



The Ideas Hub is an online platform that celebrates great ideas, people and inspiring stories around health, community and wellbeing, with a specific focus on collaboration, co-production and community driven approaches. The Ideas Hub celebrates the 'small stories' about simple ideas that are making a difference to real people, those practitioners and those ideas that are challenging the status quo and transforming the way the public sector operates

Often these sorts of stories don't make it to the big reports and those who have busy jobs don't have time to read these anyway. The Ideas Hub was set up to provide a quick and easy way to read about what others are doing and helps to connect people working or engaging in similar projects. Combining the concepts with the innovators, this hub will support both through the barriers they face.

The Ideas Hub was started in June 2016 by Linda Hutchinson and Helen Sharp.

Linda Hutchinson is the founder of LH Alliances, a UK based consultancy that specializes in alliancing and alliance contracting. Before founding LH Alliances Linda was a pediatrician and she has held senior roles in the NHS, education and regulation.

Helen Sharp is an independent consultant, working with Local Authorities to rethink the role of citizens in commission of public services and resources. She previously worked as a commissioner in Lambeth and as a project worker and drug/ alcohol worker in the homeless sector.

Linda and Helen met when Helen was a commissioner at Lambeth Council and Linda advised on an alliance she was developing. Both have become increasingly interested in the value of collaborative and appreciative ways of working. They started the Ideas Hub as a place to showcase and gather inspiring stories, studies and people that they come across in their work.

The Ideas Hub is a news and blogging platform and it also aims to create a network of likeminded people. There are a number of ways people can get involved:

**Contributor** - Do you have an idea or story around health, community or wellbeing that you would like to tell people about? Do you travel around and meets lots of different groups in your work? If so, you can email the Ideas Hub at [hello@ideas-hub.org.uk](mailto:hello@ideas-hub.org.uk). You can send the details and we can arrange to call you and we'll write

up your story for you. We want to make it as easy as possible. We'll name check you and anyone else you tell us about.

**Champion** - Are you passionate about co-production, collaboration and strengths based approaches? Then become part of the movement for change by sharing our link and Twitter [@ideashub](#) and telling us about others – email us and we'll be in touch.

**Subscriber** – Do you want to be notified of any new articles and stories publish on the Ideas Hub? Just email us asking to be added to our mailing list. And you can follow the Ideas Hub on Twitter for updates [@ideashub](#)

**Blogger** – Have you read our blogs and would like to write a guest blog for the Ideas Hub? We're happy to give you the platform for what inspires you or what you have done to change ways of working. Just email us with your details and your blog idea and we'll be in contact.

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