superhighways

harnessing technology for community benefit

London CVS Network update

September 2025

What does Superhighways do?

Superhighways helps small charities and community groups gain essential digital and data skills backed by the right tech to achieve their goals.

A project of Kingston Voluntary Action

Map | Organisations | Advice & Support | Trainings & Events | Tickets | Organisation List | Events List | Contacts list | Engagement | Surveys

Filters

Year filter
- 2024
- 2025

Date
01/04/2024
08/09/2025

organisation
All

Funding Stream
- Consultancy (paid)
- Datawise London
- Membership
- NLCF Digital Foundati...
- RBK Grant
- Superhighways
- Trust for London

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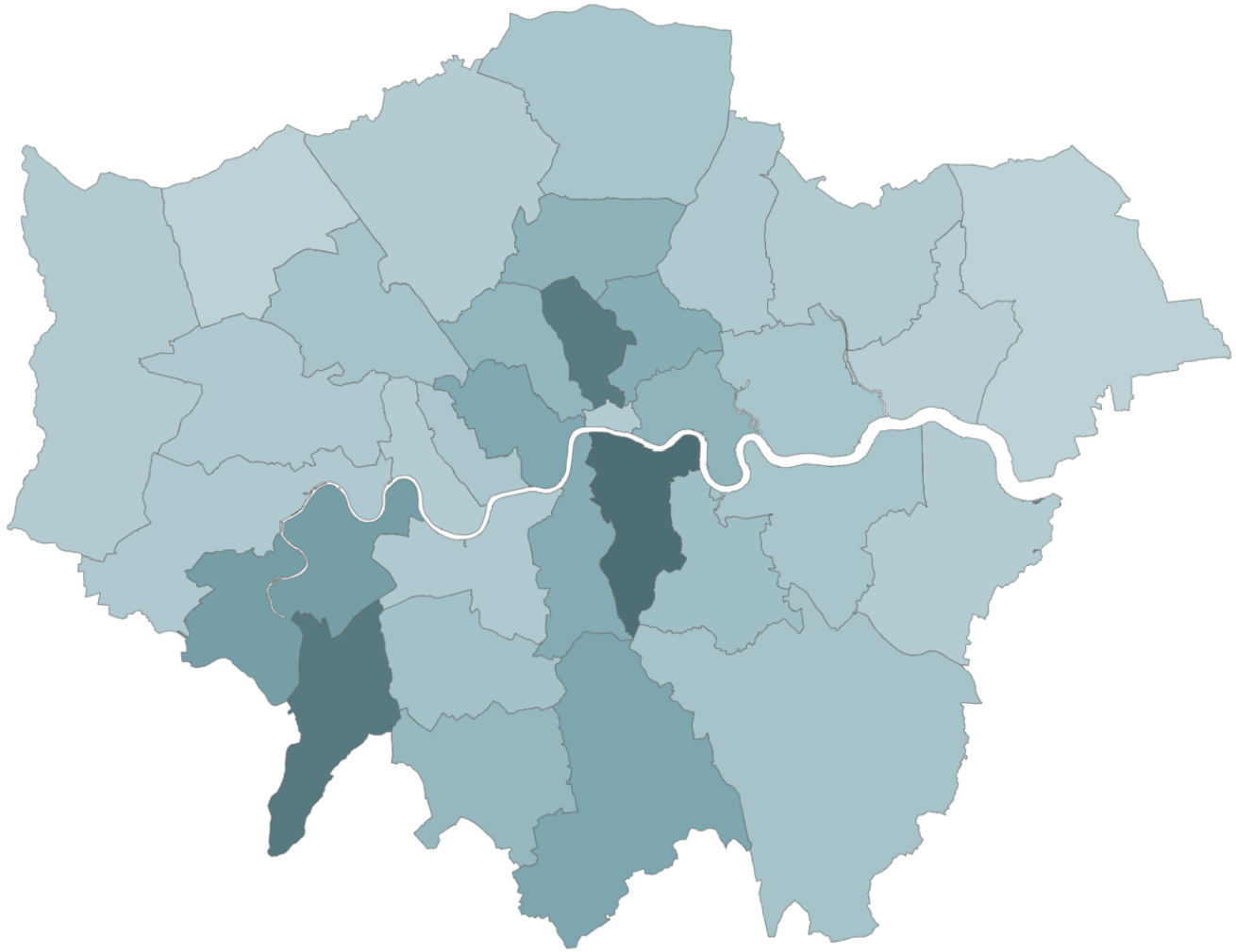
535
Organisations supported

437
Organisations attended events

210
Advice and Support

46
Organisations submitting Tickets



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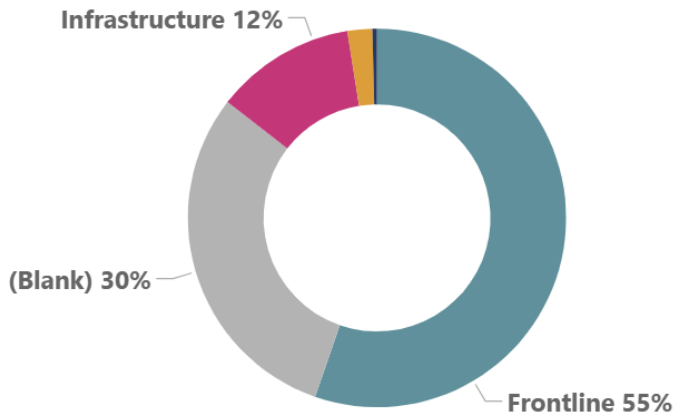
Organisations

Heat map | Point map

Structure



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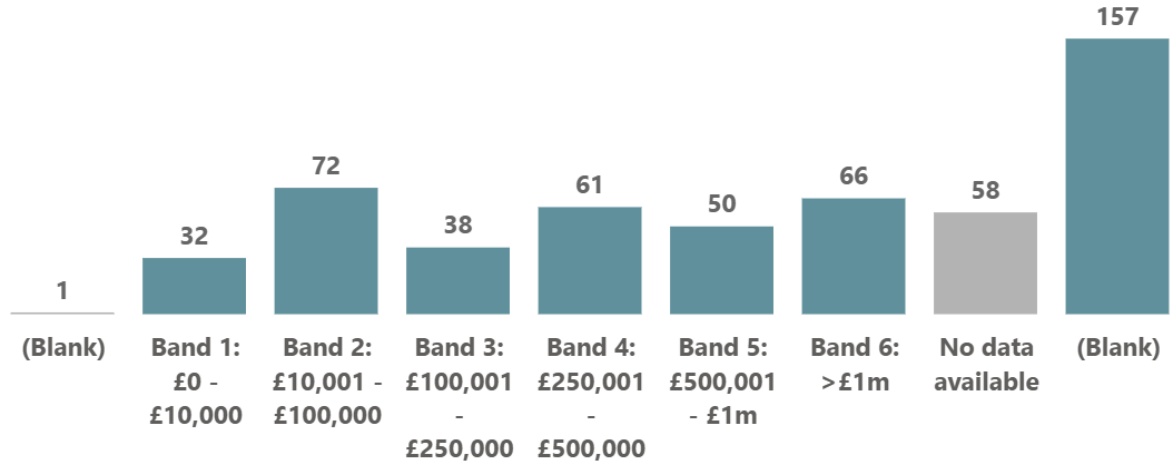

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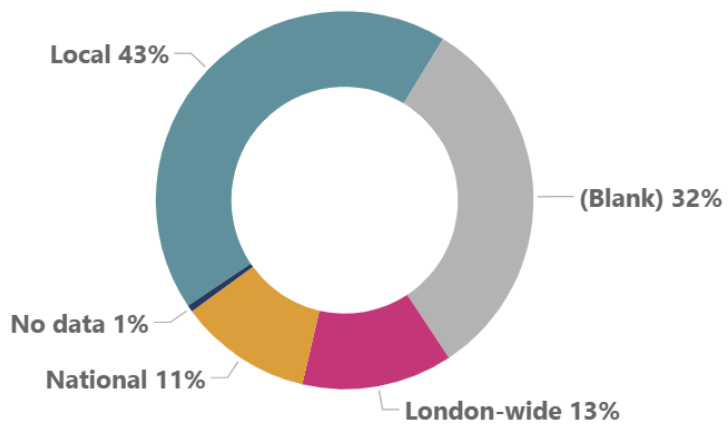

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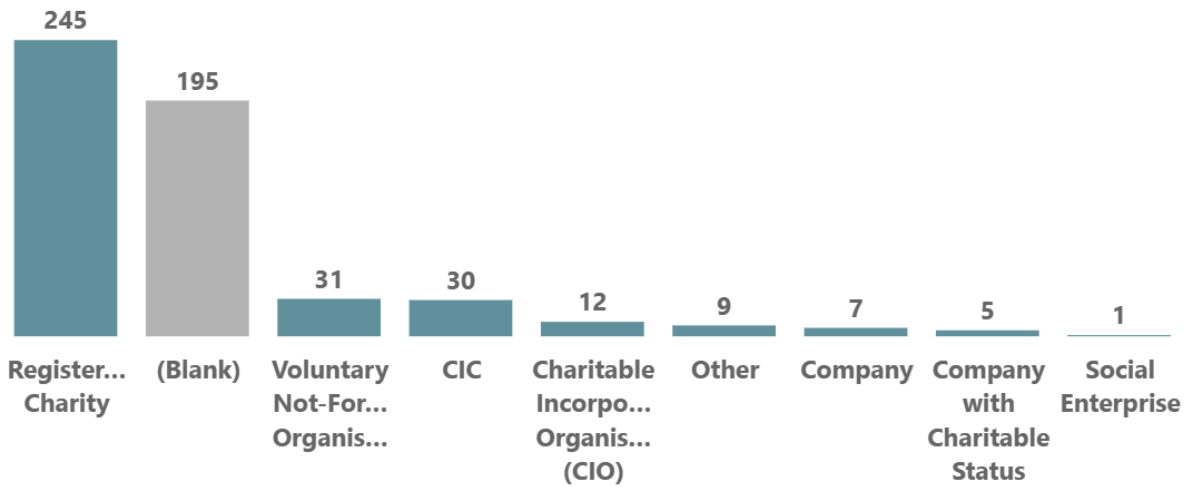


Datawise London legacy

- ✓ Small charity data journeys report
- ✓ Excel bitesize series – self learn course
- ✓ User groups including Power BI
- ✓ Choosing and implementing a database – our recommended process including templates and workshop resources
- ✓ Using open source data – Census, Local Insight, London Poverty Profile (regular free sessions run as part of our TFL funded work)
- ✓ ** **Data about the sector dashboard** **
- ✓ ** **State of the Sector – research & toolkit (in development)**
- ✓ *DWL Celebration event + VCSS Camp – Mon 13 Oct – you're all invited!*

datawise LONDON

It’s very hard to answer questions like…

- ✓How many organisations operate in London?
- ✓What do they do?
- ✓Where are they based?
- ✓Who do they help?
- ✓How can I contact them?
- ✓How are they funded?
- ✓How many people work or volunteer for them?
- ✓Where are the gaps?
- ✓How can we support them?
- ✓How can we collaborate with them?

What would good look like?

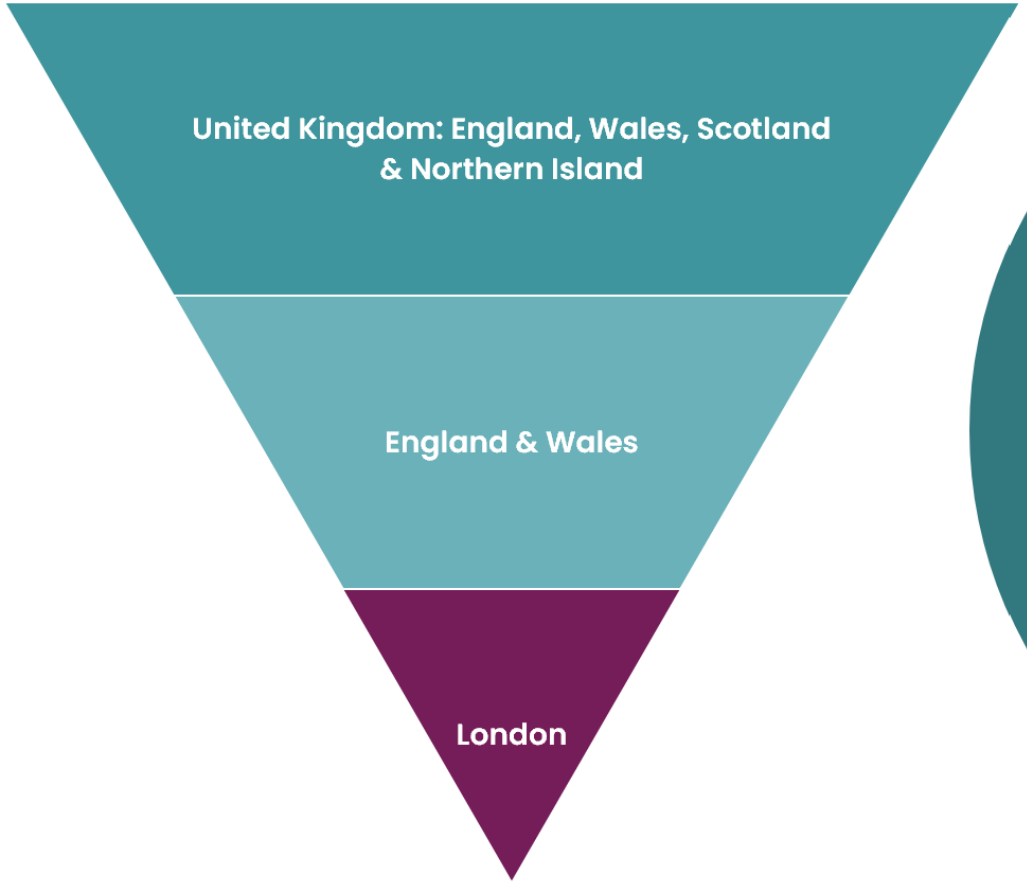
A **community owned and led** data platform which brings together existing public data sets with VCSE owned data in an **accessible and sustainable format** so that different stakeholders can **access, explore and visualise** London's VCSE sector

[Launch event blog]

Future development

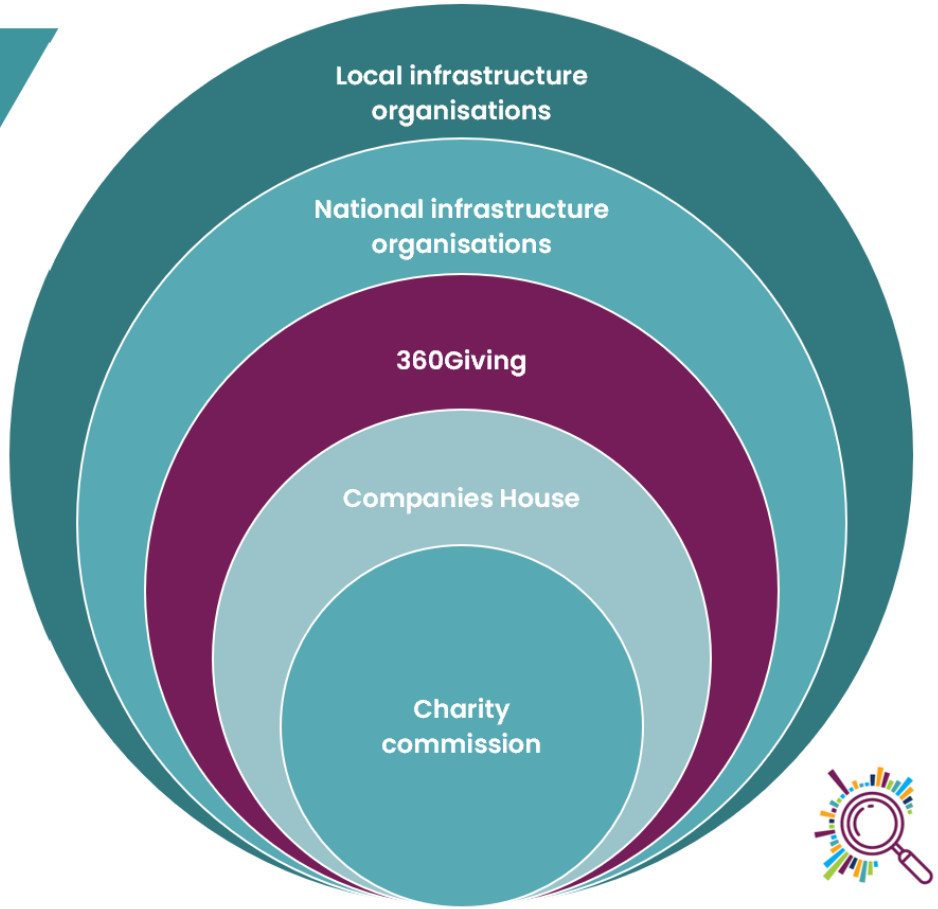
Breadth

Increasing scope to include the whole of the UK



Depth

Bringing community data together with open data



State of the Sector reports

✓[State of the sector research report]

Healthwatch Croydon

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2025

Borough / Areas covered: Croydon

Report Title: Croydon's voluntary, community and fait...

Open website: Click here

Community Action Sutton

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2025

Borough / Areas covered: Sutton

Report Title: Evolving our Ecosystem, an independent r...

Open website: Click here

North East London VCSFE Colla...

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2025

Borough / Areas covered: Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, ...

Report Title: State of the Sector Report 2025

Open website: Click here

Richmond CVS

Publication status: Not published

Publication Year: 2020

Borough / Areas covered: Richmond upon Thames

Report Title: Unpublished

Open website: Click here

One Newham

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2020

Borough / Areas covered: Newham

Report Title: Community Links Report and Plan: Autum...

Open website: Click here

Community Links Bromley

Publication status: Not published

Publication Year: 2020, 2024

Borough / Areas covered: Bromley

Report Title: Unpublished

Open website: Click here

Lewisham Local

Publication status: Not published

Publication Year: 2023

Borough / Areas covered: Lewisham

Report Title: Unpublished

Open website: Click here

Community Southwark

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2023

Borough / Areas covered: Southwark

Tower Hamlets CVS

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2023

Borough / Areas covered: Tower Hamlets

Kingston Voluntary Action

Publication status: Not published

Publication Year: 2022

Borough / Areas covered: Kingston upon Thames

Wandsworth Care Alliance

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2022

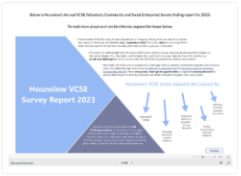
Borough / Areas covered: Wandsworth

Barnet Together Alliance

Publication status: Not published

Publication Year: 2021

Borough / Areas covered: Barnet



Ealing and Hounslow CVS

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2021

Borough / Areas covered: Ealing, Hounslow

Merton Connected

Publication status: Public report

Publication Year: 2021

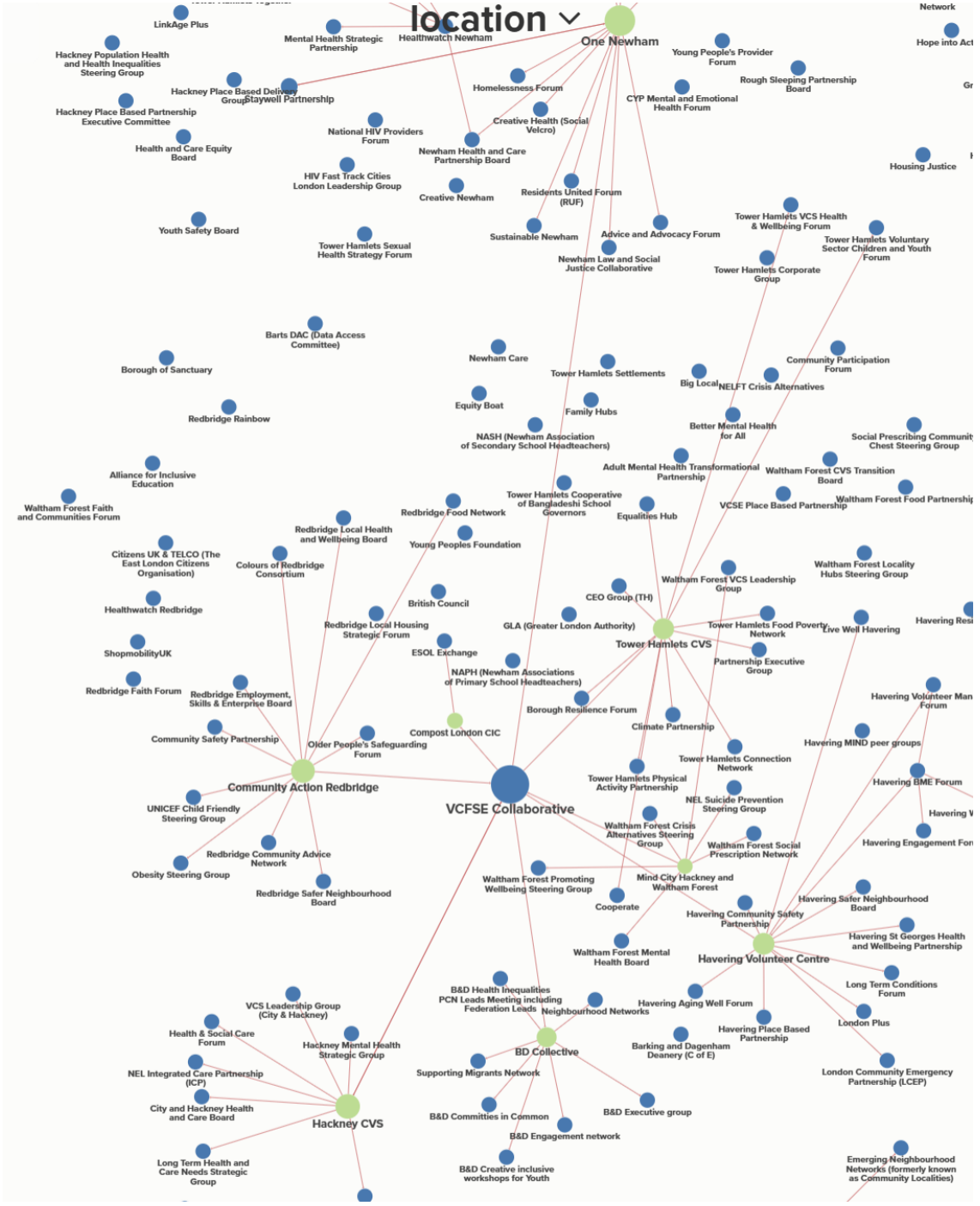
Borough / Areas covered: Merton

SotS next steps

- ✓Top tips for creating state of the sector surveys – blog coming soon
- ✓Standardised question bank including:
  - ✓ Size by income
  - ✓Legal status
  - ✓Primary client groups
  - ✓Specific ethnic groups supported

Explorations into ‘Connectedness’

- ✓Using network mapping to visualise and analyse networks and connectedness
- ✓NEL ICS pilot



Other related initiatives

- ✓We're not alone - there are other conversations being had and complementary initiatives we're linking with.
- ✓These include:
  - ✓**NAVCA – State of the Sector standardisation project**
  - ✓**London Plus – Research and data strategy**
  - ✓Data Collective's Place Based Data Spoke (DataKind UK)
  - ✓Nottingham Trent University's VCSE Data Observatory
  - ✓MyCake – GLA/IoUH Civic Strength Index innovation fund project
  - ✓NCVO Almanac (and UK Charity classification project)
  - ✓Local Trust: Below the radar research

Calls to action!

- ✓Use the VCSE Dashboard and feedback ideas, issues, use cases etc
- ✓Get involved to shape the tool going forwards and let us know about opportunities to fund future developments

- ✓Refer to our guidance when undertaking ‘State of the Sector’ research in future and share your reports / data

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Thanks for listening

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