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| **Annual General Meeting 2018** | |
| **Date: 7th November 2018** | **Venue: 200a Pentonville Road, N1 9JP** |

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| **Attendance**    Abdulkadir Ali Banadiri British Youth League  Adam Joseph Talk for Health  Agnieszka Le Roux MUFG Bank  Allison Bennett Volunteering Matters  Alphonso Richards Kevin Richards Foundation Centre  Andy Murphy Help On Your Doorstep  Cathy Norris Prospex  Comfort Ajayi Age UK Islington  Dave Poyser Major of Islington  Davide Nichesolo VAI  Ella Sy Copenhagen Youth Project  Etta Rowe Kevin Richards Foundation Centre  Eva Martinez DoubleTree by Hilton Islington  Fran Bacelar Victim Support  Gary Richefond London Village Network  Gerard Omasta-Milsom Islington People's Rights  Helen Wright The Talk for Health Company Ltd  Imataz Khaliq The Talk for Health Company Ltd  Jackie Fox Talk for Health  Kim White Victim Support  Joyce Herron Islington Pension Forum  Kate Obussier Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation  Ken Kanu Help On Your Doorstep  Kevin Turner Islington Council  Lewis Hughes Peoples Place Community Partnership  Lucy Giuliano Copenhagen Youth Project  Marico Lowery Prospects  Martin Sach London Canal Museum  Martin Cree DoubleTree by Hilton Islington  Max Stechman London Village Network  Mike Bedigan Islington Gazette  Minnie Robinson Talk for Health  Myrna Talbot Islington Pension Forum  Olayinka Sobitan London Village Network  Rachel Meyer London Village Network  Richard Frankland Prospects  Rose Mcdonald ICP  Sabina Rouse  Saiqa Pandor Homestart Camden & Islington  Salima Belhadi Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation  Shawn Adeel  Shahzaal Goldwins  Simon Alexander Age UK Islington  Supa Kusuumratana Islington Pension Forum  Sylvia Hemley Kevin Richards Foundation Centre  Tom Browne The BIG Alliance  Tony Tran Mary’s Youth Centre  Veronica Videla DoubleTree by Hilton Islington  Wayne Platt Peoples Place Community Partnership  Windsor Kasekende Age UK Islington  Zahra Habri Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation  Zinab Aldaraji MUFG  **Voluntary Action Islington Trustees in attendance**  Phil Kelly Trustee  Joe Irvin Trustee  Mulat Haregot Trustee  Ronke Lawal Trustee  Ruth Haynes Trustee  **Voluntary Action Islington staff in attendance**  Alessandra De Laurentis Office Administrator  Guljabeen Rahman Chief Executive Officer  Kimberley Coates (Minutes) Office Manager  Marta Aparicio Information and Communication Officer  Yvette Ellis Development Officer  Antony Bewick-Smith Development and Partnerships Manager Jeremy Stone Management Accountant |  |

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| 1. | **Apologies**  There were no apologies. |  |
| 2. | **Welcome from Phil Kelly (Chair, Voluntary Action Islington).**  Phil Kelly welcomed attendees and thanked Double Tree Hilton for their donations. PK thanked Guljabeen Rahman for her work as CEO to VAI.  PK welcomed Antony Bewick-Smith as Development and Partnerships Manager.  PK highlighted the role of VAI, to support organisations trying to build a civic society in Islington during challenging times for the borough. PK noted that by working together, we will carry on this work. |  |
| 3. | **Minutes of the AGM held on 7th November 2017**  The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record**.** |  |
| 4. | **Matters Arising from the meeting held on 7th November 2017**  There were no matters arising. |  |
| 5. | **Guest Speaker: Ken Kanu, Director of Help On Your Doorstep** Ken Kanu gave an inspiring speech about the importance of volunteers.  Ken outlined how volunteers are intrinsically linked to the services Help On Your Doorstep carries out. The benefits of involving volunteers in HOYD is that it increases the capacity of HOYD and strengthens relationships with communities. The guiding principle is that everybody has something to offer the community and that volunteering benefits everybody involved.  Ken highlighted that volunteers shape the way HOYD functions. Volunteers are key to getting out the key messages and are often able to overcome challenges (trust, social inclusion) of service users and work closely with HOYD to develop ways to combat it.  Ken emphasised the importance of volunteering; volunteers are integral to services voluntary organisations deliver and volunteering is acknowledged as a sensible stepping stone for helping start your career or to change career. |  |
| 6. | **Annual Report 2017-2018** The Chair drew (everyone’s) attention to the annual report which had been circulated. The annual report highlighted VAI’s achievements from 2017-2018 and the ways in which the organisation had supported the voluntary and community sector to achieve its goals in the past year. This can now be found on VAI’s website alongside the full audited accounts. |  |
| 7. | **Accounts for the year April 2017-March 2018**  Jeremy Stone presented the accounts. This is up to date up to March 2018. The full audited accounts are now is available on the VAI website.  Total income for the year was £455,482, a £50,000 increase from last year which was generated by the resource centre, and funds from London borough of Islington and City Bridge Trust. It was noted that while income has increased by £50,000, expenditure has also increased by £50,000.  Total funds carried forward was £426,822. An expenditure deficit of £44,700 was generated. Even though a deficit was generated, the free reserves are substantial and more than satisfy the minimum requirements needed for free reserves policy. |  |
| 8. | **Volunteer of the Year Awards 2018** Presented by HW The Mayor of Islington, Cllr Dave Poyser and Antony Bewick-Smith, Development and Partnerships Manager at VAI.  Cll Dave Poyser praised Islington for creating a unique compassionate society, which is visible through the work of the volunteers nominated for the awards this year.  Winner of the Young Volunteer of the Year Award - Aidan Tsein  Highly Commended for the Young Volunteer of the Year Award - Dwein Francis, Samika Barclay  Winner of the Volunteer of the Year 26-60 Year Olds Award - Fatima Zahra Habri  Highly Commended for the Volunteer of the Year 26-60 Year Olds Award – Tom Tremayne, Kristi Whitelock  Winner of Older Volunteer of the Year 60+ Award – Beverly Richards  Highly Commended for the Older Volunteer of the Year 60+ Award – Katherine Alexander, Peter Walker  Winner of the Pat Haynes Memorial Trustee of the Year Award - Olivia Morton  Highly Commended for the Pat Haynes Memorial Trustee of the Year Award – John Nicholson  Winner of the Volunteering Team of the Year Award –  Mary’s Youth Club Team  Highly Commended for the Volunteering Team of the Year Award – Restraint Debrief Volunteer Team |  |
| 9. | **Any other Business**  There was no other business |  |