



Camden's Evening & Night Time Citizens' Assembly

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Citizens' Assembly?

A Citizens' Assembly is a way of involving a group of citizens to learn about, deliberate upon, and make recommendations in relation to a particular issue or set of issues. These people are called 'participants'.

Participants do not have to have prior knowledge or expertise in the subject.

Participants usually come together for several days to hear expert evidence, talk about the issues, share ideas, and reach a conclusion or make recommendations. They are helped by facilitators who make sure participants have a fair opportunity to have their say and to take part in the process.

When will the Evening & Night Time Citizens' Assembly take place?

The Assembly will be held from approximately 9:30am – 4:30pm on 3 dates:

- Saturday 18 February 2023
- Saturday 25 February 2023
- Saturday 4 March 2023

Where will the Citizens' Assembly take place?

The Assembly will be held at Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HQ, which is:

- 5 minutes walk from Euston Station
- 8 minutes walk from St Pancras International and Eurostar terminals
- 10 minutes walk from Kings Cross Station
- 5 minutes walk from Russell Square and Euston Square Underground

Buses that stop on Tavistock Square include the 59, 68, 168 and 91.

What will participants do?

Participants will develop a vision for the future of Camden's evening and night time and make recommendations about how the Council, businesses and Camden's communities could achieve this vision together.

Over the 3 days of the Assembly, participants will:

- learn about Camden's evening and night time through a range of materials and presentations, including from experts with related experience, to understand the different opinions and issues around Camden's night time;
- be supported to explore their own opinions on Camden's evening and night time, alongside the opinions of other participants; then
- work together to identify a vision and recommendations for Camden's evening and night time economy strategy.

No experience or prior knowledge of the subject is needed. The Citizens' Assembly is about giving people from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences the opportunity to get involved.

Who can take part?

- To be eligible, you must live or work in Camden or be a Camden business owner and be aged 16 and above.
- 50 people will be selected to reflect the diversity of Camden using criteria across gender, age, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, geography, and housing tenure.
- To make sure there is a broadly representative group of participants in the Citizens' Assembly, the random selection process will use demographic data as a guide.
- You may be ineligible if there is a conflict of interest or a perceived conflict of interest, for example, if you are an elected member or if you are part of a group or organisation that campaigns on issues related to the evening and night time or evening and night time economy.
- No prior knowledge about the subject is needed.

How do I register?



Please complete the form using the QR code, or email nighttime@camden.gov.uk if you would prefer a hardcopy.

If you are d/Deaf or hard of hearing, please text or WhatsApp 0791 7435 791.

If you are Blind or have other sight loss, please call 0791 7435 791

Registrations close on **Monday 16 January 2023**.

We will let you know if you have been offered a place on the Assembly between 25 January to 3 February 2023.

Will panel members receive an incentive for taking part?

Yes, we recognise that this is a big commitment. Everyone who attends all 3 sessions will be offered a gift of thanks, as either cash or a voucher, worth £250.

Participants may also decline the gift of thanks if preferred.

How are participants chosen?

Participants will be selected at random from the group of people who register their interest in joining the Citizens' Assembly. To make sure there is a broadly representative group of participants in the Citizens' Assembly, the random selection process will use demographic data for Camden.

If I'm not selected, how can I contribute?

Everyone can share their views through our online Commonplace site:

<https://camdenente.commonplace.is/>

The surveys on the Commonplace will close on **Friday 20 January 2023**. The feedback shared on the Commonplace will form part of the materials presented to the Citizens' Assembly.

Will the Citizens' Assembly be accessible?

We will support everyone selected for the Citizens' Assembly to take part, regardless of their levels of needs or individual circumstances. All selected panel members will be contacted individually to discuss any support needs.

There is a budget to cover reasonable childcare costs, travel expenses, language support or other support needs.

What will I need to prepare for the Citizens' Assembly?

There's no specific preparation that you will be expected to do if you are selected to join the Citizens' Assembly. You may be provided with a short 'information pack' to read in advance.

Who will run the Citizens' Assembly?

It will be independently delivered by [involve](#) who are a public participation charity. Involve will be the lead facilitators for the Assembly, with Camden Council staff supporting them.

Who else is involved in the Citizens' Assembly?

An Expert Advisory Group (EAG) has been contributing to the design of the Assembly. The EAG is not a decision-making group. Members of the EAG provide advice and guidance to the team organising the Assembly.

Members of the EAG include representatives from business, arts, music and culture venues, local charities, key night time services (such as police and transport) and academics who specialise in night time economy research and participatory democracy processes.

The EAG will also help identify key speakers and review the information being presented to the Assembly to make sure it is balanced and relevant to the issues that participants will be asked to think about.

Will my information be secure?

You will not be personally identified in any report or publication related to Camden's evening and night time economy strategy or the Citizens' Assembly process.

If you are selected to join the Assembly, we will de-identify the demographic information you provide to us so Camden Council can publicly demonstrate the mix of people that took part in the Assembly, without personally identifying you.

For example:

Of the 50 participants, 30% of people were aged between 16 and 25.

Apart from UCL, the organisation that is independently evaluating the Citizens' Assembly and Involve, who will be responsible for paying participants the gift of thanks, Camden Council will not pass on any of your personal information to a third party or use it for any other purpose other than those stated to you.

We would like to take photographs during the panel for publicity purposes. We will seek your consent at the start of the Citizens' Assembly, and you can decline if you prefer.

Can I leave the meeting before meetings finish or arrive late?

We do expect participants to arrive and leave on time. You won't be able to take part fully in the conversation if you do not attend the whole session. If there is a reason you cannot attend the full session, please let the organisers know as soon as possible.

Can I bring my friends and family?

You may bring a carer if you require support, but it won't be possible for you to bring your friends or family. We are looking to build as diverse representation of Camden borough as possible, so we normally only recruit one person per household.

What if I have any further questions before I am contacted?

Please contact us on nighttime@camden.gov.uk or call, text, or WhatsApp the project team on 0791 7435 791.

What will happen after the Citizens' Assembly?

Camden Council will use the vision and recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly to inform the development of Camden's Evening and Night Time Economy Strategy.