

## Join our Newham Celebration of Co-Production Week 2025 By Angus M Davie and Hilda Mango

My name is Angus M Davie, I'm the Resident Co-Chair of the Newham Co-Production Forum (Adults) (NCPF(A)) and I am an advocate for impairment with Enabled Living, an award-winning organisation leading in Co-Production and partnership. I've been involved with Co-Production in Newham since its conception and have worked in the community since the early 2000s in various roles.

And my name is Hilda Mango. I'm the Resident Deputy Co-Chair of the NCPF(A) and the Co-Chair of the Rough Sleeping Partnership Board. I do a lot of co-produced consulting with East London Foundation Trust (ELFT) and I am an independent advocate involved in housing matters and my ethos is PERK (Patience, Empathy, Respect and Kindness).

Co-Production within the care system is all about including the voices, ideas and wishes of those drawing on services in the design of those services. Some feel that too much engagement and inclusion slows things down and gets in the way of professionals doing their jobs. But, when individuals or a group make decisions without relevant input from those with lived experience, knowledge becomes fractured and partial, resulting in services that fail to meet the needs of our communities. We know that to access the widest range of knowledge contained in any society, the widest range of members from that society must contribute to that knowledge.

Essentially #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs

As avid advocates of co-production, we are involved in various activities and events within the borough, from representing wheelchair users at Newham Wheelchair Service to shaping policies such as the borough's Domestic Abuse Strategy.

Co-Production Week is coming up from Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you'd like to find out more about co-production, come and meet us at our event which will be held on the Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11am to 3pm at Highway Vineyard Church, 88A Romford Rd, London E15 4EH. The local theme is 'The Future of Co-Production', where we will give a nod to

the national theme of 'Innovation'. We will be showcasing all the co-production that goes on across Adults and Health, listen to local co-production experts (professionals and by experience) in a panel discussion and connect and collaborate with others in the community. In true co-production fashion, the event has been co-produced by residents. Light refreshments will be available.

You can book a place [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/ccyPYpFmCH). <https://forms.office.com/e/ccyPYpFmCH>

If you want to find out more about Co-Production in Newham, you can do so [HERE](https://www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/co-production). <https://www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/co-production>

Other resources:

- The **Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)** have resources and events across Co-Production Week, which you can find out about [HERE](https://www.scie.org.uk/co-production/week/). <https://www.scie.org.uk/co-production/week/>
- **Enabled Living** are also involved in many co-production activities [HERE](https://enabledlivinghealthcare.co.uk/) <https://enabledlivinghealthcare.co.uk/> (they will soon be launching a co-production page!)
- **Homeless Link** provide a number of housing and co-production resources and toolkits [HERE](https://homeless.org.uk/knowledge-hub/co-production-toolkit/) <https://homeless.org.uk/knowledge-hub/co-production-toolkit/>
- **Think Local, Act Personal (TLAP)**: check out the gold standard for co-production [HERE](https://thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/) <https://thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/>