

# New Lewisham VCS Neighbourhood community service

**Local Partners, Shared Goals, Real Impact for Our Communities**



**Lewisham Irish  
Community Centre**



**St Lukes  
Downham**



# **New Lewisham VCS Neighbourhood Programme**

## **Abbi Greene, Age UK Lewisham and Southwark**

### **Director of Lewisham Services**

- Learn about the new neighbourhood-based approach and how it will work in practice
- Understand how the service links with Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs)
- Hear about access routes, referrals, and support available for local groups and residents
- Explore how this connects to emerging grant opportunities and support for the VCS
- Share your feedback and help shape the service as it develops

## **Mentimeter Questions the Feedback Section**

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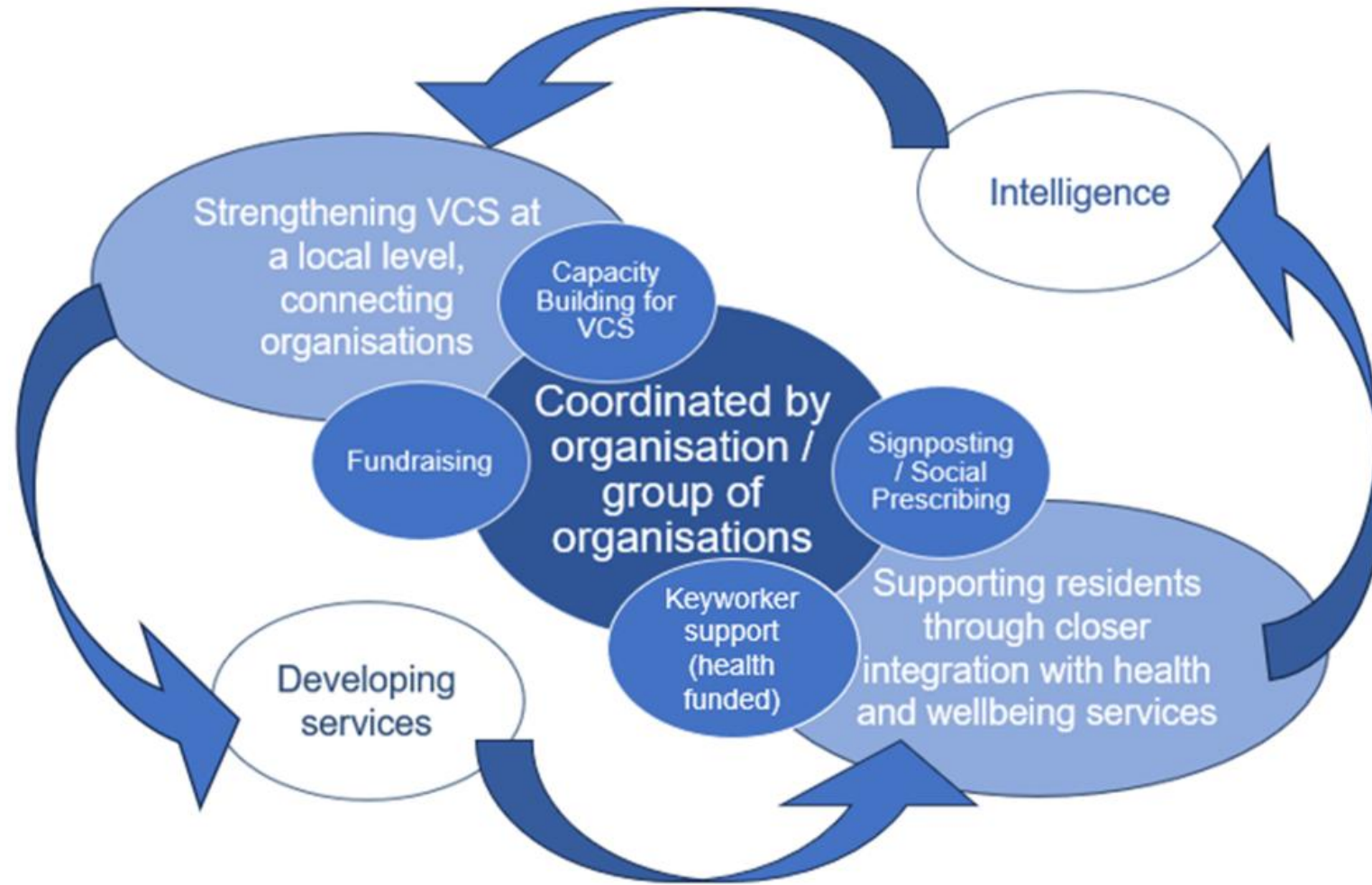


# Background to the Main Grants Programme

## Genevie George, Lewisham Council, Community Services, Third Sector Manager

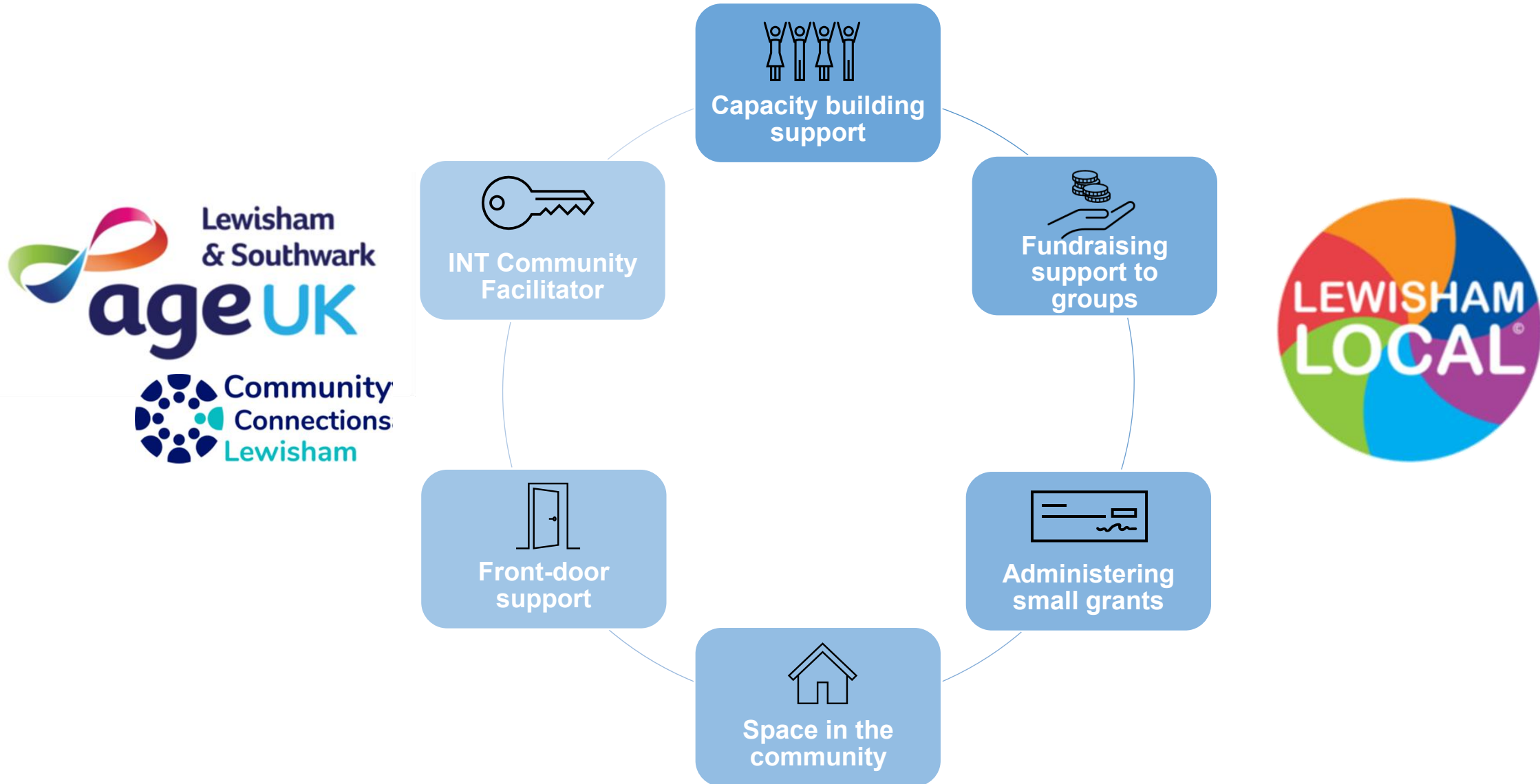
|                                    | Existing Programme (2022-2026)                                                                                                                      | New Programme (2026 – 2029)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Neighbourhood Investment</b>    | Not a dominant focus; some services operated borough-wide or thematically.                                                                          | Focus divided across four neighbourhoods; based on the local need. North & South expected to need more investment                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Focus of Funding</b>            | Mixture of service delivery and sector support, including social prescribing, mental health, advice, digital skills, BAME-led infrastructure, arts) | Infrastructure & capacity building, including organisational development, fundraising, networking, governance, digital capability. New Transition Grants for frontline orgs (only existing (2022–26) grant recipients) to adapt to new model |
| <b>Borough-Wide Infrastructure</b> | Included BAME infrastructure, volunteer brokerage, community directory, digital inclusion.                                                          | Black-led VCS; digital inclusion; LGBTQ+ support; adults with learning disabilities; sanctuary seekers; sports; plus arts infrastructure                                                                                                     |
| <b>Strategic Alignment</b>         | Linked to COVID recovery and general council priorities.                                                                                            | Explicit alignment with: Cultural Strategy (2022–26), Physical Activity Strategy, Disabled People’s Commission, Borough of Sanctuary Strategy, Integrated Neighbourhood Teams                                                                |
| <b>Expected Outcomes</b>           | Direct resident support; increased access to advice; wellbeing; increased volunteering; support for community organisations. Improved partnerships  | Stronger local ecosystems; resilient community groups; increased fundraising capacity; reduced duplication; coordinated neighbourhood delivery; integrated VCS-health-council systems; more equal access                                     |

# How will they work?

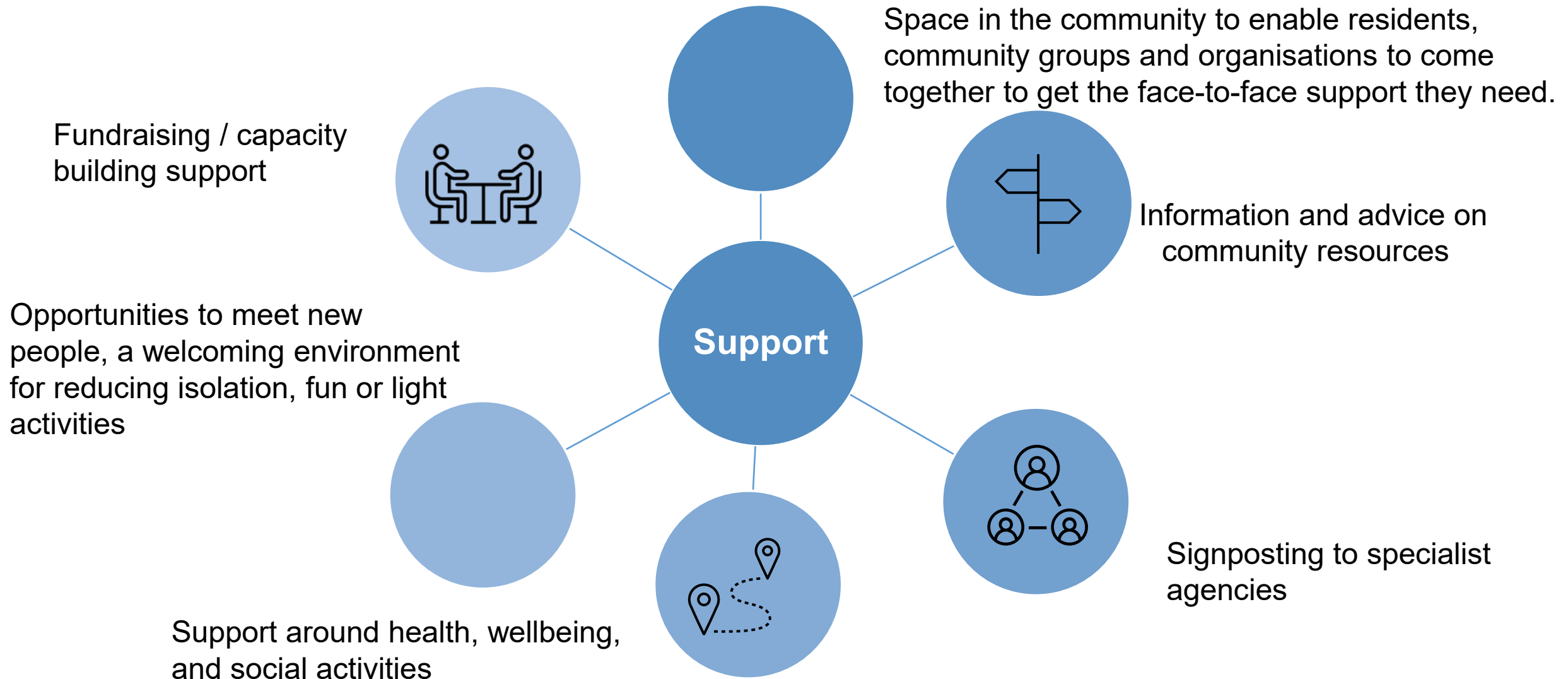




# New Lewisham VCS Neighbourhood Contract



# What Will the Neighbourhood Community Hubs Do



# Lewisham Irish Centre Drop-in

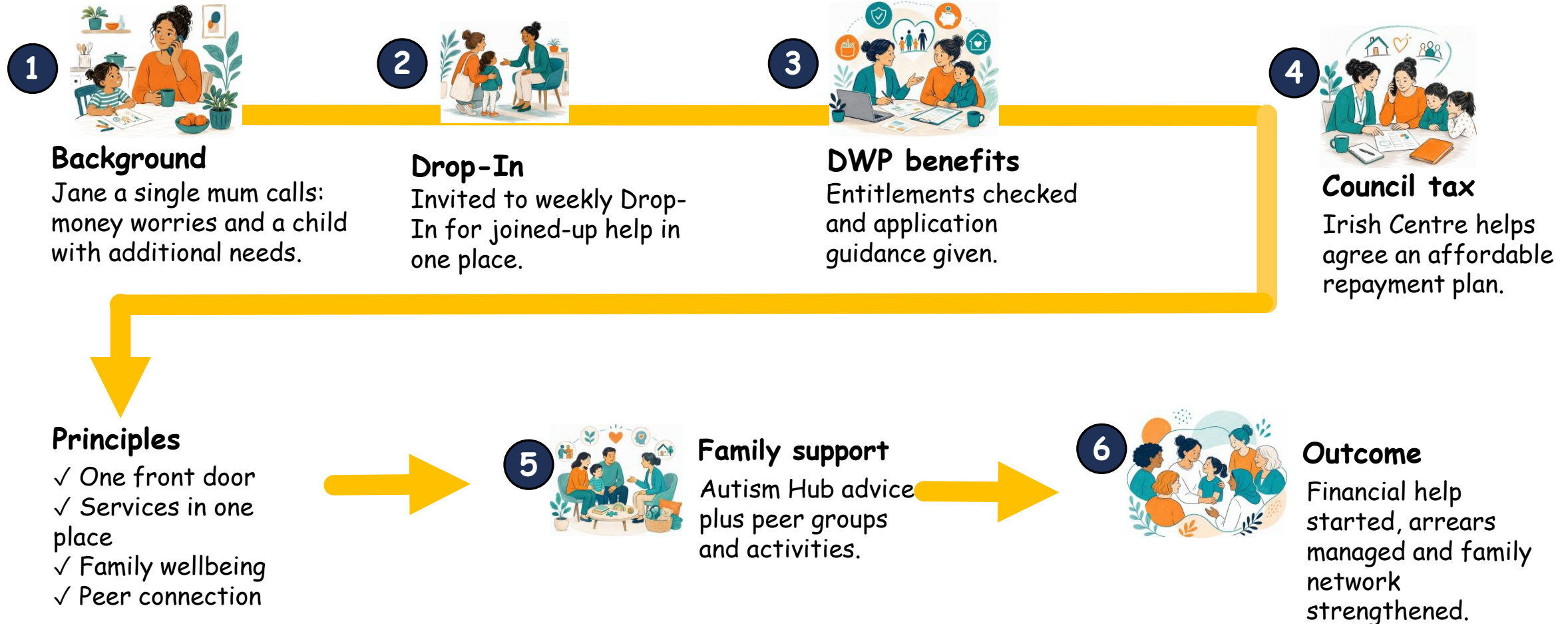


**Lewisham  
Services**  
**Drop In**



# Jane's Drop-in Support Journey

How the weekly Drop-In connected financial, family and wellbeing support



# How to Access The Neighbourhood Community Hubs

| Community Hub Partner                         | Website                                                                 | Day      | Time          | Status           | N'hood |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|--------|
| Ignition Brewery<br>SE26 5QF                  | <a href="#">Ignition Brewery   Ignition beer   Sydenham, London, UK</a> | Monday   | 10:30 - 12:30 | 14-Sep-26<br>TBC | West   |
| The Bear Church<br>SE8 4RN                    | <a href="#">The Bear</a>                                                | Monday   | 14:00 - 16:00 | 14-Sep-26        | North  |
| St Luke's Downham<br>BR1 5JR                  | <a href="#">St Lukes Downham</a>                                        | Tuesday  | 10:00 - 12:00 | Open             | South  |
| Lewisham Irish<br>Community Centre<br>SE6 2AZ | <a href="#">Homepage - Lewisham Irish</a>                               | Thursday | 10:30 - 12:30 | Open             | East   |

# Neighbourhood Community Hubs

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Kathleen  
Lewisham Irish  
Community Centre



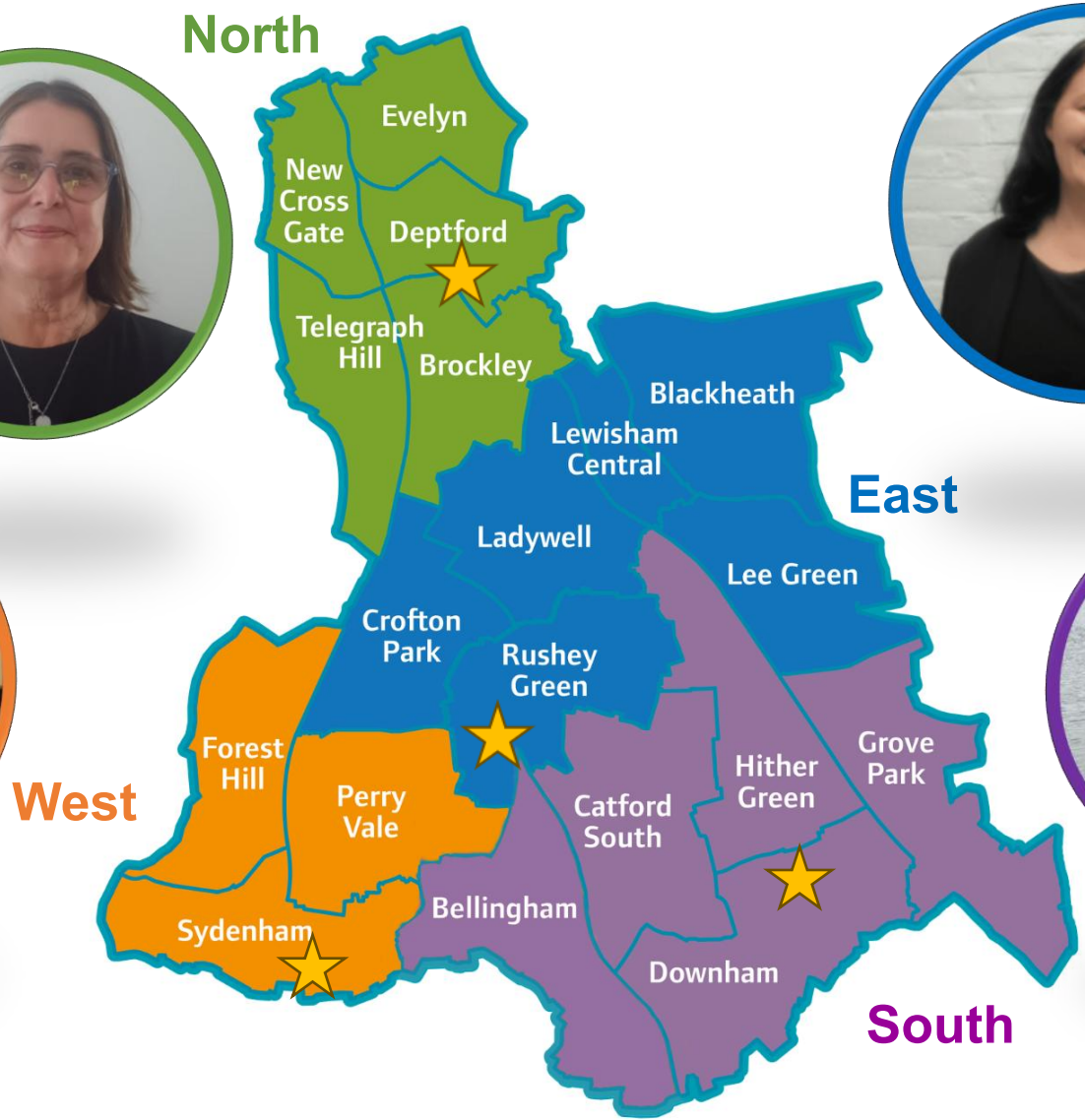
Ayla



Lucie

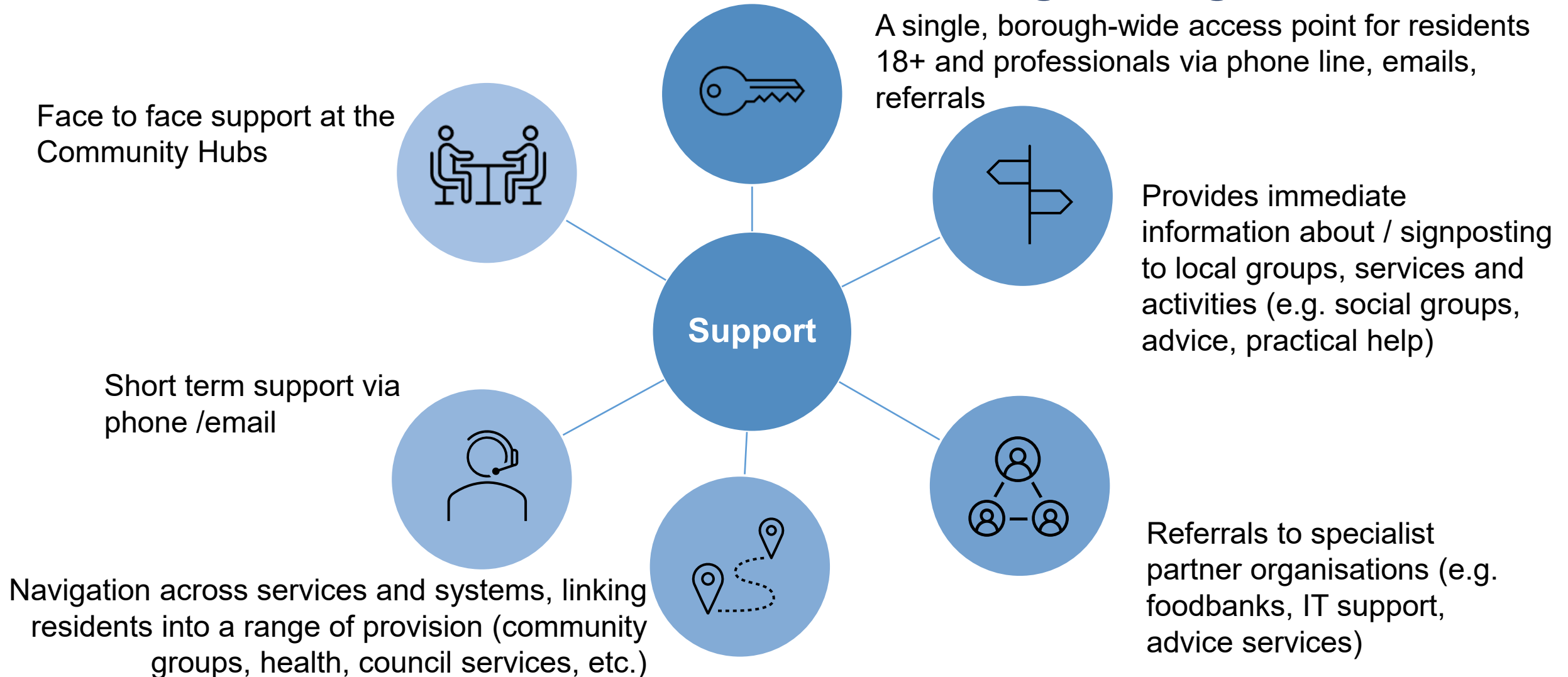


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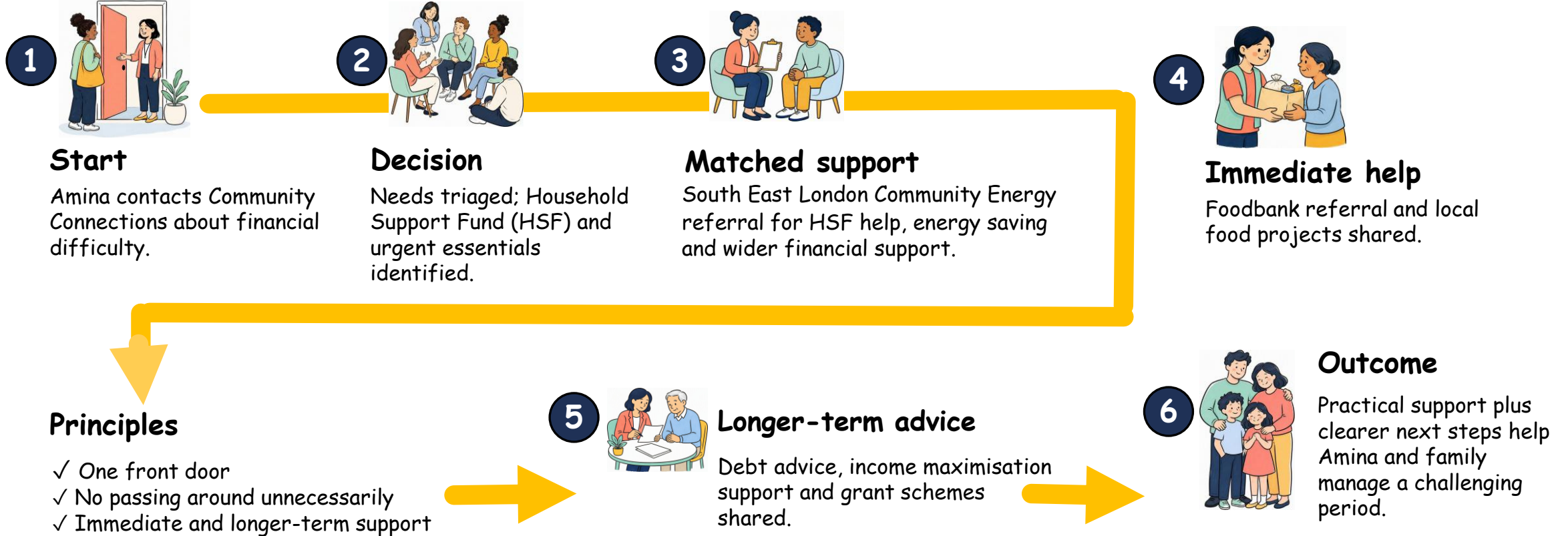
# What Will the Front Door Role Do

## Sam Sage, Age UK Lewisham and Southwark / Community Connections Social Prescribing Manager



# Amina's Front Door Support Journey

How one front door connected immediate help and longer-term advice



# How to access the Front Door Support

- ✓ Phoneline **0330 0583 464** is open Monday to Friday 09:30 - 16:00.
- ✓ Referral form online [Make a Referral – Community Connections Lewisham](#)
- ✓ For general enquiries (not referrals) you can also email [communityconnections@ageuklands.org.uk](mailto:communityconnections@ageuklands.org.uk)
- ✓ Face to Face support at the neighbourhood drop-ins



# Partnership Coordinators Front Door Team



**Rahab**



**Sally**



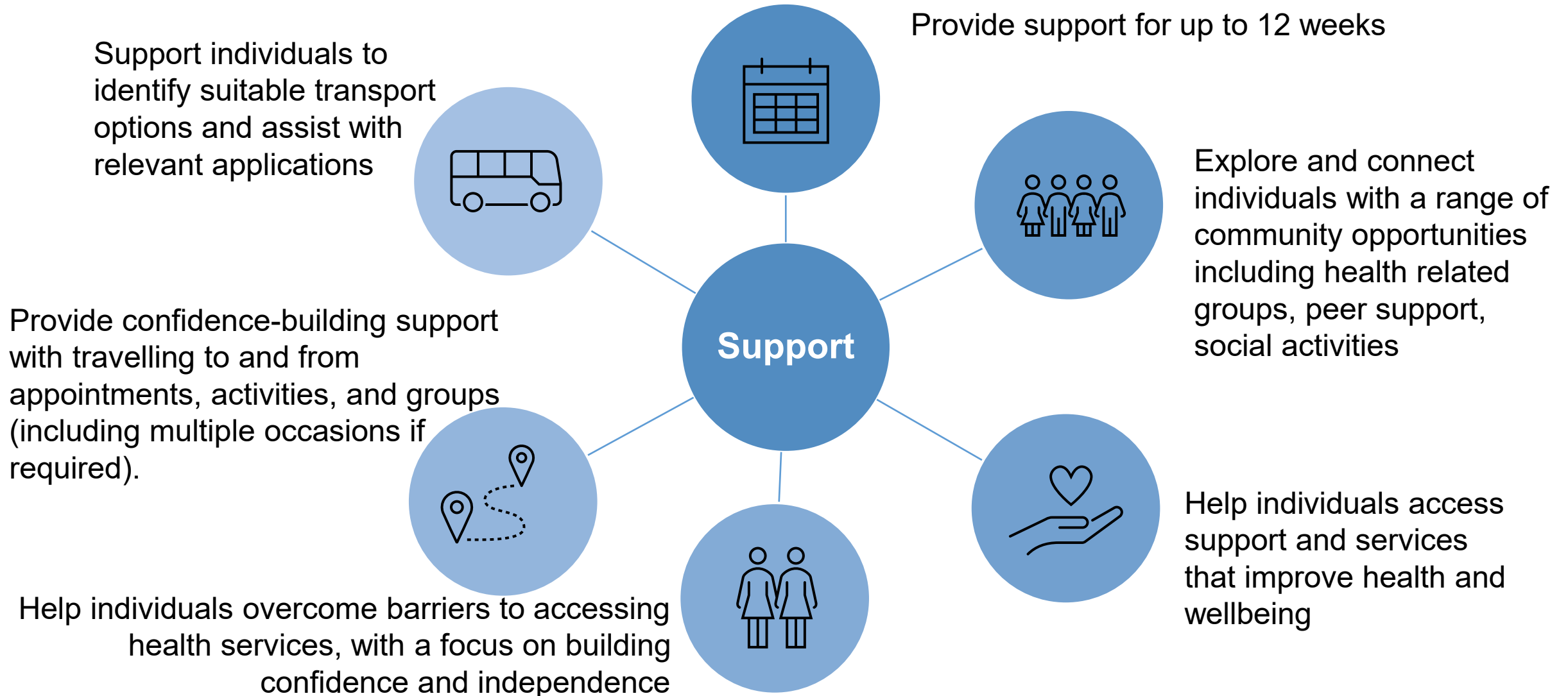
**Ola**



# What is the Integrated Neighbourhood Team (INT)

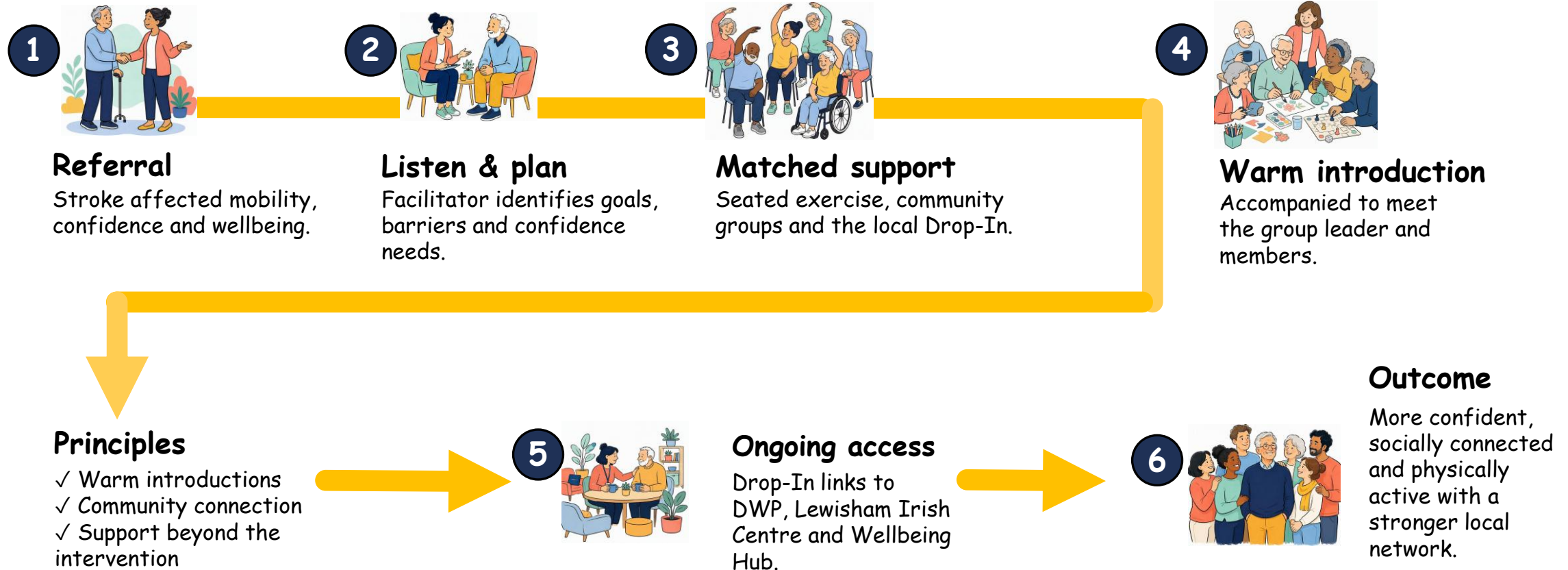
- ❖ We're working in **partnership with the NHS** to support a new way of working at a **neighbourhood level**.
- ❖ This approach helps local people manage their **health and wellbeing** by connecting them with **support in their community**.
- ❖ The work is still in its **early stages**, with our Community Facilitators working closely with integrated teams to develop and deliver this new offer.
- ❖ It also aligns with our new Main Grants neighbourhood model, **helping to ensure joined-up, local support for residents**.
- ❖ More information will be shared as this work develops.

# What Will the INT Community Facilitator (CF) Role Do



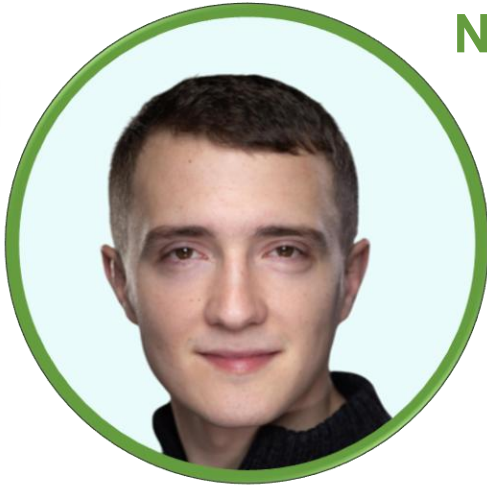
# George's Community Facilitator Support Journey

How neighbourhood facilitation rebuilt confidence, wellbeing and connection



# INT Community Facilitators

Andrei



North



Chad-Lee



East

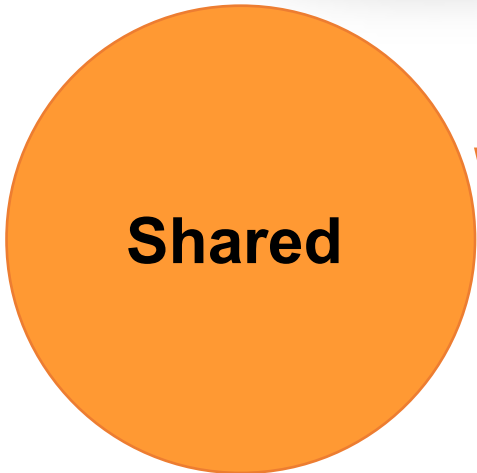
Anna



South

West

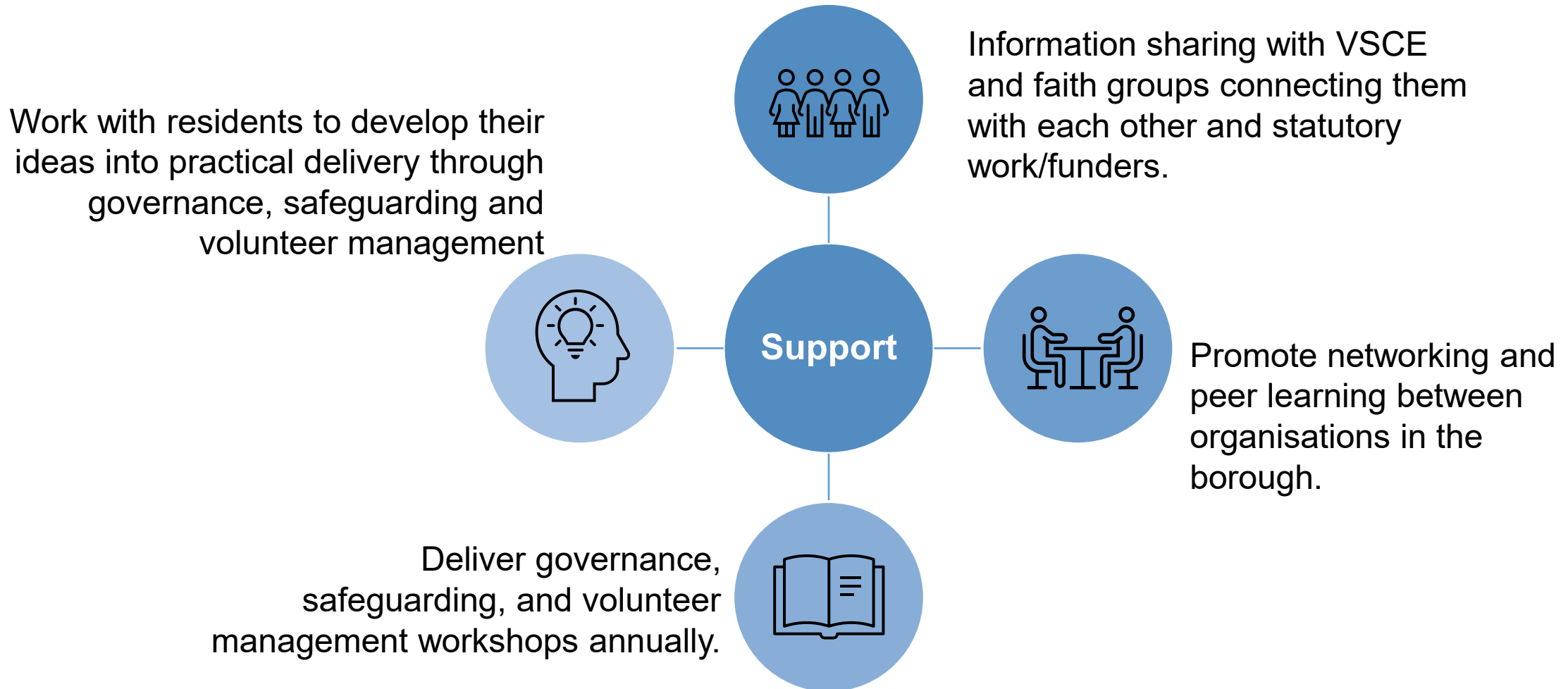
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# What Will Capacity Building Do

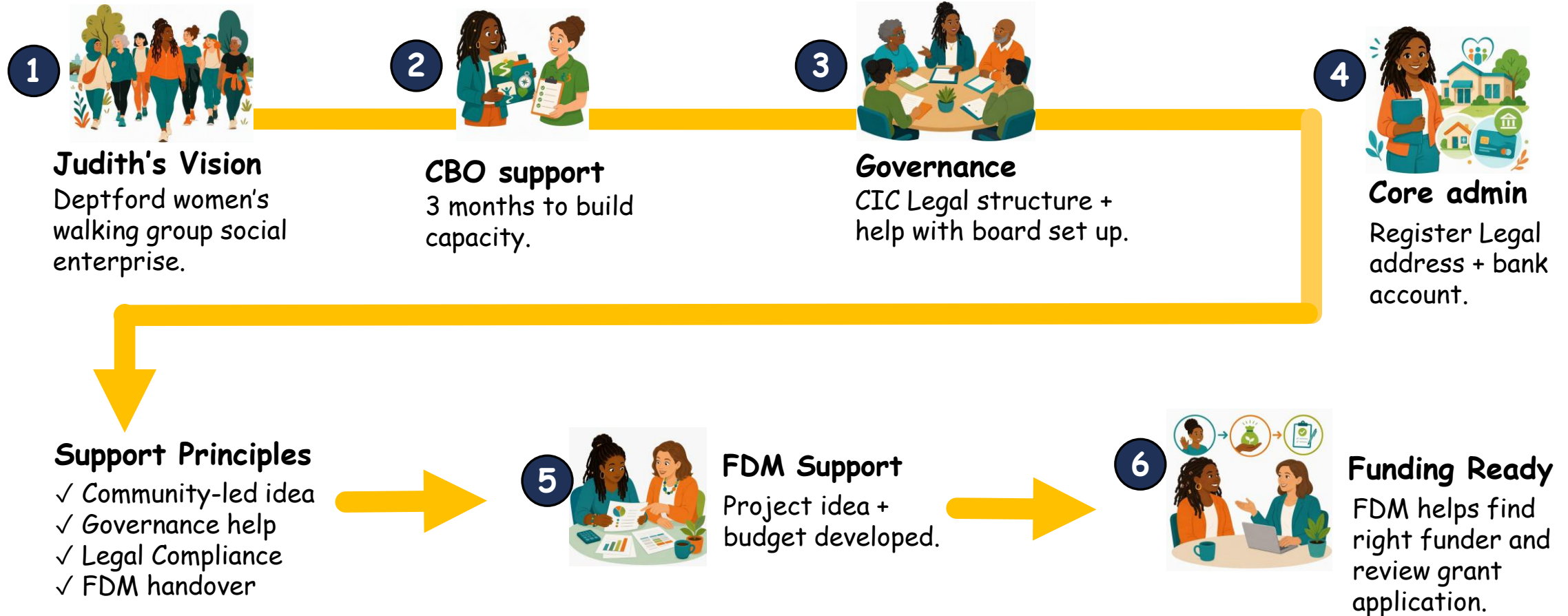
## Ron Bourne, Lewisham Local Voluntary Sector Programmes Manager





# Judith's Capacity Building Journey

How Capacity Building Officer (CBO) support makes Judy's Deptford Walking Group funding-ready



# How to access Capacity Building Support (CBO)

- ✓ Attend a local neighbourhood drop-in for face-to-face help
- ✓ Online monthly breakfast club
- ✓ Boroughwide Infrastructure Support Programmes: LBVN and LGBTQ+ (Network in development)
- ✓ Boroughwide workshops and training sessions.
- ✓ Contact Lewisham Local via [CBOS@Lewishamlocal.com](mailto:CBOS@Lewishamlocal.com)

# Capacity Building Officers



**Fabian / Maeve**



**Maeve**

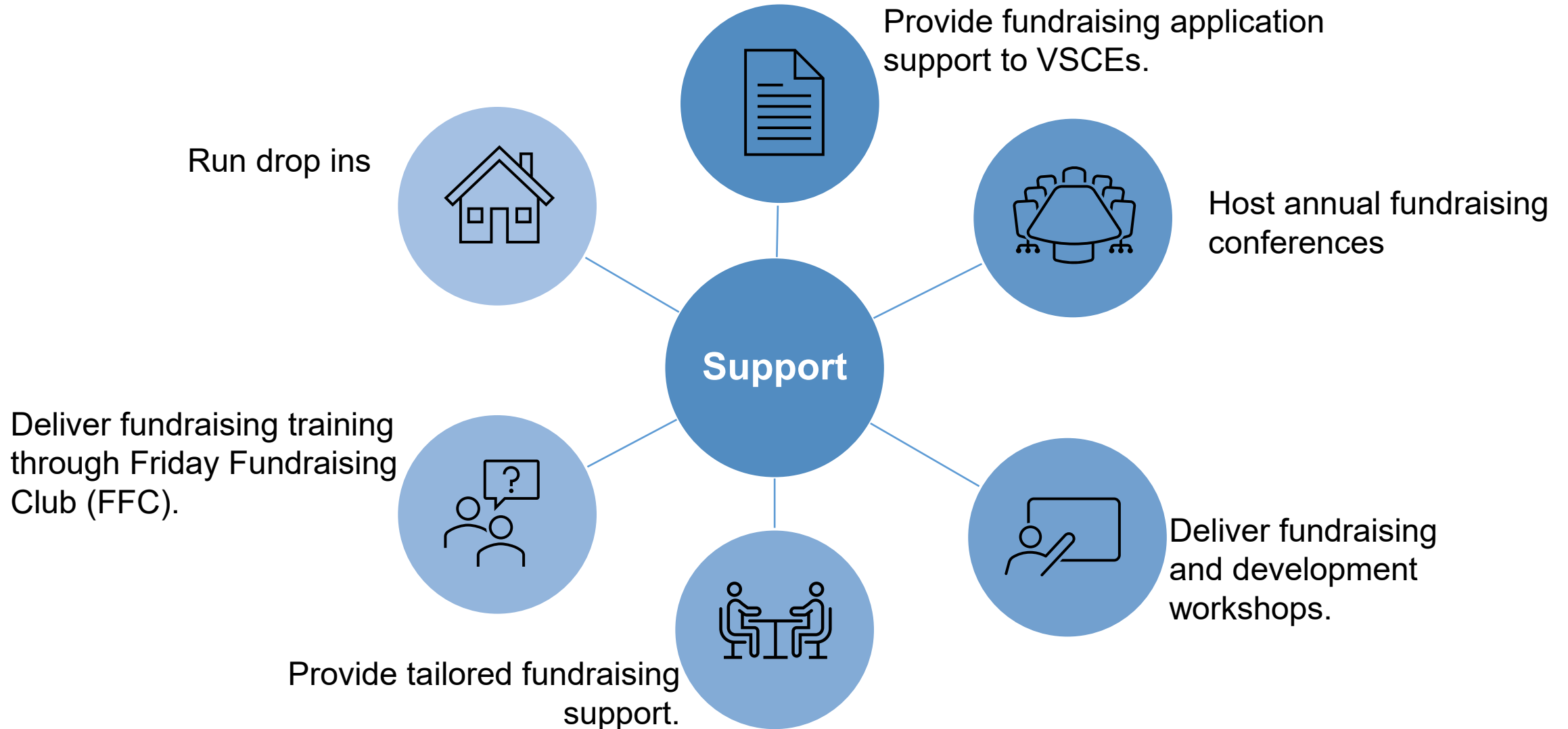


**Daisy**



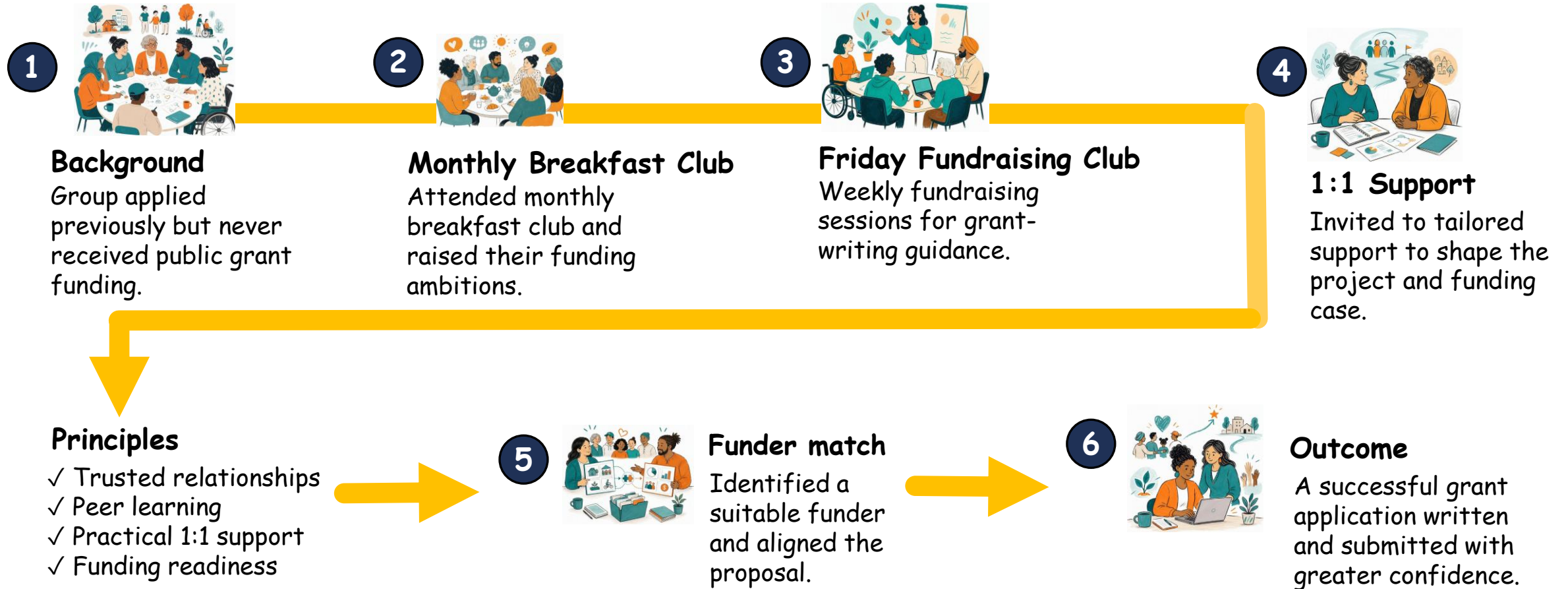
**Lucie (St. Luke's)**

# What Will Fundraising Development Do



# A Groups Fundraising Support Journey

How breakfast club and 1:1 support helped a CBO become grant-ready





# How to Access Fundraising Development

- ✓ Attend a local neighbourhood drop-in for face-to-face help
- ✓ Join online Fundraising drop-in or weekly Friday Fundraising Club session
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- ✓ Contact Lewisham Local via [CBOS@Lewishamlocal.com](mailto:CBOS@Lewishamlocal.com)  
(dedicated FDM email coming soon)

# Fundraising Development Managers



**Tatiana**



**Joe**



**Lucy**

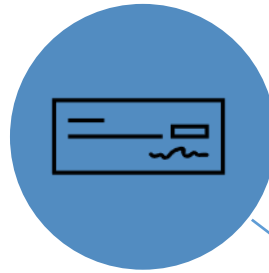


**Karen**

# What Will Grant Administration Do

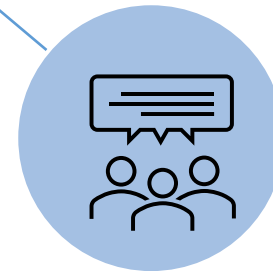
## Gülen Petty, Lewisham Local CEO

Where more funds are raised, distribute these



**Support**

Form and work with steering groups in each neighbourhood to administer microgrants to VSCE and Faith groups from the Main Grants fund, businesses/funders.



# What is the Grant administration work?

- ✓ Neighbourhood grants of £11,500 per year (increased from £10,000).
- ✓ Funding for projects that addresses locally identified priorities.
- ✓ Community-led grant making through neighbourhood steering groups.
- ✓ Support for residents, groups and organisations to shape local investment decisions.

# How to contact the Grant Admin Team

- ✓ Contact Lewisham Local via [Funding@Lewishamlocal.com](mailto:Funding@Lewishamlocal.com)
- ✓ Attend neighbourhood engagement events.
- ✓ Apply through neighbourhood grant funding rounds when they open

**Would you like to be involved in shaping the offer in each neighbourhood?**

- ❖ A grants working group.
- ❖ Steering groups.
- ❖ Neighbourhood governance discussions.



# The Giving Coordinator Grant Admin Team



**Aidillah**



**Katie**



# **Questions & Answers**

**Chris Price, Age UK Lewisham and Southwark,  
CEO**

**Please put your questions in the chat**

## **Mentimeter Questions and 5-minute comfort break**

1. What would help you get the most value from this programme?
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# Questions & Answers

## Feedback Poll

# Help Shape the Programme

We are keen to ensure the support offered through this programme reflects your needs. We would really value your input, and ask that you take a few minutes to complete this short survey

[Neighbourhood Baseline Survey](#)

**Your feedback will directly inform the design and focus of the support available going forward**

# Thank you

See you at one of the in-person  
neighbourhood launch events in September  
(dates to be confirmed)