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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 LeagueAdam Joseph Talk for Health Agnieszka Le Roux MUFG BankAllison Bennett Volunteering MattersAlphonso Richards Kevin Richards Foundation CentreAndy Murphy Help On Your DoorstepCathy Norris ProspexComfort Ajayi Age UK IslingtonDave Poyser Major of IslingtonDavide Nichesolo VAIElla Sy Copenhagen Youth ProjectEtta Rowe Kevin Richards Foundation CentreEva Martinez DoubleTree by Hilton IslingtonFran Bacelar Victim Support Gary Richefond London Village NetworkGerard Omasta-Milsom Islington People's RightsHelen Wright The Talk for Health Company LtdImataz Khaliq The Talk for Health Company LtdJackie Fox Talk for HealthKim White Victim SupportJoyce Herron Islington Pension ForumKate Obussier Middle Eastern Women and Society OrganisationKen Kanu Help On Your Doorstep Kevin Turner Islington CouncilLewis Hughes Peoples Place Community PartnershipLucy Giuliano Copenhagen Youth ProjectMarico Lowery ProspectsMartin Sach London Canal MuseumMartin Cree DoubleTree by Hilton IslingtonMax Stechman London Village NetworkMike Bedigan Islington GazetteMinnie Robinson Talk for HealthMyrna Talbot Islington Pension ForumOlayinka Sobitan London Village NetworkRachel Meyer London Village NetworkRichard Frankland ProspectsRose Mcdonald ICPSabina Rouse Saiqa Pandor Homestart Camden & IslingtonSalima Belhadi Middle Eastern Women and Society OrganisationShawn Adeel Shahzaal Goldwins Simon Alexander Age UK IslingtonSupa Kusuumratana Islington Pension ForumSylvia Hemley Kevin Richards Foundation CentreTom Browne The BIG AllianceTony Tran Mary’s Youth CentreVeronica Videla DoubleTree by Hilton IslingtonWayne Platt Peoples Place Community PartnershipWindsor Kasekende Age UK IslingtonZahra Habri Middle Eastern Women and Society OrganisationZinab Aldaraji MUFG**Voluntary Action Islington Trustees in attendance**Phil Kelly TrusteeJoe Irvin TrusteeMulat Haregot TrusteeRonke Lawal TrusteeRuth Haynes Trustee**Voluntary Action Islington staff in attendance**Alessandra De Laurentis Office AdministratorGuljabeen Rahman Chief Executive OfficerKimberley Coates (Minutes) Office ManagerMarta Aparicio Information and Communication Officer Yvette Ellis Development OfficerAntony Bewick-Smith Development and Partnerships ManagerJeremy 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 TseinHighly Commended for the Young Volunteer of the Year Award - Dwein Francis, Samika BarclayWinner of the Volunteer of the Year 26-60 Year Olds Award - Fatima Zahra HabriHighly Commended for the Volunteer of the Year 26-60 Year Olds Award – Tom Tremayne, Kristi WhitelockWinner of Older Volunteer of the Year 60+ Award – Beverly RichardsHighly Commended for the Older Volunteer of the Year 60+ Award – Katherine Alexander, Peter WalkerWinner of the Pat Haynes Memorial Trustee of the Year Award - Olivia MortonHighly Commended for the Pat Haynes Memorial Trustee of the Year Award – John NicholsonWinner of the Volunteering Team of the Year Award – Mary’s Youth Club TeamHighly Commended for the Volunteering Team of the Year Award – Restraint Debrief Volunteer Team |  |
| 9. | **Any other Business**There was no other business |  |