

## 'How can we together?' Survey 2018

The Portsmouth Together Partnership has been chosen as one of the 20 places to take part in the first phase of the Placed Based Social Action programme. This programme aims to support communities to put social action at the heart of plans which make a positive difference in the local area.

**Our Vision: “An inclusive city owned and led by the community, empowering people to take action to bring about sustainable change”.**

What do we mean by social action? Social action is about people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities. It can include volunteering, giving money, community action or simple neighbourly acts.

Through the commitment and skill of citizens, social action can empower communities, help people in need, and complement public services. Taking part in social action is also associated with higher levels of wellbeing, and can improve people’s confidence and skills.

We need your help? We often get asked what’s wrong in our communities, but we want to hear about what’s good in your neighbourhood and how we can build on that to make positive changes in Portsmouth. We are consulting with residents, businesses and local organisations to ensure we have a diverse range of views, covering neighbourhoods and communities across the Portsmouth.

**This is about, "building on what is strong, not trying to put right what is wrong".**

You can find out more about the Portsmouth Placed Based Social Action Programme at the Portsmouth Together Website [www.volunteer.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.volunteer.portsmouth.gov.uk)

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will be used to help shape the strategy. Your responses will be kept confidential. As the strategy is delivered we will report on progress.

Your data will not be shared with anybody outside Portsmouth City Council and will be stored in line with council's data protection policy.

Please name the area / neighbourhood in which you live (or learn / work if not a Portsmouth Resident)

**Optional:** It will help us greatly if you could providing the following information - purely for survey statistics

Postcode where you live \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male / Female /Other/ Prefer not to say

Age Group (circle): under 16 / 16-18 / 19 -24 / 25-34 / 35-44 / 45-54 / 55-64 / 65-74 / 75 and over

Office reference \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/18

## Tell us about the good stuff!

We want to find out about the good things that are happening in your neighbourhood. Is it a place or a group? Why do you think it is good? Who does it benefit? Who is the organiser? Do you think others should know more about it?

### Question 1 - What are the good things that are happening now in the area where you live?

Answer

## Your neighbourhood networks

We would like to understand how you engage with other people in your neighbourhood or community. What are your networks? Is it solely through family and friends? Is it through a specific community group or organisation? Is it at a specific location such as a cafe, pub, church or community centre? Are you a member of an organisation or association? Do you use social media or other web based forums?

### Question 2 - How do you engage with other people in your community?

Answer

### **What else would make your neighbourhood even better?**

You have told us what is good in your neighbourhood, but what else would you like to see happening that would make it even better? Have you got an idea that you would like to develop with others? Is there something you have heard about elsewhere that you would like to see happening where you live? Please also explain why you would think it would make a difference?

#### **Question 3 - What else would you like to see happen that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?**

Answer

### **Solving important problems**

You have let us know about all the good things happening in your neighbourhood, but we know there will also be problems that you would like to solve. Those things that are important to you and your neighbours. We want to hear how you think that you and your neighbours can come together to solve these important problems. What assistance or resources would you need to support you do this? Please provide as much information as possible?

#### **Question 4 - What are the problems that you think are important in your local community?**

Answer

**Question 5 - How do you think you and your community can come together to solve these problems?**

Answer

**And finally...**

When answering this last question, please think back to the answers that you have given so far. How can we together (the community, the public sector, local businesses) come together to create a city of people who will share their time and skills to improve life. How do you think we can build on the good things happening in our neighbourhoods and share across the city?

**Question 6 - How can we together with our neighbours and networks, create a city of citizens who share their time and skills to help make positive changes in Portsmouth?**

Answer