

Coproduction Celebration Event Report July 2024



The Slough Coproduction Network (CPN) hosted an event to mark the National coproduction week celebrating coproduction in Slough. The event was held at Chalvey Community Hub on 9th July 2024.

The aim of the event was to:

- Promote Slough's approach to Coproduction.
- Understand the role of the CPN and the work it has been involved in
- Hear about other projects in Slough that have adopted a Coproduction approach.
- Showcase how Coproduction has a positive influence in health and adult social care services in Slough.

Volunteer members from the CPN had a key role in planning and hosting the event. They shared their personal experiences of what Coproduction means to them and how they have developed their skills and grown in confidence since being part of the network. They described their role in being involved in projects including adult social care strategy development and commissioning activities. We also welcomed other organisations in Slough that have a Coproduction approach to promote their projects and share their positive accounts.

Senior leaders from Slough Borough Council gave their commitment to ensuring that residents would be involved in future decisions.

We were delighted that over 100 people came together to network and be part of the celebrations. This included Slough residents, health and social care staff, partner organisations and the mayor.

'Step together', a dance group for people with learning disabilities, supported by the Creative Academy, performed a lively dance which was enjoyed by all - they brought lots of energy to the room!



Summary of comments from people attending the event

We invited people to provide comments at the event, some of which are listed below.

- To our lovely host Karen “thank you for welcoming us with your most beautiful smile!”
- You put together a wonderful celebration of Coproduction.
- Well organised
- Good turnout
- Engaging forum with committed stakeholders
- Great to see so many things to celebrate.
- Films were very enlightening.
- Good that being part of the network has been enjoyable as well as productive.
- Great to see so many things to celebrate together - Coproduction is not easy, if it was it would be less worthwhile or necessary. Challenge is good as is support.
- Agree with the concept of Coproduction.
- We need more representation and capacity building.
- Impressed with how Slough Borough Council enabled many people to at all levels to have a voice and contribute to the systems and processes of Slough Borough Council
- A question I would ask – if Coprodction works well in Slough, to what extent has this been communicated to other Councils? Why not share the joy?
- How does Slough Borough Council involve itself in the church/faith communities in Slough?

Access some of the video presentations from the day

- [Celebrating Co-production](#)
- [Co-production involvement in interviewing](#)



Feedback following from the event

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from attendees about the event, some are listed below.

I just wanted to say what a fantastic event it was on Tuesday. It went really well, a great set of presentations and it was really powerful to hear people's personal stories, how they got involved and how much being part of the CPN means to them. Karen did a great job co-chairing, and the dance troop were absolutely brilliant. I think the mayor enjoyed it too 😊

Thank you so much for inviting us for your co-production evening yesterday, it was really lovely and informative, I absolutely loved the way you supported Karen to make her shine!

Thank you for the opportunity!! We're always VERY happy to talk about Hope College and Peer Mentoring!! It was a really good day so congratulations to everyone involved! All the hard work paid off. We'll look forward to next year 😊

I just wanted to take the time to congratulate everyone on today's event, it was a pleasure to be part of the celebration and to hear about the journey and impact the network has had on so many. This followed by partners sharing how they are working collaboratively and supporting carers was overwhelming. Well done coordinating today and ensuring it went well. Please pass on my thanks and well done to the network. Well done everyone – you have the POWER!

You and all the SBC co production group were fabulous! Karen did a marvellous job of introducing the speakers. She certainly was the right person to take on that role. Thank you for your continuous encouragement and support.

