

London Planning Award entry form

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The Stockwell Partnership

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Please tick award category (you may apply for more than one)

- Best public sector planner or planning organisation
- Best private sector planner or planning organisation
- Best planning project or development contributing to London's future
- Best community or partnership initiative

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Summary

It is hard to know where to begin and what to highlight when attempting to summarise the work and achievements of the Stockwell Partnership.

Currently within the planning profession, talk tends to be of the need for “*planning with the people*” rather than “*for the people*”. The Stockwell Partnership however goes further being both “*planning by the people*” and “*action by the people*”. They are a community based charity and limited company, established through local action in 1996. The members range from local tenants/residents, community groups, voluntary sector agencies, ward councillors, council officers, the police and probation services, the health authority, schools, housing providers – anyone and everyone, individually or as a group, with an interest and involvement in the community in Stockwell.

Its management committee seeks to be representative of the Stockwell community. It aims to ensure that the voice of the local community – its wishes, concerns, needs and priorities – is expressed and taken fully into account in the development of the area. It takes a holistic view of community renewal linking education, crime, children’s play and the physical environment, working to make improvements through combined action on all these fronts.

Its first major achievement was working with Hyde Housing Association to develop the community-based Connecting Stockwell SRB, which brought £4 million of government funding to Stockwell. Partnership members then took seats on the SRB board and took an active and often leading role in project implementation.

The Partnership’s second milestone was the production of the “*Stockwell Master Plan*” (see appendix A) . This groundbreaking, project-based environmental plan was drawn up by urban design consultants following close consultation with local people and businesses. It has been accepted by Lambeth Council as the first reference point for planning decisions in the neighbourhood. The Master Plan has now been incorporated into both Lambeth’s draft revised Unitary Development Plan and its draft transport Local Implementation Plan. The Partnership has used it as a catalyst. Armed with the Masterplan’s recommendations for the Wandsworth Road, Lambeth Council and the Partnership bid to the then DTLR for implementation funding. DTLR funding in turn was combined with funding from others such as Transport for London, to produce a budget of over £3 million. The improvements to the Wandsworth Road are currently being implemented.

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The Partnership has also used the plan as basis for joint action with Transport for London. Attached at appendix B is a TfL press release and consultation leaflet describing its working with the Partnership to improve Stockwell Cross and create a new “town square” in Binfield Road.

The Masterplan’s findings and recommendations informed the successful Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative bid made by Lambeth Council with and on behalf of the Partnership. The Stockwell Urban II £13 million programme was launched in June of last year . Stockwell is the only area in London to receive Urban II funding. The Partnership is Lambeth’s key voluntary sector partner in its delivery. A recent mid-term evaluation of the England Urban II programmes stated the following in relation to the Stockwell programme-

“Among the Programme’s achievements are that it has:

- Mechanism established for the Programme to be community driven through Stockwell Partnership taking a key role in the delivery of the Programme (strongly supported by LBL at the outset).”*

The evaluation held up Stockwell as an example to others of how to place the local community at the heart of a regeneration programme.

During the Urban programme projects contained within the Masterplan will be prioritised and many implemented, and a strategic programme to support local enterprise and employment will be established.



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Urban II means a further period of expansion for the Stockwell Partnership, principally in the form of its Community Capacity Plan (CCP). The Partnership is being funded to continue existing staff and establish new posts. These new posts include -

- ❑ A bi-lingual advocate working with refugee and asylum seekers from east African countries, principally Somalia, Eritrea and Ethiopia.
- ❑ An advice worker providing generic advice to local residents on a range of welfare issues
- ❑ An Urban II Theme Group/Forum Coordinator to provide development support to local voluntary groups that wish to access Urban II funding.
- ❑ A small grants fund advisor to assist groups who wish to access the Urban II small grants programme.

The list of the Partnership's many actions over the years includes -

- ❑ installing CCTV cameras linked to Lambeth Town Hall
- ❑ providing free personal alarms for local elders
- ❑ re-designing street nameplates and directional signs, leading to a widespread sign replacement programme
- ❑ installing new street furniture painted in "Stockwell green"
- ❑ local landscaping, tree planting and providing tubs and hanging baskets
- ❑ demolishing the redundant public toilets outside Stockwell Tube, and providing improved crossing and cycle parking facilities there



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- providing new lighting for the Memorial Gardens, as part of the overall improvement of the Stockwell Cross junction, carried out by Transport for London and Lambeth Highways in close consultation with the Partnership
- commissioning phase II of the Stockwell mural in memory of Violette Szabò GC and the other Stockwell residents who gave their lives in the Second World War



- organising the annual Stockwell Festival – a series of events for all ages held each June (see appendix C)



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- ❑ Helped raise £50,000 for “The Bronze Woman” statue to be commissioned from Ian Walters to honour Afro-Caribbean women, and obtained planning permission for its placing in Stockwell Memorial Gardens
- ❑ Raised sponsorship from charitable trusts to enable local gymnasts to compete abroad.



- ❑ Won a £150,000 award of Home Office funding to the Good Shepherd charity for Children – a group working refugees and asylum seekers in the Stockwell area. This has enabled them to recruit additional staff and ease the burden placed on a committed group of volunteers.

Appendices

- Appendix A The Stockwell Master Plan
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