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## Assembly 1 process - Emotional Wellbeing

Output	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Gathered and used Assembly insights as an evidence base to secure grant funding for the VCS.</li><li>* Gathered insights from community conversations on commissioning practices .</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Secured grant funding from Public Health England to distribute <a href="#">Better Mental Health Grants</a> through Hackney Giving, which is managed by Mind CHWF.</li><li>* <a href="#">Published</a> and used insights from community conversations to inform Assembly 4 on anti-racist commissioning.</li></ul>

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## Assembly 2 process – making City and Hackney anti-racist

Output	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Coproduced development Racial Equity Arts Alliance (REAA) partnership network, currently seeking funding</li> <li>*Anti-racist commissioning mandate which has led to development of Anti-racist commissioning Assembly 4</li> <li>*Applied and won Institute of Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) bid to support development of anti-racist commissioning principles who are supporting Assembly and working group delivery including £500 for backfill coproduction costs for working group</li> <li>*Development of Reducing Exclusions VCS consortium, who we are working together to develop advocacy, campaign and research into improving educational outcomes.</li> <li>*Development of Cultural Humility <a href="#">training directory</a> which was publicised in City Matters newspaper.</li> <li>*Working with ELFT to develop their ‘cultural safety’ training programme using VCS expertise from Cultural Humility training directory. Building a partnership between community trainers and ELFT to deliver a training pilot. Hope for training to also be delivered to the VCS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Codesigning opportunities for VCS organisations which match community need. e.g. REAA with desired outcome improving positive representation in the borough</li> <li>*Empowering VCS through codesigning solutions</li> <li>*Bringing in expertise from outside the borough to create anti-racist best practice, desired outcome is to pilot anti-racist commissioning matching community mandate and need</li> <li>*Building momentum and partnership for future assemblies, including one on Reducing School Exclusions</li> </ul>

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## Assembly 3 process – Empowering care

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Developing peer learning employment support for people with Learning disabilities with Choice in Hackney and ELBA</li><li>*Developing Bespoke Befriending outreach project which hopes to develop a network of befriending organisations and outreach approach for people living in private housing, as well as mapping of befriending schemes to</li><li>*Working with council to secure funds for a holistic advocacy pilot in the Hackney marshes neighbourhood</li><li>*LD Awareness training to PCNs – Delivery Opportunity shared wth LD SIG</li><li>*Mapping of befriending schemes to identify gaps</li><li>* Anticipatory Care Pilots to be progressed through Neighbourhood Forums</li><li>* Choice In Hackney speaking to ELBA about possible mentoring opportunity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Desired outcomes involving stronger social networks for people living alone in private/ social housing; community brokering and delivery of anticipatory care solutions; a more holistic, mutually beneficial approach to delivery of employment mentoring and advocacy</li></ul>

# Assembly reflections over the past year

- The assembly is a welcome and equal place where the community feel able to share their views and statutory partners want to listen
- Challenges in accessing funding from health system
  - Scarce resources which need to be shared across many needs
  - Slow progress! - things move slowly e.g. funding opportunities and system partners
  - Need to make sure we reflect on what we want to achieve and how we can do it
- We have supported many connections to be made between VCS organisations, and with statutory partners
- We have enabled partnerships to be built which will improve collaboration in our local area