

You are invited to a conference about Health Access, Equity, and
Community Engagement on
Monday 13th of March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at the Guildhall in
Cambridge

What is this about?

The Health Equalities Partnership (or HEP) is a new piece of partnership work starting in Cambridge in April 2023. Organisations are invited to this conference to share ideas and information about the health access issues that local communities experience and to explore opportunities to work together on health and wellbeing in Cambridge in a way that is sustainable, thoughtful, and inclusive.

The HEP concept has evolved from work by the Vaccine Access Partnership and the recent wider changes in how healthcare is designed and delivered through the work of the Integrated Care Systems or ICS.

Why?

An important element of the HEP will be to co-design and co-deliver opportunities for organisations to collaborate across health/ wellbeing services, undertake and report on community led health research, and support 'seldom heard' communities with consultations. Sharing research and ideas could help inform community funding bids, identify local access barriers, and raise awareness of equalities issues. This conference will discuss how we could come together to strengthen the effectiveness of local services by involving people working on the ground in local communities, as well as those at a strategic level.

What is in it for my organisation?

The conference offers the opportunity to:

- Discover the lessons learnt from the Vaccine Access work – reaching seldom heard communities and our top tips for community engagement.
- Be the first to hear about the headline findings from recent community research into health equalities and access.
- Take part in discussions about what a HEP could do for Cambridge and if we need one, identify good practice that is already happening and to share how you might like to be involved.

- Visit a marketplace of health and wellbeing organisations, including the Vaccine Access partners, highlighting their learning around community engagement and different ideas for working with different groups.
- Take part in our fabulous time capsule workshop with local artist Rachel Vollerthun – looking at how the past can open up conversations about the future. View the exhibition of artwork produced by the public in response to our enquiry about their experiences of the Pandemic.
- Networking time with refreshments and vegetarian/ vegan food provided by Cambridge Sustainable Food.

Who can come?

- This conference may be of interest to you if you work in an organisation interested in health, wellbeing, community engagement, community development, working with seldom heard groups, understanding local data around health inequalities or co-designing services.
- If you are hosting a stall in the marketplace, you just need to complete the form on Eventbrite, and do not need to book a separate ticket.

You can [book your tickets here](#) to ensure your place/a meal, or contact suzanne@cambridgecvs.org.uk if you have any questions.