



**ISLAND NETWORK
COVID UPDATE 2021**

Chairpersons Message



The Island Network has distributed over 20,000 meals since the pandemic supporting every single person in need.

We have assisted with mental health support, visiting the elderly and sick, shopping for the vulnerable, food hampers, helping domestic abuse survivors, vulnerable people in care, and engaging our young people with COVID safe activities.

We also extended our support to local schools and NHS front line workers by providing them with hot meals and food packs.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers for their time and sacrifice during these difficult times. This work would not be possible without the support and donations from One Housing Group, Canary Wharf Group, Mesut Ozil Winter Warmers campaign, Docklands FC, and local business partners.

It has been comforting to see so many people from all walks of life come together in the spirit of humanity, love, and care.

Going forward, we will continue to listen to your needs and respond with the care and support you so rightly deserve.

The road ahead is uncertain but with the help of everyone in the community we will work tirelessly to make sure our community is safe.

Maium Miah Talukdar
Chairperson

Love, care, & humanity

Dear Friends,

As the chairperson of the Island Network I would like to extend my seasonal greetings to all our friends, neighbors, and our incredible community.

In the last few months we have all gone through some of the most difficult times in recent memory. We have seen an increase in mental health issues, people losing their livelihoods, family breakdown, and sadly losing some of our beloved members of our community.

Despite all this grief and sadness we have come together as a community of resilient and courageous Islanders to reach out and help our neighbours and friends.

Our Partners

One Housing



'The support we received from the Island Network and other organisations has been overwhelming. We are eternally grateful for your love and support'

**Dr. Ali
Royal London Hospital**

SUPPORTING THE NHS



The Island Network

The Island Network is an umbrella group representing 14 Black Asian Minority Ethnic led organisations operating in the Isle of Dogs. The umbrella group was created 8 years ago to establish a cohesive and structured method of working to address issues and problems faced in the BAME communities.

The groups and organisations are made up of community development institutes, faith groups, youth forums, and women led organisations.

Our vision is to serve and ensure that all BAME members are represented so they can seek to promote and serve the community around the following themes;

- Community Leadership and empowerment
- Capacity Building of Community organisations
- Promoting Education
- Promoting Wellbeing and health
 - Promoting Equality, Diversity, community harmony and cohesion
 - Collectively working to serve everyone in the community
 - Share, learn, and adapt best practice
 - To work towards building an open, fair, transparent community

The collective membership represent over 3,000+ residents residing in the London E14 and surrounding areas. Programmes and projects include;

- Health initiatives
- Youth Engagement
- Older people projects
- Women's Empowerment and development
- Education, Employment, and training
- Start up and Entrepreneurship

The Island Network has managed to assist and help all its members to maximise their goals and ambitions to better serve the community. It has supported funding applications, capacity building, volunteer development, and building networks and representation with local stakeholders.

'Thank you to all the volunteers for putting the community first before their own needs'

**Eve
Blackwall & Cubitt
Town**





SUPPORTING OUR
COMMUNITY



‘Our community needs us more than ever before and we are ready to serve’

**Abdul Sabur
Treasurer**

Covid-19

The onset of the pandemic has had a devastating effect on all our member organisations. With the majority of the groups being volunteer led almost all programmes have come to a standstill.

Despite the situation some of our resilient and dedicated volunteers under strict guidelines have continued supporting the community as best as possible. We have especially made provisions to support vulnerable people in the community through emergency food packs, and hot cooked meals. So far we have distributed over 20,000 meals to vulnerable people in the community.

We have also noticed a significant spike in issues around mental health and wellbeing with a particular focus on domestic violence cases, depression, heightened anxiety, youth disengagement, and loneliness with our seniors.

Join Us

You can play your part in supporting the community by join the Island Network volunteer team. No matter what your skill sets, experience, or ability we have a job for you.

So please get in contact with a member of the team on email: Islandnetwork1@gmail.com or telephone 07983 798 791.

If you know anyone in the community that is vulnerable, lonely, or in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Secretary's Message



As the secretary of Island Network, I would like to thank all of our volunteers who have been helping our community.

It is sad that many of our elders who are vulnerable and needy are not getting enough support.

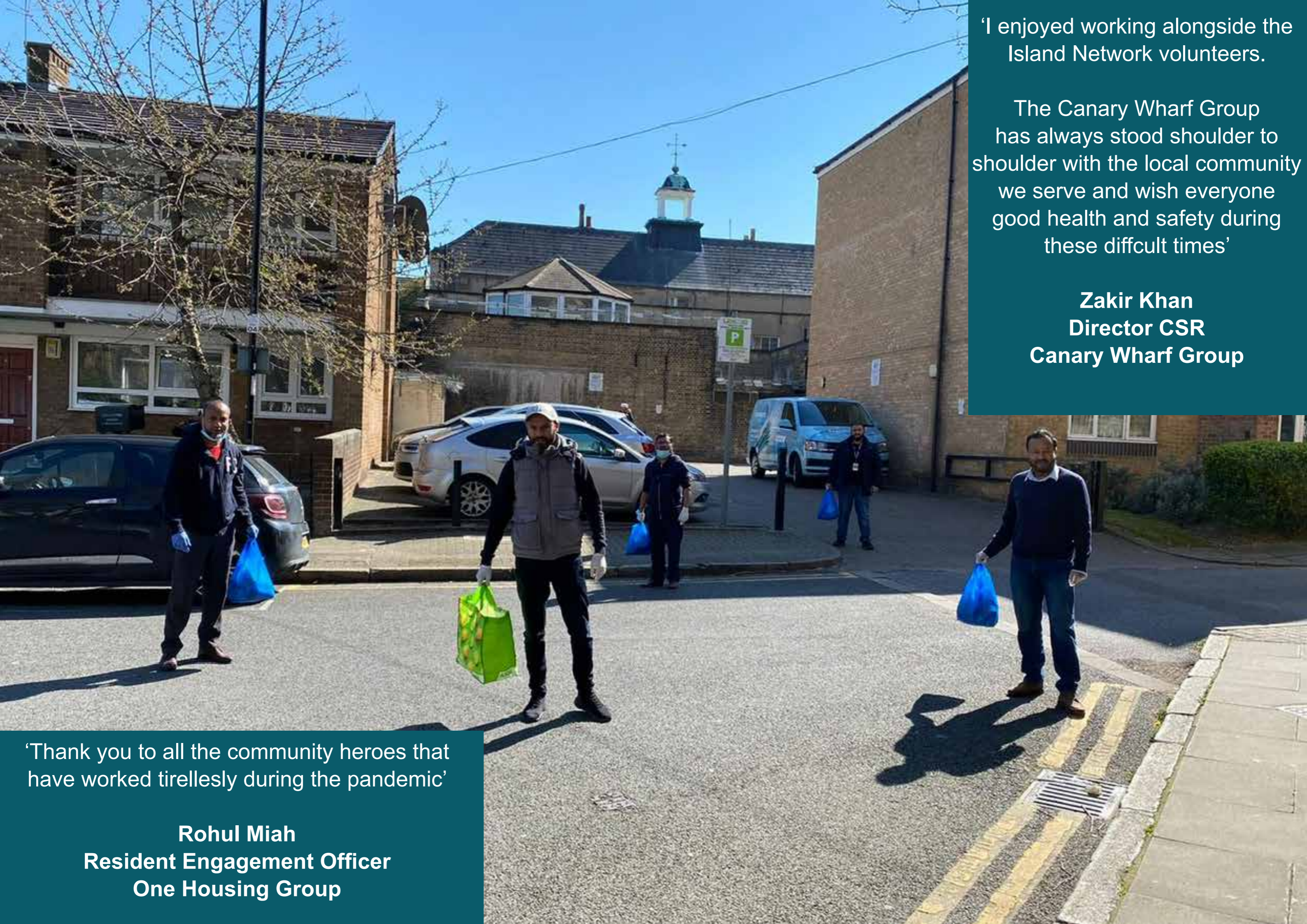
Our volunteers have been working hard to reach as many vulnerable people as possible to make sure they are safe.

Only by working together, we will beat this pandemic.

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WORKING TOGETHER



'I enjoyed working alongside the Island Network volunteers.

The Canary Wharf Group has always stood shoulder to shoulder with the local community we serve and wish everyone good health and safety during these difficult times'

Zakir Khan
Director CSR
Canary Wharf Group

'Thank you to all the community heroes that have worked tirelessly during the pandemic'

Rohul Miah
Resident Engagement Officer
One Housing Group



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