



TOWER HAMLETS

‘Welcome to Tower Hamlets’

Project Update – July 2018

In October 2017, the council successfully bid for funding to support new migrants settling in Tower Hamlets. We received over £500k across three strands (English Language, Data Collection and Cohesion) from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG). This is being utilised to commission ESOL, volunteering and engagement activities to support social integration of new migrants. The project is called ‘Welcome to Tower Hamlets’ and is being co-ordinated by the Strategy, Policy and Performance service.

The council began the commissioning process across all three strands in May. There was a great response to the procurement exercise with 20 expressions of interest from 14 different organisations. Two of the contracts have been awarded with one further one due to be completed by the autumn – see below for more details.

The commissioned projects will be relevant to a wide range of council services and projects and wider stakeholders. This newsletter will be a key way of keeping everyone up-to-date with progress and events.

New Staff

The project appointed a full time project manager who started on 2nd July and a part-time research and evaluation officer starting in September 2018.

Helping new migrants with language proficiency

LBTH has commissioned the delivery of free English classes and conversation clubs for people whose first language is not English. Bromley By Bow Centre will be servicing the East of the borough and ELATT the West of the Borough

Please email cmf@towerhamlets.gov.uk for specific information about any aspects of this project

Welcome to the borough!

One of the key outputs will be a printed (and digitally available) “Welcome to Tower Hamlets” resource pack with useful information about where and how to access public services. This is currently being developed in consultation with residents. This is an exciting initiative which will use co-production at the heart of its activity; the contract was awarded to the Bromley by Bow Centre.

Coming up

A project that will open up new volunteering opportunities to help migrants get involved with their community or get a job is currently out to tender and due to be awarded by the autumn.