

HOME(LESSNESS) SOUTHWARK CITIZENS FOR SPATIAL JUSTICE

TAKE PART: What can we do about homelessness together?

South London Gallery, Fire Station
82 Peckham Road SE15 5LQ
Wednesdays 6 – 8pm, 24 April – 22 May 2019

Homelessness is an urgent issue in Southwark. What can be done to help improve the situation? Your name was randomly selected to take part in this unique project to bring together a group of people in Southwark. We would like to invite you to attend 5 briefings with experts to find out more about homelessness in the borough, in order to decide the focus for a campaign in 2020. Find out how to register overleaf.

This project will bring together a wide-ranging group of people. We are not looking for experts! We all bring our own life experience, which is really valuable. To ensure fairness we have used random selection to post 1,000 letter invitations to Southwark residents. If you register your interest, we will then select and contact a group of 15 people representative of the borough who will form a Citizens' Action Group.

This Citizens' Action Group will be briefed on key issues that impact on levels of homelessness such as immigration status, mental health and affordable housing. The group will then be invited to evaluate the information and assess what action we take forward that will have the most impact. We will present our findings to Neil Coyle MP (co-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Ending Homelessness) in a meeting at the Houses of Parliament.

Your input really matters and to help make it easier to attend we will provide:

- A payment of £100
- Refreshments, teas and coffees
- An option to learn weaving during a de-brief at the end of each session

WHY HAVE I BEEN INVITED?

→ We have contacted 1,000 people in Southwark by post. This has been carried out randomly using postcodes in order to ensure fair representation.

HOW IT WORKS

→ You must be over 18 years old to register. Once you sign up online or by phone, we then select 15 people using the questions that you answer in the registration process. This information will be used to make this group representative of Southwark.

→ You will be contacted by 18 April for the next stage of this process.

→ If so, we will ask you to attend 5 meetings at the South London Gallery. The gallery has step-free access. If you have any questions or need any assistance please contact us at: citizensactiongroup2019@gmail.com

HOW THIS WILL HELP

→ These meetings are the first stage of a wider project. We are using these sessions to build knowledge between citizens on the issue of homelessness in Southwark.

→ At the end of these meetings we will present our findings at the Houses of Parliament to Neil Coyle MP.

→ In 2020 we will use your findings to run a campaign to change policy around this issue.

WHO HOME(LESSNESS)-SOUTHWARK CITIZENS FOR SPATIAL JUSTICE ARE

→ We are Dr. Amy McDonnell and Eva Sajovic, artists, curators and social activists who have received support from the Westminster Law & Theory Lab at the University of Westminster, the South London Gallery and The Sortition Foundation in order to carry out this activity.

→ We have long-standing experience engaging with issues around democratic processes, gentrification, housing and skills sharing.

Please register your interest by 8 April

Register at: www.sortitionfoundation.org/rsvp

Or by freephone at: 0800 009 6486 (9am – 6pm, Monday-Saturday)

Any questions contact: citizensactiongroup2019@gmail.com