



Local Area Coordination

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unlocking potential effecting change

Local Area Coordination is about...

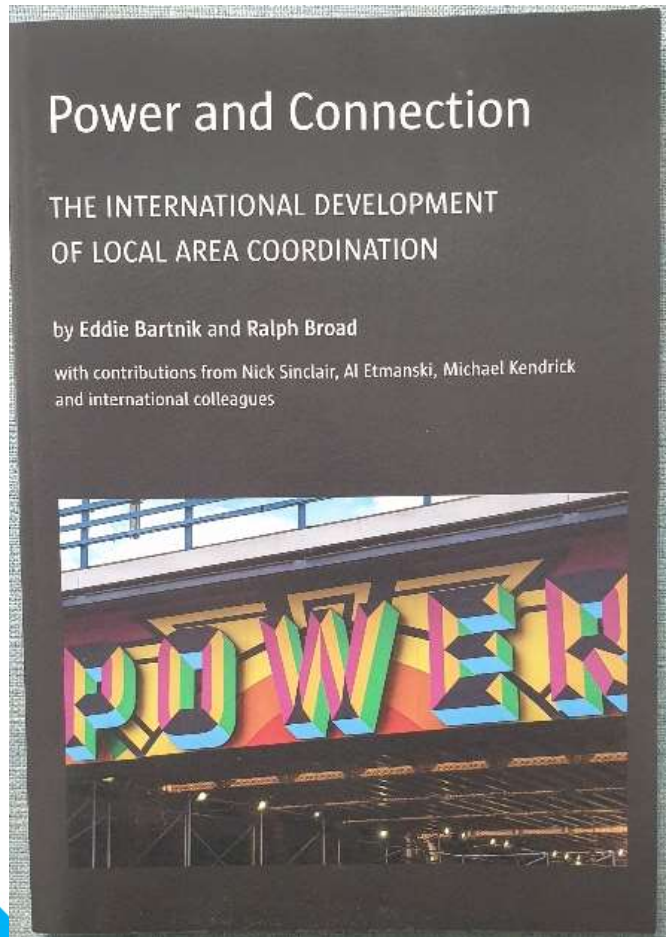
“...people living rich and fulfilling lives, having supportive natural relationships, being active, valued, contributing citizens, and really paying attention to nurturing family resilience. These create the conditions for reducing demand and dependency on services and funding”.

Ralph Broad, 2021

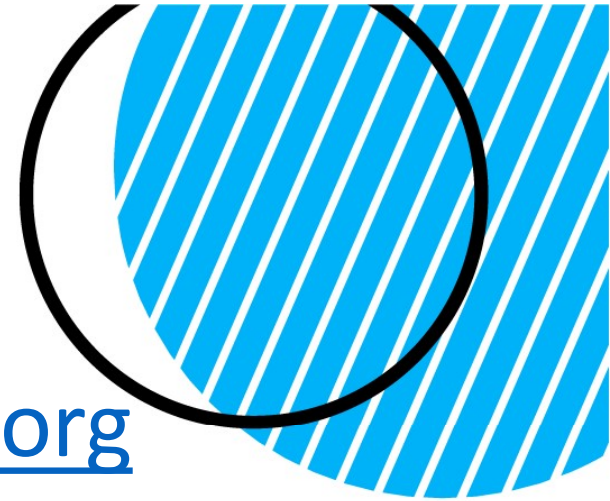
Local Area Coordination...

- For people of **all ages** including those often labelled as having complex needs.
- Focuses on **all aspects of a person**, not just some elements of their life.
- A **whole-family, whole community, whole system** approach.





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Celebrating over 35 years of Local Area Coordination





The Vision:
'All people live in welcoming communities that provide friendship, mutual support, equity and opportunities for everyone'.

Citizenship

Relationships

Natural authority

Complementary nature of services

**The
Local Area 10
Coordination
Principles**

Lifelong learning

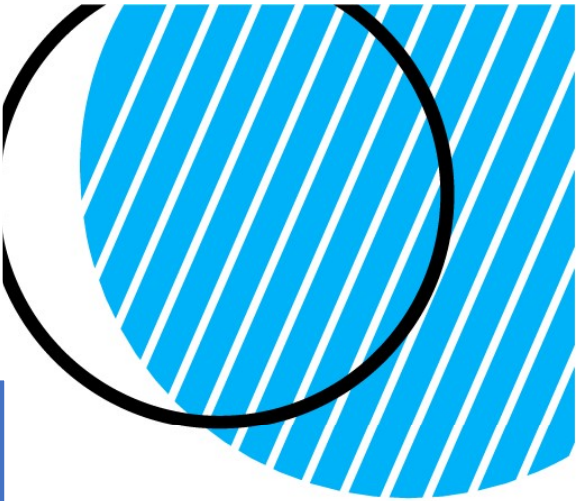
Working together

Information

Contribution

Community

Choice & control



A Local Area Coordinator is someone who...

- Walks alongside people – a coordinator *in* not *of* the area
- Can be “introduced” to anyone.
- Meets people where they’re at.
- Takes time to understand someone’s vision of a good life, their gifts, skills and talents.
- Doesn’t fix people – helps people plan.
- Helps people build their personal networks, connect with local resources, thinks creatively and helps practically.
- Builds partnerships with local orgs, services with people at the centre.
- Supports community activity too.
- Shares learning and insights back in to the system.



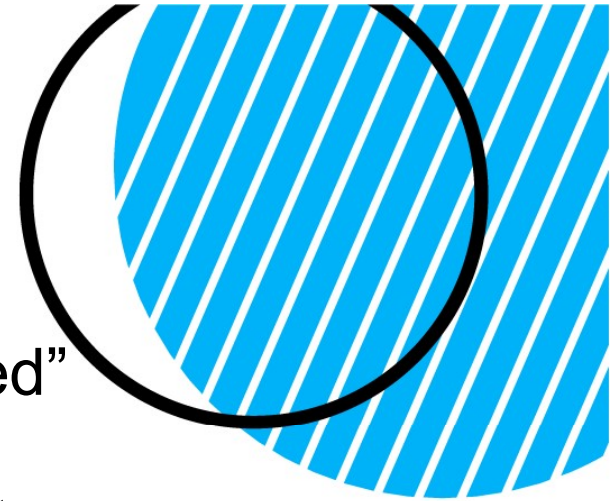
Multiple outcomes

1. **People and families** – helps people achieve multiple outcomes / better lives
2. **Communities** – supports inclusive, strong and welcoming communities
3. **Services** – helps connect them together around the person and family, provides learning for change, opportunities to co-producing with citizens, reduces and diverts costs (£4 return for every £1 invested)

Based on evidence from 17 [evaluations](#) www.lacnetwork.org

Impact of learning

- Supports wider “strengths-based” and “place based” working agendas / framework.
- Promotes partnership working across the system to minimise duplication or siloed thinking.
- Creates opportunity for learning and action.
- Helps build trust between statutory organisations and communities and creates space for collaboration and co-production.
- Helps deepen the reach and understanding of our services and localises the offer



Friendships & connections: Made new friends and formed positive connections

Family & existing friendships: Improved / changed relationships with family and existing friends

Groups and Social activities: Got more involved in groups of interest

Advocated for change: Successfully advocated for change in their own or someone else's life

Safety: Became more safe and secure in personal environment

Supportive Role: Remained in a supportive role of others

Basic Needs: Achieved and stabilised basic needs

Benefits: Positively changed benefit situation

Housing: Sustained accommodation / tenancy

New accommodation: Achieved more suitable accommodation

Hoarding: Overcame or reduced behaviours termed "hoarding"

Mental and emotional health: Improved mental and emotional health

Self confidence: Became more self confident and built self esteem.

Physical Health: Improved in physical health

Skills and talents: Recognised skills / strengths and utilised them more

Education and Training: Explored and accessed formal learning opportunities

Employment: Achieved a new job

Employment: Sustained job / got more hours / increased pay

Volunteering: Got involved in formal volunteering opportunities

A place to call home



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What community recruitment of Local Area Coordinators looks like when you've had so many rich discussions, you've overrun in the church hall and need to make way for the local ballet class but you're not quite done making decisions 😊



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www.lacnetwork.org – for more evidence and testimony

