



HIGHLIGHTS - JUL TO SEP '24

This report highlights what Roots to Change has been up to for the period from July to September 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 and other dates for your diary.

ABOUT ROOTS TO CHANGE CIC

We are a community interest company based in Battersea, Southwest London.

Working with a range of organisations and drawing on over 20 years of experience, our key areas of expertise are:

Social Research | Project & Strategy Development
Project & Event Management | Training & Capacity Building
Facilitation & Engagement | Evaluation & Reviews

We also facilitate community-led programmes. A portion of income generated from our core business is used to fund various activities of the community programmes.

Get in touch to discuss how we might collaborate and/or how you may support our work.

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 enter the final year of the 10 year programme, which will end in June 2025.

We also continue to be a preferred supplier of the Big Local SW11.

EVALUATIONS AND REVIEWS

Roots to Change is supporting a Big Local area to evaluate the 10 year programme, helping them to work out what went well, what didn't go so well and developing some recommendations for future work that will be shared with other community groups and organisations.

THE BIG RESHAPE PROGRAMME



The Big Reshape aims to influence positive change towards building a fairer, safer and kinder world where we can all live free from harm.

It was designed in response to findings from a research study that Roots to Change facilitated and published in 2023 in which over 150 people participated that examined key factors enabling high levels of violence directed at women and girls (because they are women and girls), and what we could do individually and collectively to try to stop it from happening in the first place.

The evidence pointed to the need for a reshape in how we address this issue- starting with our understanding of what it is (and isn't).

The Big Reshape programme includes:

- Bringing community members together to paint their vision of what a kinder, safer, fairer world might look like
- Exhibiting this artwork together with highlights from our research and suggestions for actions people could take to help raise understanding and drive positive change
- Using these exhibition spaces as the backdrop of a series of events to promoting wellbeing as well as learning and constructive discussion around this issue

THE BIG RESHAPE ART BOOK

We have produced a book of the first collection of artwork that was exhibited across the borough between July '23 and June '24 to keep the pieces alive well after they go back to the artists! The book will be shared widely and is available online. We hope that with funding, we will be able to print some copies.

THE BIG RESHAPE ART INSTALLATIONS

Following the success of last year, we have started building a new collection of artwork.

We had a great painting session in July at the SW15 Women's Network coffee morning and at our community afternoon in August in Battersea Square. These 20 pieces were exhibited at Northcote Library during September 2024.

Lots of children participated in a lovely, calm art workshop at Northcote library during this time. Their stunning pieces will be included in the next installation at Putney Library in November. We now have around 40 pieces of artwork!

RAFFLE FOR THE BIG RESHAPE

We ran a raffle in the summer. Not only was it our chance to promote local businesses, thanks to everyone who bought tickets, we also raised almost £400 for The Big Reshape. The funds will go towards supporting more art workshops, exhibitions and wrap-around events.

Thank you to all the businesses that contributed a prize, namely:

Rickshaw | The Woodman | Suzettes | Vinos y Licores | Caravela
Oddono's Gelati Reyes | Smok'd Battersea | Mazar | Rhythm & Booze
Metamorphosis | Melanzana | Gold Beautique | Heeds Company
Jack & Beyond

* UPCOMING ROOTS TO CHANGE EVENTS *

November '24

- Art Installation - 3 to 30 Nov, Putney Library
- Chair Yoga and Meditation Workshop - 23 Nov, Putney Library

January / February '25

- Art Installation - 20 Jan to 16 Feb, Suzettes Café, Battersea Square
- Roots to Change turns 3 party - Date TBC, Suzettes Café

March '25

- Art Installation - 1 to 30 Mar, Battersea Library

May '25

- Art Installation - 1 to 30 May, Battersea Arts Centre

June '25

- Art Installation - 1 to 28 Jun, Tooting Library

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to sign up

