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Role: Big Local Rep  
Period: 2012 - 2016  
Organisation: Local Trust  
Assignment: Pimlico Million,  
Westminster  
Duration: 2012 - 2016

### Background to Project

Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas in England - to spend £1million or more each on making a massive difference to their communities. Big Local, was launched in 2010, is funded by the [Big Lottery Fund](#) and managed by Local Trust, a unique organisation whose aim is to support resident- and community-led solutions for creating lasting change throughout England. Big Local brings together local talent, ambitions, skills and energy in the shape of people, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live. Local Trust work with a range of partners to provide expert advice and support, so that those areas can put their plans into action.


### Task description

The role of a Rep is to act on behalf of Local Trust in Big Local areas, maintaining a detailed overview of Big Local as the 'eyes and ears' of Local Trust. A rep provides support and challenge to the partnership and Locally Trusted Organisation (LTO), working with these and other relevant stakeholders to ensure the Big Local is the best it can be. The emphasis of the role is on building the skills and confidence of residents to deliver Big Local themselves by advising and facilitating (rather than undertaking the delivery of Big Local activities on the area's behalf).

### 'The Pimlico Million'

As a Big Local rep from inception to Plan submission at [Peabody Avenue and Churchill Gardens Estate](#). My role included helping the area achieve their vision for the Big Local area through support, advice and appropriate challenge, guiding the area through the Big Local pathway, working to establish the Big Local partnership board. This included:

- As the key contact I promoted Big Local to residents and organisations in the initial stages.
- Identifying interested residents or representatives from organisations including the locally trusted organisation whilst ensuring residents played an active and positive role.
- Supporting the area to develop their plans for Getting Started funding, ensuring that it linked effectively with the Big Local pathway and helped them move towards the establishment of a Big Local partnership and plan submission.
- Supported and advised the area on the production of a Big Local profile and Vision.



“WHAT I LOVED MOST ABOUT BIG LOCAL IS THAT IT EMPOWERS RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING THEIR COMMUNITY ON THEIR OWN TERMS. TRULY EMPOWERING”

Palma Black, BL Rep.

## ELTHORNE PRIDE N19

Your Big Local [www.elthornepride.org.uk](http://www.elthornepride.org.uk)

### Community Voices Unlimited Opportunity

Role: Big Local Rep  
Period: 2012 - 2019  
Organisation: Local Trust  
Assignment: Elthorne Pride,  
Islington  
Duration: 2016 - 2019

### Elthorne Pride, London Borough of Islington ~ 2016 - 2019

Following some local tension on the Elthorne Pride Partnership Board, I was asked to support the existing rep to find a resolution. After only a few weeks, I was asked to take over this role.

#### Tasks included:

- Organisation of and facilitating the Annual General Meeting and elections
- Mediation and negotiation between board members
- Providing ongoing support, advice and appropriate challenge to the Big Local partnership, linking it to any other useful networks and training at the local, regional or national level
- Supporting and coaching the Chair and LTO rep through the transition to the delivery and development of the Partnership Board into a cohesive unit
- Reviewing and reporting to Local Trust on the Big Local partnership annually
- Ensuring the partnership behaves and operates in-line with Local Trust guidance and the rules they set themselves
- Supporting the creation of new or revised plans, and ensure they are submitted to Local Trust
- Supporting the area to understand the sustainability, equalities and capacity building aspects of implementation

*"It is my privilege and pleasure to commend Palma Black, who I have known for several years, as Elthorne Pride's Big local Rep.*

*I have always been in awe of her energy and enthusiasm to inform, inspire and to reach out to others through her wealth of experience in the development of innovative regeneration initiatives.*

*I can unequivocally state that Palma has always demonstrated a high level of professionalism and has been able to lead by example and, with that, has enabled me to develop a wealth of creative and enlightening solutions for our community's needs."*

Sandi Philips, Chair,  
Elthorne Pride Big Local, Islington

#### Publications:

Visit the [Elthorne Pride](http://ElthornePride) website for further information.

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*Elthorne Pride have become a formidable force for change in the community!*

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