

## **DATA discussion group**

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**Attendees** - GLA x 2, Voluntary Action Camden, London Gypsy and Traveller Unit, Ealing CVS, Kingston Council,

### **Why is this theme important to The Way Ahead?**

- Should be the foundation for evidence based policy / decision making
- Data important re needs of Londoners and about civil society itself
- Incomplete picture e.g. Charity Commission data on nos of registered charities – what about grassroots community groups, social enterprises etc
- No figure for economic / social value & impact
- Data overload and under utilised?
- Geographical analysis – wards, postcodes, boroughs, sub regions, regional etc
- Evidencing and enabling co-production
- Link and monitor with mayoral strategies to influence policy
- Gaps in official data e.g. mental health – official stats using 7 year old data – the voluntary sector could be contributing real time data - so working together to create a more accurate and up to date picture

### **What does Good look like?**

- Useful and used
- Shareable
- Qualitative and quantitative
- Inclusive
- Equality for large and small organisations (proportionality)
- Shows what's / who's missing
- Co-produced
- Simple to use – comprehensible
- Used to measure impact
- Known / findable
- Building community understanding /expertise
- Best practice in data governance
- Fully utilising data tools / platforms and data sets available (e.g. GLA's London Data Store)

## **What's the potential? What can be achieved...**

- Involve universities?
- Involve social enterprises
- GLA – borough data partnership?
- GLA expertise in setting standards etc
- Interacting with voluntary sector services schema development
- Evidence based policy – data driven decision making
- Real time data and predictive decision making patterns

## **Our 5 key points**

1. Data is extremely valuable – the foundation for evidencing need, good decision making, achieving good outcomes
2. The will exists, the tech exists, much of the data exists and expertise exists – we just need to bring everything together
3. Sharing standards / data governance will be key
4. Sector's understanding & expertise lagging behind – need to address gap, increase 'data maturity'
5. We need to ensure we focus energies on collecting relevant, useful data and analysing appropriately