

Bristol Cost of Living One City Response

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Principles:

- One City response building on the covid hubs response.
- Asset Based Community Development
- Social Justice – respect, dignity & equity
- Immediate response & build resilience
- Learn as we go

Key stages

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What do we know?
Impact on Bristol

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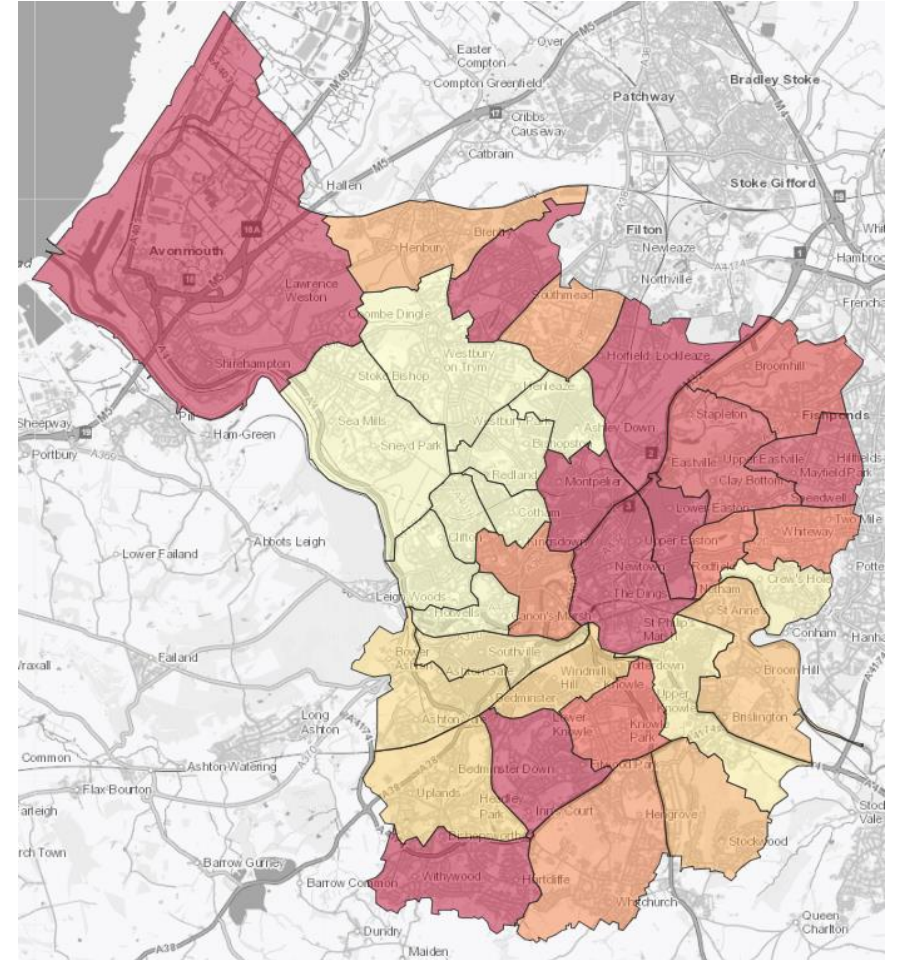
What have we got?
Our city assets

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What can we do?
Coordination and
build on action

Impact

- Increased child poverty, fuel poverty, food insecurity
- Increased poor mental health and wellbeing
- Ward risk index
- Groups disproportionately impacted



Immediate emergency & welfare support

Maximising household income & reducing living costs

Keeping well

Community assets & community wealth building

Welcoming Spaces

A Welcoming Space is a place of connection already established in communities where people can meet-up and socialise. They offer an opportunity for people to come together and have access to basic support. Everyone is welcome to hang out and relax.

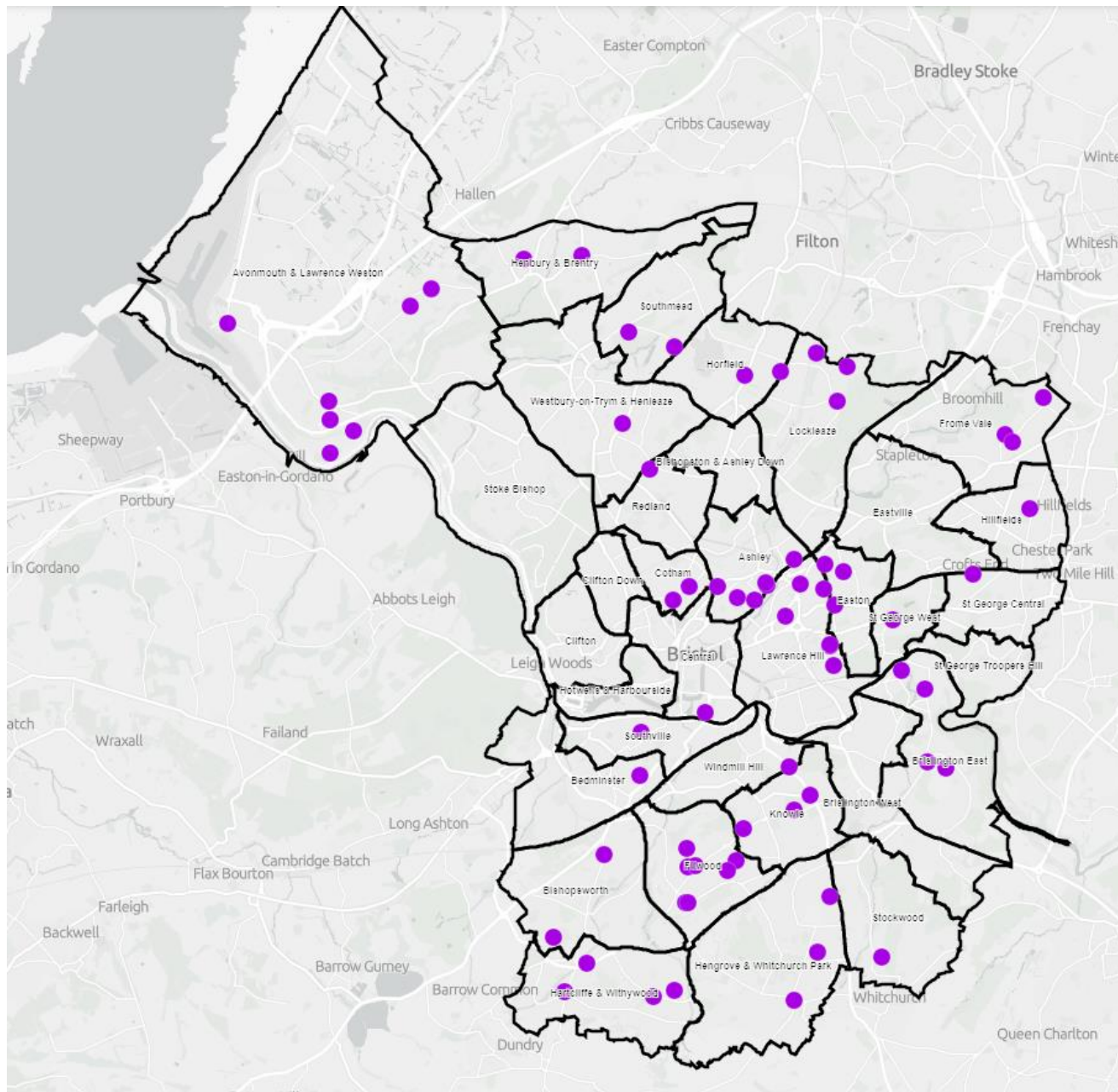
They will be physically accessible to Disabled people.

Any organisation can register and get their details added on to a map

We are working with Community Hubs to coordinate the response on a local level.

Community hubs: Coordination function for:

- welcome spaces and identify gaps and work together.
- Training and volunteering network.
- Advice and wellbeing coordination.



107 Welcoming Spaces across Bristol!

Interactive map: <https://bcc.maps.arcgis.com>

You can **register your Welcoming Space** into the map: [Support the Welcoming Spaces network \(bristol.gov.uk\)](#)

[Become a Welcoming Space](#) >

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BRICK PROJECT DROP-IN MANDALA PAINTING

Drop in session. All materials provided

NOVEMBER:
TUESDAY 22.5 TO 7PM
WEDNESDAY 23.5 TO 7PM
TUESDAY 29. 10.30AM TO 12.30PM
WEDNESDAY 30. 7.30AM TO 10.30AM

CREATE A MINI-MASTERPIECE TO BE DISPLAYED IN OUR GIANT MANDALA AT EASTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Find out more: CALL 0117 954 1409 EMAIL: contact@eastoncommunitycentre.org.uk WEBSITE: www.eastoncommunitycentre.org.uk

CHRISTMAS MARKET

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

At Easton Community Centre
 25th of November, Friday
 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Free entry

ARTS • CRAFTS • FOOD • JEWELLERY

Local businesses and crafts makers will be selling a range of handmade gifts.

Egyptian food, Desserts, Crustless Macarons, Scents, Homemade drinks, Jellyfish Tote bags.

It's a unique market where some of the stalls holders are from refugee and asylum backgrounds.

Sponsored by

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Mindful Colouring-In for Adults

open access, drop in session

Every Friday, 1pm to 3pm
 Easton Community Centre

Joining colouring in with all art supplies provided

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MINI CINEMA FILMS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Easton Community Centre

Saturday 26 November

DRINKS, MEALS AND CRAFTS

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Tickets £5 per Family
 Film 10am
 Snacks, arts and crafts - 12 to 5pm

BOOK HERE
<http://bit.ly/2hSgG6q>

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FILM AND FOOD NIGHT THE GRAVEDIGGERS WIFE

East African Buffet by Houris

12A

Somali language film with English subtitles

Friday 18 November, 6pm
 Easton Community Centre

Film + meal (6pm) £15
 Film only (7pm) £5

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FREE HOUSING ADVICE + SUPPORT

Drop in session. Hot Drinks available

CHAS ARE HERE TO DAY UNTIL 12.30PM. POP OVER TO GET FREE HOUSING ADVICE

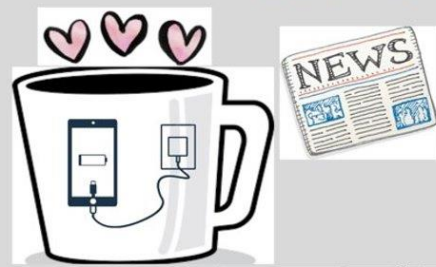
FREE Housing Advice, including help with the cost of living and energy support

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Welcome Spaces

We welcome the local community into our 'Welcome Space' to charge your phone, have a tea/coffee, play cards, puzzles, read the newspaper and relax!

EVERY MON, TUES & THURS • 11AM-3PM



HILLFIELDS COMMUNITY HUB - THICKET AVENUE - BRISTOL - BS16 4EH
 CONTACT: INFO@HILLFIELDSCOMMUNITY.ORG FOR MORE INFO



- WELCOME SPACE
 5-7pm
 Free Hot Meal & Drink
 Warm Space
 Children's activities
 and talks from local services



Bristol Somali Resource Centre
 43 Ducie Road
 Barton Hill
 BS5 0AX
 ☎ 0117 907 7994

Stay warm
 Stay sociable
 Save energy

Mondays-Thursdays 3-5pm
 Fridays 11am-4pm. Join us for:

- ☕ warm space
- 📖 learning English
- ☑ hot drink
- 📶 free WiFi
- 🗨 conversation

We are a Welcome Space this Winter.

Our Southville Centre is a Welcome Space this winter

We are happy to offer:

- Free tea & coffee (self-serve) in our reception area
- Two computers available to use (under 16's will need to be accompanied by an adult)
- Free resources & leaflets

REDCATCH COMMUNITY GARDEN WELCOMING SPACES

FREE

AFTER SCHOOL DINNER EVERY MONDAY

Join us with your kids after school for a hot meal in our warm Canopy Every Monday until 5pm

14th Nov 2022 - 27th Feb 2023
 (excl 19th & 26th December & 2nd Jan)
 All welcome

TEXT TO BOOK 07858 630507
 Or speak to staff at Roots Cafe
www.redcatchcommunitygarden.com

WELCOME SPACE

Hillfields Library

12:15 - 6PM EVERY MONDAY
 SUMMERLEAZE, HILLFIELDS, BS16 4HL

Join us every Monday for:

- Free hot drinks
- Information on support services
- After School Homework Club
- FREE food!

A welcoming space to relax, study, work or meet friends.

Every Monday until April 2023
 except 19th and 26th December, and 2nd January 2023.

Welcome Spaces also at Hillfields Community Hub and Vassall Centre

EATWELL

community cafe

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
 11am to 1.30pm
 Settlement Site, Ducie Road

- Home-cooked, halal meals, and healthy desserts
- Somali food by Bristol Somali Women's Group on Wednesdays
- Play area
- Free laptop and phone charging, and Wi-Fi
- A welcoming space to relax as long as you like!

Pay what you feel hot food and drinks!



Cost of Living Social Action Small Grants

Winter 2022 / 2023

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Grants of up to £5000 to support community activities and the set up or improvement of Welcoming Spaces

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Cost of Living Hubs and Welcome space Social Action Small Grants

4 rounds of fund March -June

- £20K for Hubs(18 hubs).
- Small Grants of **up to £5000**
- To **support community activities and Welcoming Spaces**
- Examples: After school drop ins; weekend art workshops for Muslim women; door knocking with advice; CoL crisis workshops at food club.
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- For more info: [Social Action Small Grant \(Quartet\)](#)

Can Do Bristol - Volunteering

- [Can Do Bristol](#) connects people living in Bristol who want to **find volunteering opportunities** to charities that have posted on the website volunteering activities.
- We have created a **specific volunteering community response** page on the website which show cases any volunteering activities focused on the Cost Of Living Crisis.



The image shows a screenshot of a volunteering opportunity post. At the top left, there is a purple icon of a person and the text "Volunteering opportunity". Below this is a large orange banner with a blue silhouette of a diverse group of people, including a person in a wheelchair and a person with a stroller. A white box on the banner says "20 Volunteers". Below the banner, the text reads "Volunteers Needed" in bold. Underneath, it says "Cost of Living Advice Assistant (Volunteer) - Urgently need daytime volunteers!" and "Citizens Advice Bristol" at the bottom.

Welcomer Volunteer Pack (4 documents)

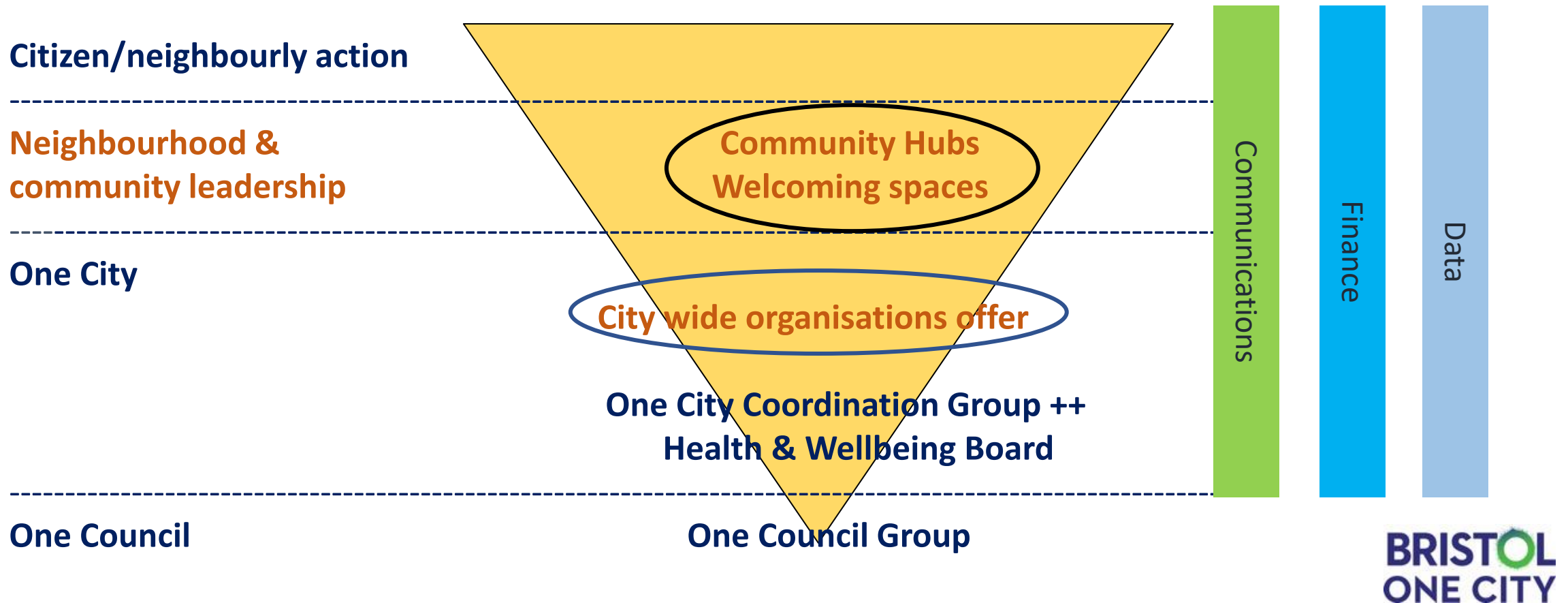
CoL Volunteer
Welcomer Pack
Introduction
(for orgs)

Volunteer Welcomer
Risk Assessment
(for orgs)

Volunteer Welcomer
Role Guidance
(for orgs and vols)

Volunteer Welcomer
Role Description
(for orgs and vols)

One City approach



Advice Sector Response

The advice sector has been working alongside Bristol City Council, partners, health and mental health stakeholders and community groups to coordinate the city's response to the cost of living crisis.

Our 'One City' focus has been to ensure that citizens have access to advice and support in the Welcoming Spaces this winter.

Cost of Living Caseworkers

- Citizens Advice Bristol's Cost of Living Advice Assistants will be volunteering in the Welcoming Spaces.
- North Bristol Advice Centre - Debt and Benefit advice
- South Bristol Advice Service - Debt and Benefits advice
- Age UK Bristol - Benefit and financial capability advice for those 55yrs and over
- WECIL - Benefits advice for those with a disability or longer term health condition

Advice Coordinator

- Intense initial period meeting people & groups, visiting spaces - to allocate advice capacity appropriately
- Working with Community Trainer and CAB
- Building relationships within and between sectors
- Mapping existing services including those 'off site'
- Supporting communications work and horizon scanning

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

- Impact of cost of living
- Comms
- Welcoming Spaces and existing wellbeing activities
- Mental health and wellbeing training via CASS Bristol
- Thrive at Work West of England
- CASS Bristol resources and wellbeing drop-ins
- 3 mental health workers starting December
- Wellbeing Groups



Our Wellbeing Groups – Changes Bristol

- Free
- Remove all barriers
- Same time and place each week
- No GP referral / diagnosis required
- No time limit



Sustainability and long -term energy

- Build individuals' and communities resilience.
- Anti -poverty campaign.
- One city many communities model.

Q&A