

Birmingham's Neighbourhood Network Schemes

NNS: Connecting people, local activities & services

Purpose / Vision

The purpose of NNS is to ensure that as many citizens over 50 as possible can access community based support which can promote well-being and a better quality of life. NNS aims to do this through better co-ordination of community-based prevention & early intervention services.

Social Work Teams

Birmingham City Council's social work teams cover constituencies. They can have meetings and drop in surgeries in local assets such as libraries & cafes. They use the 3 Conversations approach to get to know citizens better. This approach starts with looking at the strengths of individuals and communities. It ensures social workers have time for real conversations with citizens and focus on what is important to the individual. NNS helps them to progress these conversations. Social workers can then introduce citizens to activities & services which help them have a good life. Social workers advise on local gaps, make suggestions & feedback on activities to NNS workers.

The Neighbourhood

NNS starts with the communities where people live. The focus is on constituencies and wards.

NNS Workers

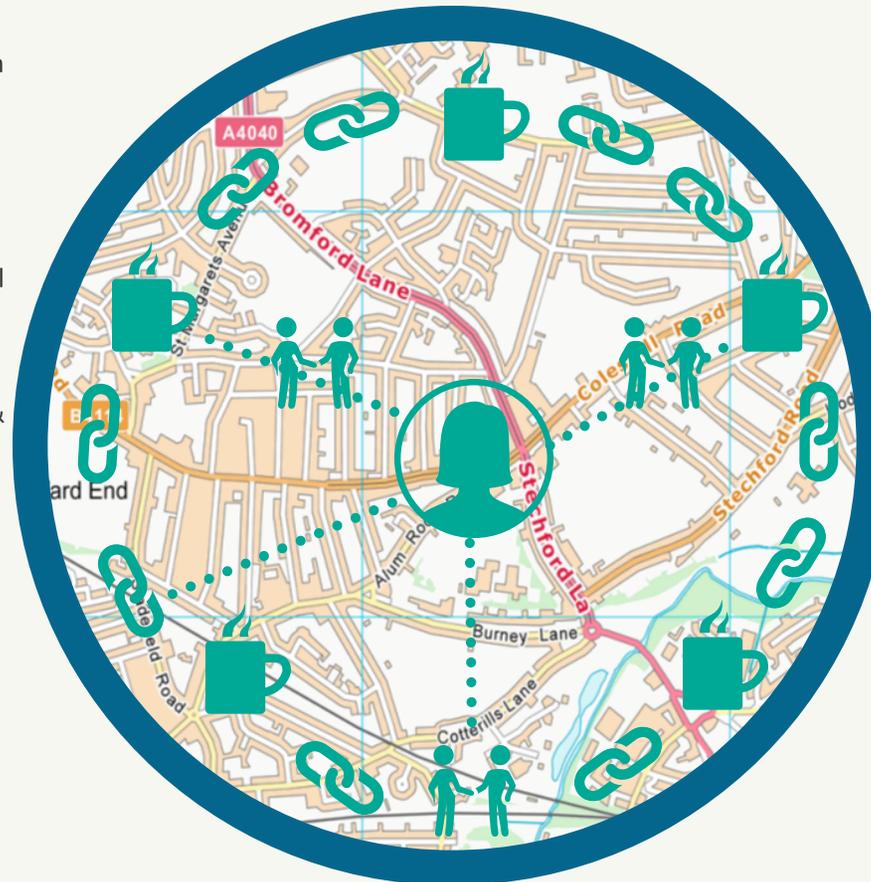
NNS workers get to know the activities & services on their patch. NNS workers in each constituency work closely with social work teams to link them up with assets. NNS workers identify and fill in the local gaps by running a small grants scheme to try new things. They also provide training and support to groups & undertake community development.

Citizens 50+

Citizens can get involved locally in NNS. Local NNS workers can advise on opportunities. In some areas they sit on panels; in others there are citizen forums. Many local assets rely on local citizens to run activities too.

Local Assets

Activities & services occur in many local venues such as community centres, places of worship, parks, advice surgeries and citizens own homes.



Asset Directory

The NNS workers list all the assets in the on-line asset directory. This is shared with social workers & is available here: <https://brumnns.wordpress.com/>

