



# Big Sparks Event Programme

**An event to uncover, celebrate, inspire, showcase and learn about the amazing things that communities are doing in East Sussex.**

Thursday 10th November 2022

The Winter Garden Centre, Eastbourne BN21 4BP

# Big Sparks!

- The Big Sparks event has been organised by the Making it Happen Team, but planned and delivered by individuals, groups and organisations from across the county.
- This event is about celebrating the wealth of activity that communities are driving for themselves.
- We want to share, uncover, inspire and showcase, and to encourage new connections and new initiatives that put communities at the heart of making positive change.

# What is Making it Happen?

It is recognised that where you live and the family and social connections you have around you all play a role in supporting good health and wellbeing. Making it Happen works with people in their neighbourhoods to build on the positive things that already exist.

- 5.5 year Programme: Oct 2019 to March 2025
- Funded by ESCC Public Health
- Delivered in partnership by:
  - Sussex Community Development Association
  - 3VA
  - Action in Rural Sussex
  - Hastings Voluntary Action
  - Rother Voluntary Action
- Initially targeted in 17 neighbourhoods spread across the Districts and Boroughs



# Programme: Speakers, Performances and Workshops

**Five minute speakers, performances, short films and  
in depth discussions**

Time	Location	Contributor	Description
2.00pm	The Floral Hall		Arrival and refreshments
2.10pm	Main Stage	<b>Making it Happen</b>	Welcome – Laura Heales from Action in Rural Sussex and the Making it Happen project Introduction – Angie Greany from Sussex Community Development Association and the Making it Happen project
2.30pm	Main Stage	<b>Compass Community Arts</b>	Mining for Gold: Reframing the narratives – it’s as easy as ABCD! Introduction by Fenya Sharkey, Artistic Director for Compass Community Arts
2.35pm	Cinema Area	<b>Compass Community Arts</b>	Mining for Gold – it’s as easy as ABCD! Hosted by Compass Community Arts, this session will open with a short film to illustrate one aspect of why people living with trauma and mental illness struggle to overcome social isolation. Followed by an Open Space conversation to explore ideas based on the theme of reframing the narrative and building from positives, strengths, and assets.
3.00pm	Main Stage	<b>Bourne This Way</b>	Libby King, founder of Bourne This Way, an LGBTQ+ parent peer support network, will share a short film and invitation for people to join a conversation on their table.
3.05pm	Break Out Area	<b>The Newhaven Green Centre and Sharing Skills CIC</b>	The Circular Economy: A conversation to encourage people to think about their communities and how they can be more sustainable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can communities work to create a more sustainable environment?</li> <li>• How do you see a circular economy working in your town?</li> </ul>

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3.20pm	Main Stage	<b>East Sussex Recovery Alliance (ESRA)</b>	Sonya Moorton from East Sussex Recovery Alliance Team will share her lived experience of stigma. ESRA will also host a table to provide a space for people to join a deeper conversation with their staff and clients following the talk on the main stage. ESRA clients will share their ZINE (short magazine) about stigma.
3.40pm	Main Stage	<b>Delta 7</b>	Delta 7 - will screen one of the award winning short films that they have made, followed by a live performance. The band members write all their own songs, based on the things that inspire, interest and irritate them in their lives as disabled people!
3.55pm	Cinema Area	<b>Culture Shift and Delta 7</b>	Culture Shift and members of the band Delta 7 will host an introductory taster session of their Being Our Best Selves programme.
4.00pm	Main Stage	<b>Just Friends</b>	An introduction to Just Friends - Frederick, their founder, will give a short talk. He and members of the group will host a window space for people to stop and chat.
4.20pm	Main Stage	<b>Diversity Resource International (DRI)</b>	<p>Diversity Resource International (DRI) will share an invitation to join a discussion on the themes of power dynamics and moving from dependency to self-reliance with DRI and Black Butterfly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity Resource International (DRI) is a non-profit-making Social Enterprise that supports ethnically diverse and migrant communities.</li> <li>• Black Butterfly is working to create inclusive, healing spaces and opportunities for Afro-descendant and underserved communities.</li> </ul>

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4.25pm	Breakout Area	<b>DRI and Black Butterfly</b>	Join the discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who we are, what do we do</li> <li>2. Power Brokers: who are you, what are you doing</li> <li>3. Organisation capacity building for Self-reliance</li> </ol>
4.40pm	Main Stage	<b>Greenhaven Network</b>	Greenhaven Network will provide a short introduction to their work to connect people and wildlife. They will invite people to join the conversation at their table in the Green zone.
5.00pm	Main Stage	<b>Inroads Production</b>	Sara Clifford from Inroads Production will share their film 'Two Pairs of Eyes' and a short introduction to a hosted conversation at their table
5.20pm	Main Stage	<b>Hastings Men's Network</b>	Hastings Men's Network will share a film featuring men from the Network.  There will be an opportunity to meet men from the Network before and after the film in their space in the window area.
5.40pm	Main Stage	<b>The Tide Mills Choir</b>	The Tide Mills Choir will perform to bring the event to an uplifting close
5.55pm	Main Stage	<b>Making it Happen Partners</b>	Penny Shimmin from Sussex Community Development Association and Steve Manwaring from Hastings Voluntary Action will close the event

# Big Sparks Event Contributors

Exhibits, demonstrations, conversations,  
tasters and films.

These activities will take place during the course of the event.





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<b>The Havens Peer Support Network</b>	Table 22	The Havens Peer Support Groups were set up to create a safe space for parents who have children with SEN can come and chat, vent, learn and share. They will host a conversation at their table.
<b>Know Dementia</b>	Table 23	Know Dementia provide advice and support to people living with dementia, their families and carers. They will be offering reminiscence moments such as items that will take people back in time and crafty moments to make something to take away.
<b>Peacehaven Mosque and Community Centre</b>	Table 24	Peacehaven Mosque have launched a number of projects to encourage people to connect with each other for friendship and mutual support in the town. They will host an activity to encourage conversation and connection.
<b>Friends, Families and Travellers</b>	Table 25	Friends Families and Travellers (FFT) will exhibit a life size sculpture created by Jake Bowers and a group who participated in blacksmithing workshops run as part of a skill sharing project. The sculpture will create a talking point to encourage conversation.
<b>The Hastings Botanic Garden</b>	Table 26	The Hastings Botanic Garden has ambitions to create a family friendly garden linked to Marianne North. They will be sharing the Botanic Garden concept and plans and will host a conversation.
<b>The Hastings Green Room and Transition Town Hastings</b>	Table 27	The Hastings Green Room brings together people and organisations passionate about environmental sustainability. They will provide energy efficiency info sheet(s) with ideas to mitigate the energy crisis. Activities will include making draught excluders for people to take away.

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<b>Greenhaven Network</b>	Table 28	With over 3000 members the Greenhaven Network aims to engage and inspire everyone to make positive changes to their lives, their communities and the green spaces we all love.
<b>The Newhaven Green Centre and Sharing Skills CIC</b>	Table 29	The Newhaven Green Centre and Sharing Skills CIC will be exploring ideas to encourage a circular economy – reduce, recycle, reuse
<b>KP Projects</b>	Foyer	KP Projects will present The Living Coast Undersea Experience. An educational, interactive, virtual reality & 360 experience, enabling users to explore the underwater environment of the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone (Brighton Marina to Beachy Head), without getting wet!
<b>Gardening In</b>	Window 4	GardeningIn provide training and coaching in the community on gardening skills. They will be matching volunteers and hosting a planting activity.
<b>Crowborough Community Orchard</b>	Window 4	A chance to learn about local apple varieties.
<b>Nature Links Community Action Project – Railway Land Wildlife Trust</b>	Window 5	Interactive activities to engage people in thinking about local blue and green spaces and how we can improve and increase them.
<b>Hastings Men’s Network</b>	Window 6	Men from the network will share their stories to explore how the network has helped them, the challenges they’ve overcome and their plans for the future
<b>Bexhill Men’s Shed</b>	Window 6	The group will share a film and host a conversation about Mens shed concept and purpose with examples of their successes

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<b>The Hospitable Environment Project</b>	Window 7	The Hospitable Environment Project hosts events and activities for residents in Newhaven and the surrounding area, looking at ways to create a hospitable environment for everyone. They will facilitate an activity to explore ideas and action to create a hospitable environment. Participants will share their ideas to create bunting to be displayed at the event.
<b>Just Friends</b>	Window 8	Just Friends was set up to help people struggling with loneliness to improve mental health and create neighbourly connections. Participants are invited to join the Just Friends group to chat, make friends and share ideas.
<b>Tech Resort</b>	Window 10	Tech Resort will showcase their eye catching kid's stuff (LEGO bots, pybadges, microbits ) and highlight the digital inclusion work they do to spark conversation and connections.
<b>Wyntercon CIO</b>	Window 11	The Wyntercon CIO supports and encourages those from underprivileged backgrounds to thrive within the creative sector and be part of their local community through the worlds of scifi and fantasy. They will be providing child friendly and inclusive activities for everyone.
<b>Newtopias and photofringe</b>	Window 12	Newtopias run photomontage drop-in workshops. Two artists will work with participants to create photomontage pictures to explore ideas such as 'relationships', 'community', 'passion', 'connection'. They will project images from previous Newtopias workshops to inspire and show what is possible.
<b>Children's Corner</b>	Window 13	Lots of fun things to do....!



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<b>Crafty Annie</b>	Bistro Area Table 2	Demo and allow people to create hand made face scrubs etc using items from a normal grocery list
<b>AOI Bara</b>	Bistro Area Table 3	AOI Bara meditation and wellness works to improve mental health and wellbeing. They will provide information and host meditation and origami workshops as a mindfulness activity.
<b>The Refugee Buddy Project</b>	Table 14	The Refugee Buddy Project will share a short film about their work and will showcase their Pandemic Patchwork quilts which were exhibited at the De La Warr. They will host a table conversation to share practice and ethos in working with the refugee and migrant communities in East Sussex.
<b>Willingdon Trees Community Centre</b>	Table 15	<p>Willingdon Trees Community Centre will celebrate and showcase three of the volunteer led groups based at the centre:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Trees Toddlers Allotment</li> <li>2) Crafty Trees Family Craft Club</li> <li>3) The Trees Youth Voice and TYV Wellbeing Café</li> </ol> <p>They will also provide two interactive and fun activities to draw people to the stall and give a flavour of what the projects are about.</p>
<b>Bexhill Make and Mend and the Hastings Library of Things</b>	Table 16	The Table of Things!

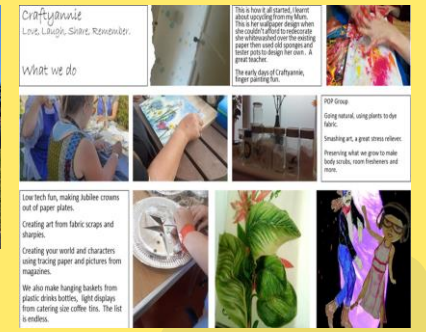
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<b>Hampden Park Shed</b>	Table 17	Hampden Park Shed will host a table sharing pictures of craft activities. With a couple of Sheddors doing craft that people can watch, ask questions or have a go if they wish.
<b>Therapy on the Mic</b>	Table 18	TOTM was created to provide opportunities for marginalised young people to explore their creative music talents with the aim to improve mental health outcomes and pro-social behaviours. They will be hosting a table conversation
<b>Inroads Production</b>	Table 19	Inroads Production have been collaborating with local artists and communities to create exciting site-specific theatre, inspired and informed by stories from the local community since 2012. They will host a table to share ideas and inspiration.
<b>East Sussex Recovery Alliance (ESRA)</b>	Table 20	ESRA clients will share their ZINE about stigma. The table will also provide a space for people to join a deeper conversation with ESRA staff and clients following the talk on the main stage.
<b>Bourne this Way</b>	Table 21	Bourne this Way is an LGBTQ+ Parent support group based in Eastbourne, East Sussex. They will be hosting a short talk about how the group started, what it's about and the role of MIH in supporting that.
<b>Compass Community Arts</b>	Window 9	Exhibition: "Reframing Narratives" an installation of image and text by the beneficiaries of a MiH Grow Grant awarded to Compass, a community of artists
<b>WAVE Arts</b>	Art Trail	WAVE Arts bring people together through street art. They will create a street art exhibition treasure hunt.

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<b>Making it Happen Delivery Team (3VA, AIRS, HVA, RVA, SCDA)</b>	Entrance hall	Mapping – who, what and where are the pieces of gold in your community?
<b>Making it Happen Delivery Team (3VA, AIRS, HVA, RVA, SCDA)</b>	Table 34	Planning a project. The team will be available with tools and support to pin down your ideas for a community project and turn them into a plan
<b>East Sussex County Council Research and Intelligence Team</b>	Table 35	East Sussex in Figures and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – data and intelligence to support funding applications
<b>East Sussex County Council External Funding Team</b> <b>The ABC Fund</b>	Table 35	Information, advice, guidance, bid writing, finding funds, building a case for support
<b>3VA</b> <b>Action in Rural Sussex (AIRS)</b> <b>Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA)</b> <b>Rother Voluntary Action (AIRS)</b>	Table 36	Information, advice and guidance on formalising a group and options for governance.
<b>Rother VCSE Network</b>	Table 37	The Rother VCSE Network is building a network to support forward planning. They will host a discussion around the purpose of the group to engage in forward planning.
<b>Collaborate CIC</b>	Table 39	Exploring the change that ABCD is making
<b>East Sussex County Council Social Value Market Place</b>	Table 39	Sharing resources to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of local residents and communities



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<b>Helping Out CIC</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Havens Young Creatives</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Newhaven Futsal</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Tidemills Choir</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Refugee Buddy Project</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Just Friends</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>Inroads Production</b>	Cinema area	Film
<b>LGBTQ+ and Allies Support Team (LAST)</b>	Cinema area	Film







# Making it Happen – Getting Support

- If you have a good idea for a project, fill in the Your Ideas form on the website at [www.making-it-happen.org.uk](http://www.making-it-happen.org.uk)
- We will talk to you about how you might make your idea a reality
- We can talk to anyone who lives in East Sussex but projects in certain neighbourhoods may also be eligible for funding. Check details on the website
- Contact:
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