

# Plan review feedback for Newington Big Local

Thank you for submitting your plan review to Local Trust. This feedback is about your plan review process and how you have been monitoring your impact, but it's not an assessment of your activities.

We want to help you make the most of the opportunity the plan review gives you to learn about the impact of your work and to enable you to share this learning with your Big Local area.

We use your plan review in the assessment process for future plans and funding agreements for your area. In addition, we analyse reviews across all the Big Local areas to learn more about the programme as a whole and share any findings through our guidance, training and learning events.

The more information you provide about how you are doing, the easier it is for you to see your achievements and impact. This information then helps us to improve our support to areas, which is why we value your plan review so much!

## What we liked about your plan review:

- Your review provided an excellent overview of what you have done and the progress you have made.
- The addition of pictures and videos really added to the review. We particularly liked your Best Fest video. If you are sponsoring the event again in 2017, please tell us the date and we'll do our best to come along!
- Your marketing strategy and brand guidelines helped us to understand how you plan to progress your profile and activities in your next plan.

## What can make your review even better:

- You mentioned you will be creating four films to demonstrate your impact. This sounds like a great idea! We are holding our first ever **Big Local Film Festival** on Saturday 1 July in Birmingham. It's a great opportunity to see what other Big Local areas are doing through media and there will be workshops too. You can find more about the festival and book a place [here](#).
- You said you have several examples of 'individual journeys of success.' Case studies are an excellent way to show your impact, so feel free to include these in your next review.
- The research team at Local Trust can support you to build impact monitoring into all your activities so that it's easier to bring findings together and check your progress. Contact us and we can arrange a visit to discuss this with you. You can also look here for [some ideas from other Big Local areas](#) about how to monitor impact.

## Resources available to support you:

**Local Trust's website:** We have a range of [tools and resources](#) on our website that can help you with your plan review, so take a look if you need some new ideas or inspiration from other areas. We update these resources and add new ones from time to time, so keep checking!

**Facebook group on Big Local research:** The [Facebook group on Big Local research](#) is where residents and researchers exchange learning, ideas and research tools for community research and self-evaluation. This can also be a platform where you can start new collaborations to research issues of interest to the community. Feel free to join the group and share it with interested residents.

**Local Trust's research on Big Local:** We carry out research on Big Local which you might find interesting and relevant to your area. All of the reports and summaries are available under the [research and evaluation page](#) on our website.

## Sharing your research and evaluations:

If you have any reports or data from research and evaluations that you have carried out in your area in between your plan reviews, please share them with us. We are always interested in your research and in sharing information and learning across areas.

## Contact the research team:

If you'd like advice or support on any of these resources or would like to talk to us about your feedback, please get in touch.

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