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From Kropotkin to COVID-19: the role of mutual aid associations in democratic participation

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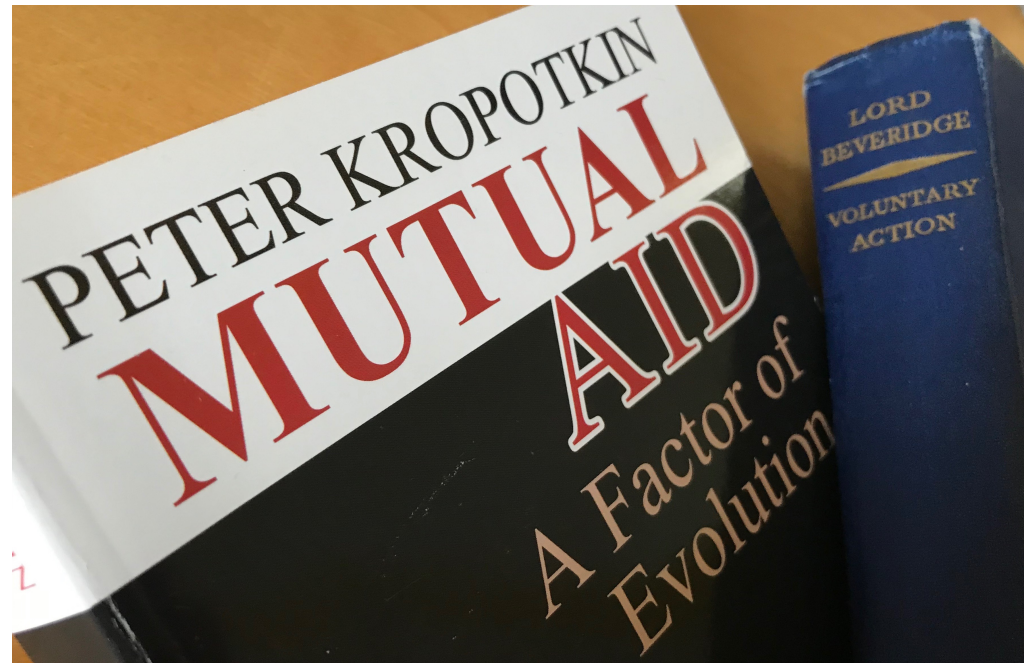
Introduction

“Mutual aid” - groups
created mid-March

Where have people
and ideas come from?

Where is this leading?

How does this relate to
VCS and the state?



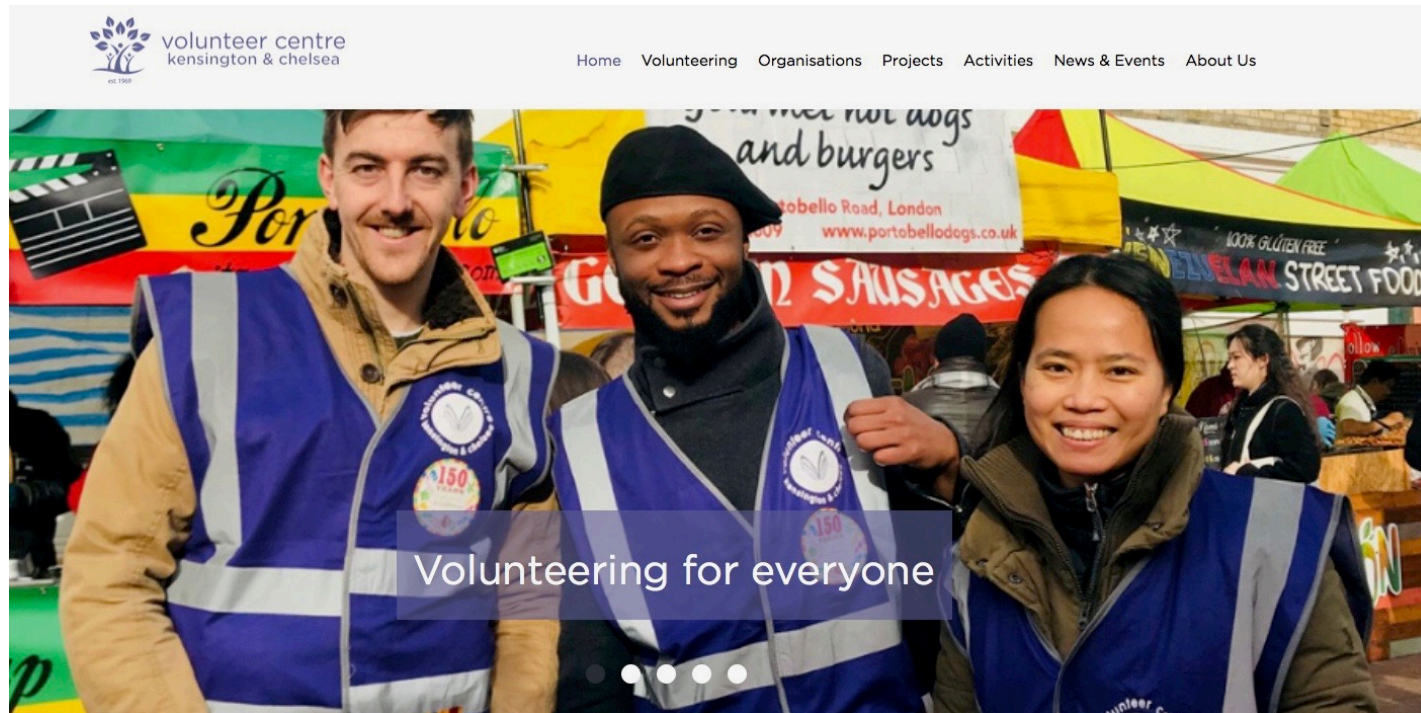
The study

The story of mutual aid associations during the COVID-19 crisis in Kensington and Chelsea, from the perspective of those involved since March.

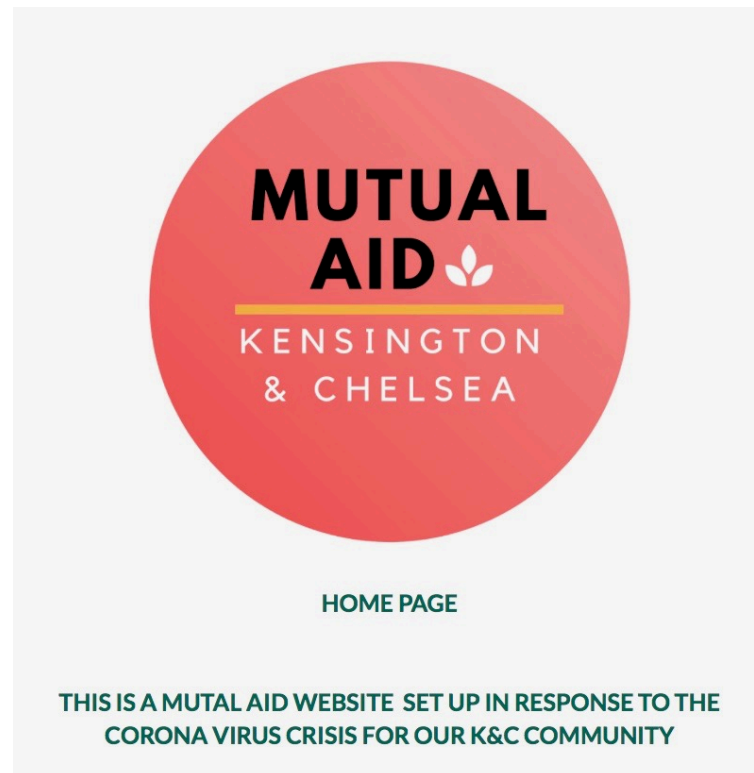
Participant observation with key figures in mutual aid groups and borough networks: survey of groups (n=30); two workshops with key stakeholders (n=10); interviews (n=10). Discourse analysis of policy documentation; literature review of “mutual aid”.

Six months - UEA Ethics Approval 19 August.

The place



The groups



What we've heard so far



Co-produced



Co-ordinated



Co-opted



Contested

Summary

- Given the policy interest at national and local levels, there is an urgent need for better understanding of “mutual aid” – this research will contribute to policy, practice and further research
- Our research is just beginning - we continue to collect the evidence and analyse the ideas and activities to report in March
- This study offers a case of how academics can work with local groups to collect data systematically and analyse what they find together; and how local participants can provide evidence and insight

Thank you!

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