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Poverty and elderly population in Camden

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Introduction

Definition of community.

Community is described as a group of people sharing the same interest , straggles, values , believes and coexist.

- **(Merriam-Webster2019)**



Introduction

- **Aim: to raise awareness about elderly community in Camden town and what issues they face.**

-Poverty fallow by:

Poor housing

Hight criminal rate

(AgeUK, 2023)



Demographic

Cultural Diversity

The 2021 Census shows that Black Africans are the largest minority ethnic group in seven Camden wards, followed by Bangladeshis in six, Chinese in one, and Indians in one ward.



(How life has changed in Camden: Census 2021 n.d.)

Demographic

Camden town population , 218,000 residents at Mid-2021-2022.

The average age in Camden town is 25-35 years old.

Classification	Percentage in Camden
85 years and over	1.5%
75 to 84 years	3.9%
65 to 74 years	6.5%
50 to 64 years	16.3%

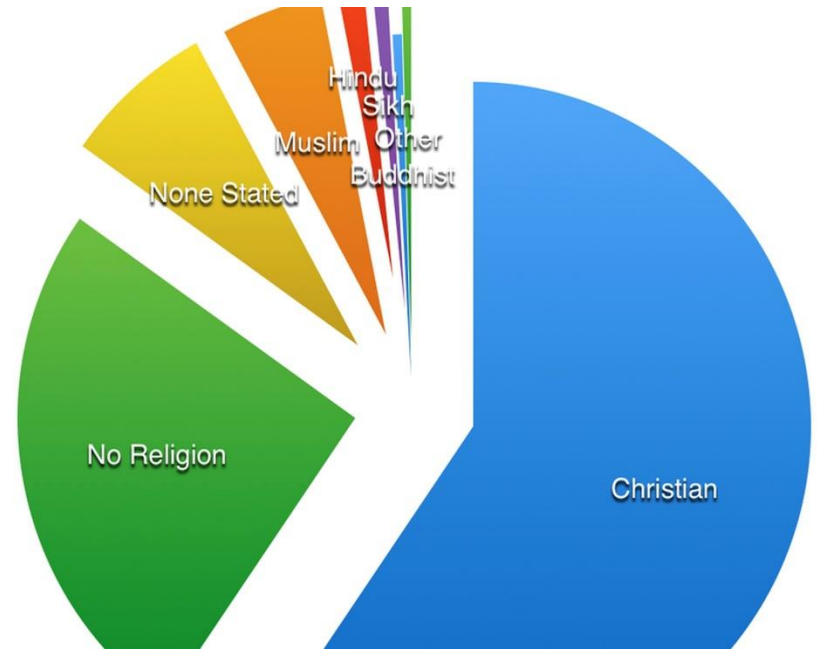
**According with Censuses 2021,
population of elderly is decreasing .**

(How life has changed in Camden: Census 2021 n.d.)

Demographic

Religions date

- had no religion 35%,
- Christian 31%,
- Muslim 16%,
- Jewish 5%,
- Hindu 2%,
- Buddhist 1%,
- no stated 9%.



(Demographic Databook | Open Data Portal n.d.)

Stakeholders involved in the program

- Camden town council
- Government
- Supports workers/NHS
- Charity's (AgeUK)
- Community
- **Social prescriber team**

Use of digital media and technologies for community development



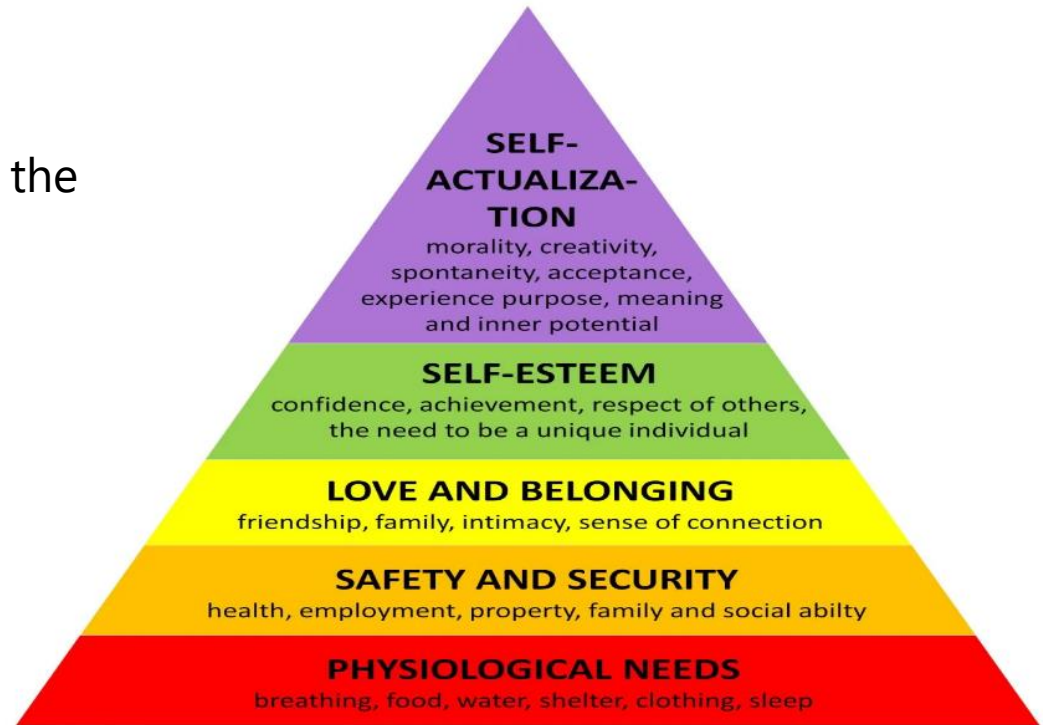
For providing an easier access to information for elderly the digital technology use will be , radio , tv news channels, Facebook.



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Poverty in Camden town is affecting the life of elderly. They will be at the life stage when the basic need can be achieved by themselves

Ex. Being homeless, lonely, financier straggles, sickness.



(McLeod 2024)

legislation and policy impact the support and growth of a community

- Equality Act 2010
- Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018
- Human Rights Act 1998
- The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

Barriers/obstacles to community development

- Inefficient funds from the government.
- Not enough council houses for provide for the elderly homeless.

Recommendations

May be impossible to end the poverty but are many actions that can be taken to support the elderly population.

- Increase uptake levels of Pension Credit.
- Food bank
- Provide accommodation
- Community support

(Almost a quarter of older Londoners are living in poverty 2023)

Conclusion

Poverty is a big issue and can affect all the population , elderlyface hardship because of the age, sickness and loneliness,

The local authorities, communities and family to support and care for the elderly.

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