

Atlas Caremaps & Community Mapping

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Short description

This method combines Atlas Caremaps, a tool for visualizing personal care networks, with community mapping using KUMU (a free to access software for public projects to map systems, stakeholders, networks etc) to visualize and enhance the local landscape of care in Clapton Common. It aims to make visible the invisible networks of care and support, fostering connectivity and resource sharing among community members. It's especially helpful for generating cooperative connections, promoting a local gift economy, and supporting asset-based community development and so-called care commons. It may be less helpful in situations where community engagement is low or where the digital divide limits access to the mapping platform. Here it has been used to consolidate initial paper based **collaborative mapping** exercises as a starting point to build a fuller mapping picture which can ultimately enable partners & care recipients to identify improvements to their care plans and potential for improved sharing of resources through **co-design**.

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Who can use this method/be involved?

Beyond caregivers and care receivers, this method can be beneficial for community organisers, local groups, and organisations interested in developing or enhancing community-based care systems.

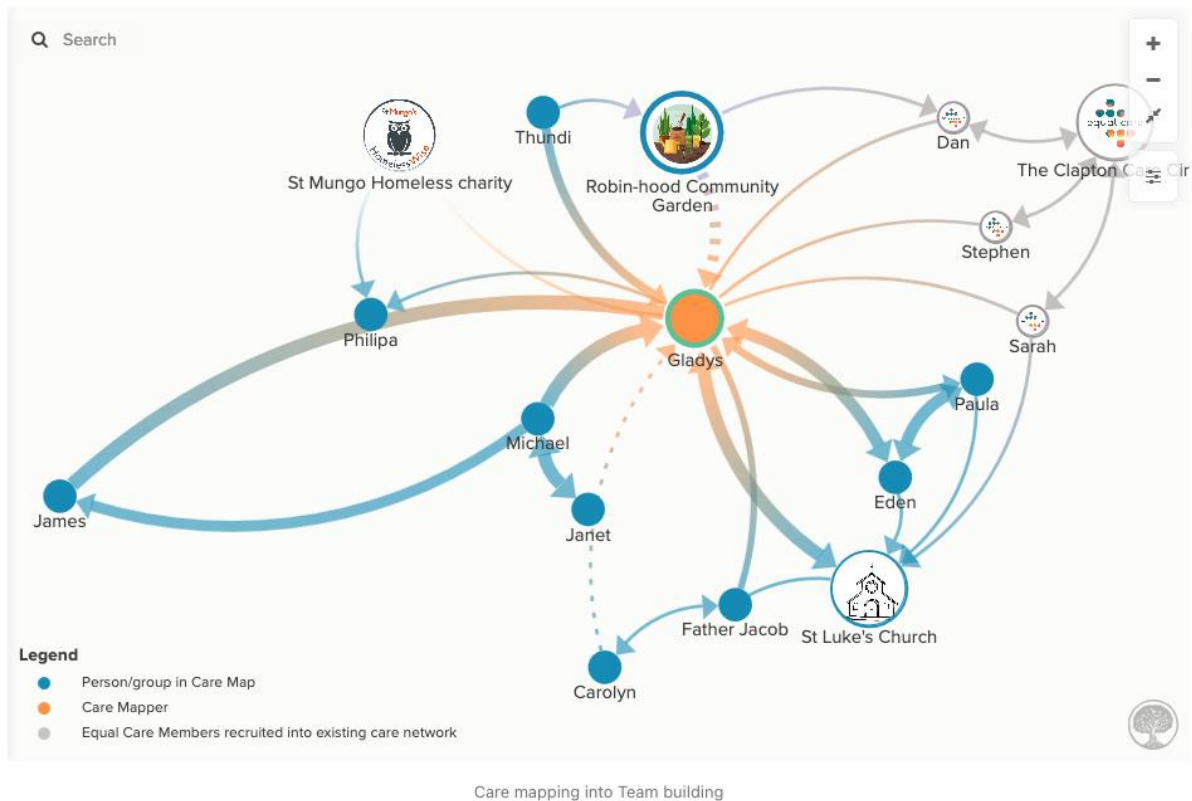


Figure 11: Care mapping into Team building, Source: Fairville London Lab

Steps

1. Engage with the community to identify individuals and groups involved in giving and receiving care.
2. Use Atlas Caremaps and KUMU to map out the care networks and the broader landscape of community care.
3. Facilitate discussions and workshops to reflect on these maps, identifying opportunities for strengthening care connections and community support.

Resources and materials required

Human resources, volunteers, digital tools (access to the KUMU platform for community mapping), and community engagement tools for workshops and discussions.

Tips/ What to pay attention to

Pay close attention to the dynamics of community engagement and the accessibility of mapping tools. Ensure inclusivity in the mapping process to capture a comprehensive view of the community's care landscape.

Examples of use

Examples can be found through the Equal Care Coop and Clapton Commons project.

Further reading / (re)sources

For more detailed guidance and examples, the Equal Care Coop blog and the Atlas of Care website provide good resources. Additionally, the KUMU platform offers tutorials and case studies on system mapping.

- <https://blog.equalcare.coop/mappingcareclapton/>
- <https://blog.equalcare.coop/atlas-caremaps-equal-care-the-role-of-care-mapping/>
- <https://kumu.io/>
- <https://atlasofcaregiving.com/>