

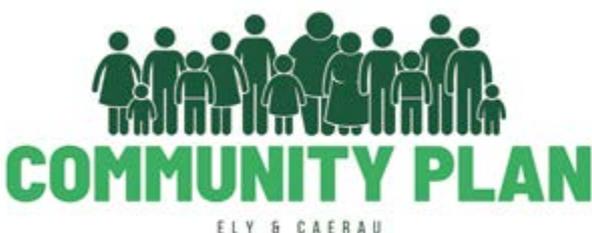
ACTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A Summary of the Community Plan for Ely & Caerau 2024

This is a summary version of the
Community Plan for Ely & Caerau

This document and the full Community Plan can
both be found on the Community Plan webpage:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ELY & CAERAU COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP

The events of May 2023 were unsettling for everyone and prompted an outpouring of community spirit and a determination to come together to make a positive difference in Ely and Caerau.

With an invitation and support from Welsh Government, Cardiff Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, ACE embarked on a large listening exercise to identify the strengths and struggles of our community and work together to develop a community plan for Ely and Caerau.

We heard from 1,234 people between August and December 2023, in open events, groups, surveys and conversations.

People in Ely and Caerau care deeply about our community and shared a huge range of ideas to help make things better for everyone who lives here.

We gathered almost 4,000 comments across 47 engagements. We grouped the key issues that people raised into six broad themes of feedback:

- 1. Children & Young People**
- 2. Community Safety & Safeguarding**
- 3. Spaces and the Environment**
- 4. Health & Wellbeing**
- 5. Employment, Living Standards & Cost of Living**
- 6. Communication and Community Building**

In spring 2024, we brought together residents, public and third sector partners in a series of community workshops to dig deeper into the issues identified in our community-wide listening exercise.

In these sessions, we reviewed what we had heard, explored ideas and jointly designed actions for change across each of these themes.

Together, these actions form the Community Plan. Each being a positive, tangible action that we think will help to make a difference for local people living in Ely & Caerau.

At every step, the Community Plan has been co-created with residents of all ages, people who work here in the community, and with public and voluntary sector services from across the city. From early mapping sessions in schools and community centres, to our Community Steering Group, made up of local volunteers who live or work in the community, who have met each month to guide, ask questions, and ultimately sign off the 40 actions set out in this Community Plan.

Many of the actions set out in our Community Plan are for local public services, including local schools and the police, to deliver. Some are for local groups and charities to lead on. All of them will be delivered with continued engagement with local people, building upon the relationships and partnerships we have formed over the last year, as we developed the Community Plan.

The Community Plan is a document which brings our efforts together to achieve positive impact on the things that matter for local people. All of its actions respond to the needs and ideas shared by the community, and together we have produced a plan that we believe can make a significant positive difference in the coming years.

This document is our 10-page summary to help spread the word about the things that will be happening as a result of the Community Plan as far as possible.

*Ely & Caerau Community Steering Group
May 2024*

HOW WE DEVELOPED THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Background

Action for Caerau and Ely (ACE), a local organisation with a long record of supporting communities in Ely & Caerau, led a community conversation between residents and public services in the city to inform the development of this Community Plan throughout June 2023-April 2024.

Ely & Caerau is a proud and resilient community. In developing the Community Plan, our approach looked to identify and draw upon the existing strengths of the community, Ely & Caerau as a place, and all the fantastic things already happening here, rather than simply identifying problems.

Our Community Plan is an action plan made up of practical steps which will help to deliver positive action in Ely and Caerau.

We wanted to provide an opportunity and space for local people to think about their aspirations for the community, and what we could all do together, particularly to support children and young people, the next generation growing up in the community. This was a clear priority for the people of Ely & Caerau and as a result, much of this Community Plan has a youth focus.

We heard diverse views and ideas for change throughout our engagement. Although this plan will not be able to address everything we heard, the actions set out in this plan have broad support from the community and address specific feedback and issues which consistently emerged in our engagement with residents.

As we have developed the Community Plan, a Community Steering Group has met monthly to advise and support on engagement. The Community Steering Group had the task of agreeing the actions to be included in the final Community Plan document. In their monthly meetings, we asked them to check that the actions proposed reflect what the community have told us, and that they will deliver positive impact locally.

The Community Plan includes actions to increase access to good quality spaces for young people, address concerns around anti-social behaviour and to strengthen mental health support for teenagers, amongst many others.

The Community Plan has 40 actions in total, all of which have the support and commitment from local public services, voluntary sector organisations and residents themselves, to deliver. It is a practical and deliverable set of commitments, agreed collaboratively, and with a 'can do' spirit.

The Community Plan recognises Ely & Caerau as a great place full of amazing people. It is a forward looking and hopeful plan, aiming to enable more good things to happen.

ELY & CAERAU COMMUNITY PLAN: 40 ACTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Theme 1: Children & Young People	Action Code	Action	
	Youth Leadership & Aspiration		
	1.1	Deliver the Young Leaders Programme 'Compass for Life' at Secondary Schools in Ely & Caerau	
	1.2	Rolling out a curriculum for life for children & young people: Developing life skills and raising aspirations for the next generation	
	1.3	Widening the horizon: Developing the extra-curricular and activity offer for children & young people	
	1.4	Unlocking Potential: Increasing youth mentoring provision in Ely & Caerau	
	Support for Children, Young People and Families		
	1.5	Develop our Community Focused Schools Partnership in Ely & Caerau to maximise the integrated family support offer with local schools	
	1.6	Develop a joint, consistent, and sustainable street-based youth provision to ensure relationships can be built with young people	
	1.7	Introduce targeted link youth worker support for primary school pupils at risk	
1.8	Increasing support for children who are not attending school, and their families		
1.9	Launch the Parent Café model in Ely & Caerau: Parent to parent support to keep children safe		





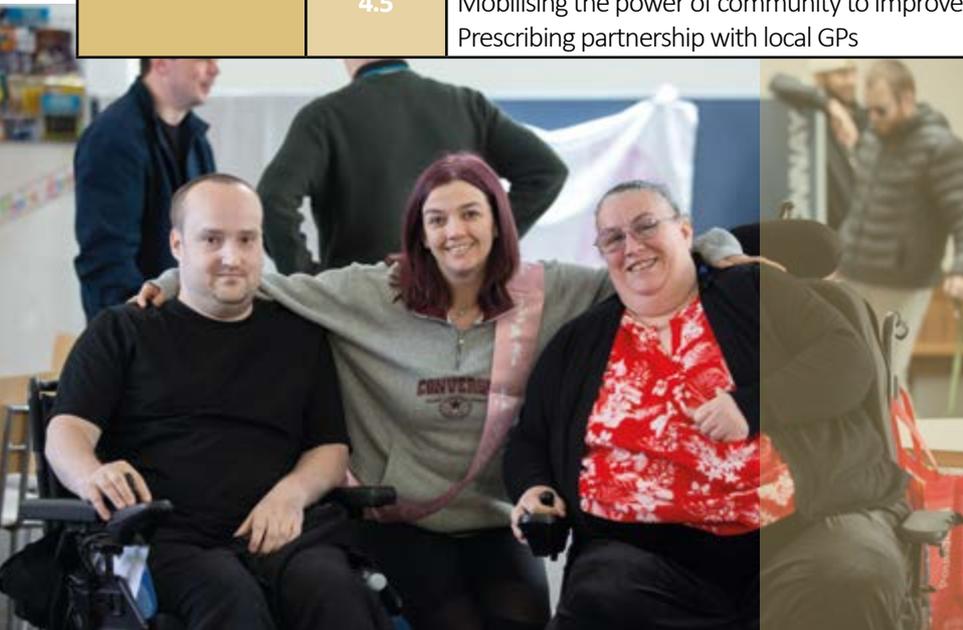
Theme 2: Community Safety & Safeguarding	Action Code	Action
	Disrupting Crime	
	2.1	Disrupting the exploitation of young people: training, community-based support and intervention programmes
	2.2	Putting the brakes on nuisance vehicles: Multi-agency enforcement
	2.3	Tackling vehicle nuisance through education and community collaboration
	Anti-Social Behaviour	
	2.4	Action on anti-social behaviour hotspots
	Police & Community Relationships	
	2.5	“Yes, it makes a difference”: Increasing crime reporting to keep children and our community safe
	2.6	Visible and connected local policing through community & school partnerships





Theme 3: Spaces & the Environment	Action Code	Action
	Developing Community Space Assets	
	3.1	Future Youth Spaces: Delivering young people's vision
	3.2	Launch a new dedicated Youth Space at Cardiff West Community High School
	3.3	Making better use of what we have: Opening school facilities for community use at Cardiff West Secondary School
	3.4	More safe spaces and support for children, young people and families with St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)
	Developing and improving green spaces	
	3.5	Developing new spaces for outdoor play- EHANGU Project & a community garden space by Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Caerau
	3.6	Improving our Green Spaces & Parks: Improvements for Mill Road Recreation Ground & Archer Road
	3.7	Introduce Litter Heroes: School Litter Picks for a clean and green community
3.8	Explore the options to increase access to safe and supervised motocross for young people	

Theme 4: Health & Wellbeing	Action Code	Action
	Increasing Access to Mental Health Support	
	4.1	Increasing dedicated mental health provision for adolescents in Ely & Caerau: Improving access to 1-2-1 support
	4.2	Early help for adolescent wellbeing: introducing open-access drop-in sessions with local schools
	Improving Health & Wellbeing Support	
	4.3	Communicating the health & well-being offer for children & adults: Well-being fairs, raising the profile through community groups & improving our reach
	4.4	A warm welcome masterclass: sharing lived experience to equip GP practice staff to better support vulnerable patients
	4.5	Mobilising the power of community to improve health & wellbeing: Delivering a Social Prescribing partnership with local GPs



Theme 5: Employment, living standards & cost-of-living	Action Code	Action
	Food Access	
	5.1	Launch the Youth Community Fridge & Food Strategy Partnership with local schools
	Increasing employment opportunities for young people	
	5.2	Delivering the Young Person's Guarantee: Supporting young people not in education or employment to get a good start in life through dedicated programmes
	5.3	Delivering apprenticeships, jobs and training through major local developments and employer partnerships: Our Cardiff Commitment
	5.4	Business Partnerships with local schools: connecting young people to the jobs of tomorrow
	5.5	Launching Industry Nights in Ely & Caerau
	Employment support for adults	
	5.6	Targeted employment support for those furthest from the labour market and increasing health-employment collaboration for those struggling with mental health or disability
5.7	CAER Heritage and learning centre: a community centre responding to local needs for training and skills development	



Theme 6: Communication & Community-building	Action Code	Action
	Communication	
	6.1	Connecting and collaborating: Seek funding to deliver a community directory and website
	Community Building	
	6.2	Develop a model for Community Transport in Ely & Caerau & source funding
	6.3	Support, and develop local active citizenship through our Community Steering Group and Community Plan partnership
	6.4	Celebrating and taking pride in our community through a programme of community festivals
6.5	Deliver a dedicated Community Grants Scheme for Ely & Caerau in 2024-2025	

WHAT NEXT?

The actions set out in our Community Plan were received by the Cardiff Public Services Board and the Ministerial Group established to support this work, on 14th May 2024. The Welsh Government and local public services confirmed their commitment to see the Community Plan delivered for the benefit of all residents, offering their full support.

In 2024-2025, Our Community Steering Group will continue to meet quarterly, to receive updates on the implementation of our Community Plan, and Cardiff's Public Services Board will continue to provide support and oversight to ensure these commitments are delivered for the community of Ely & Caerau.

We hope that this plan forms the foundation of long-standing partnerships, provides learning, and creates positive impact in the years to come.

We thank all residents and partners who supported the development of the Community Plan for the energy and ideas they contributed. Developing this plan has been a positive process, mobilising lots of new activity and bringing together lots of the great work already happening in the community, but its completion is just the beginning of our work together.