- **Art Installation** - 3 to 29 Jun, Battersea Arts Centre
- **Panel Discussion** - 15 Jun, 2-3.30pm, Battersea Arts Centre
- **Yoga and Meditation Workshop** - 22 Jun, 2-5pm, Battersea Arts Centre

September '24 onwards

- **Art Installation** - 31 Aug to 28 Sep, Northcote Library
- **Art Installation** - 3 to 30 Nov, Putney Library

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