

GREAT Project in Greenwich



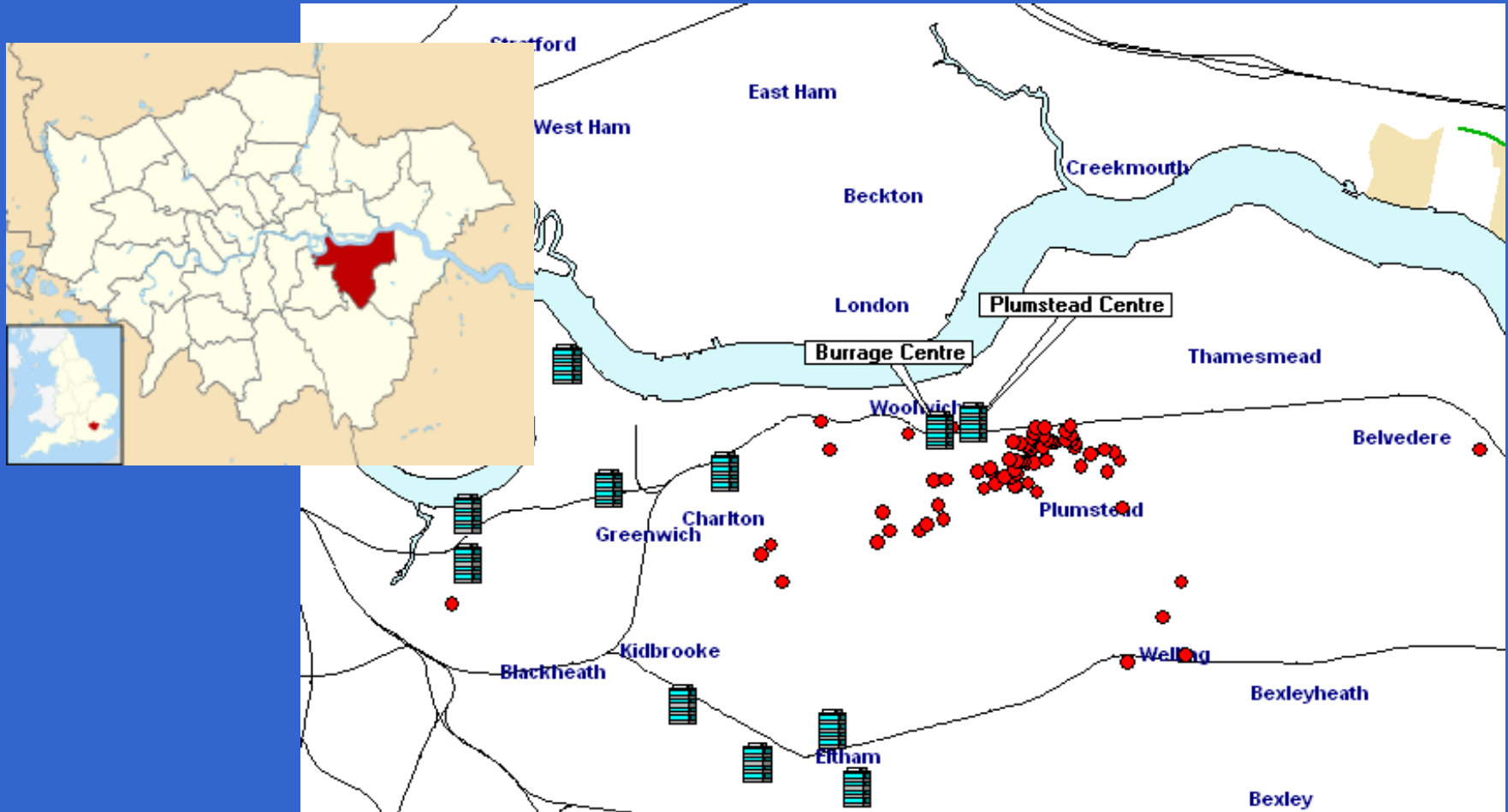
Peter Carrol – Gurkha Justice Campaigner



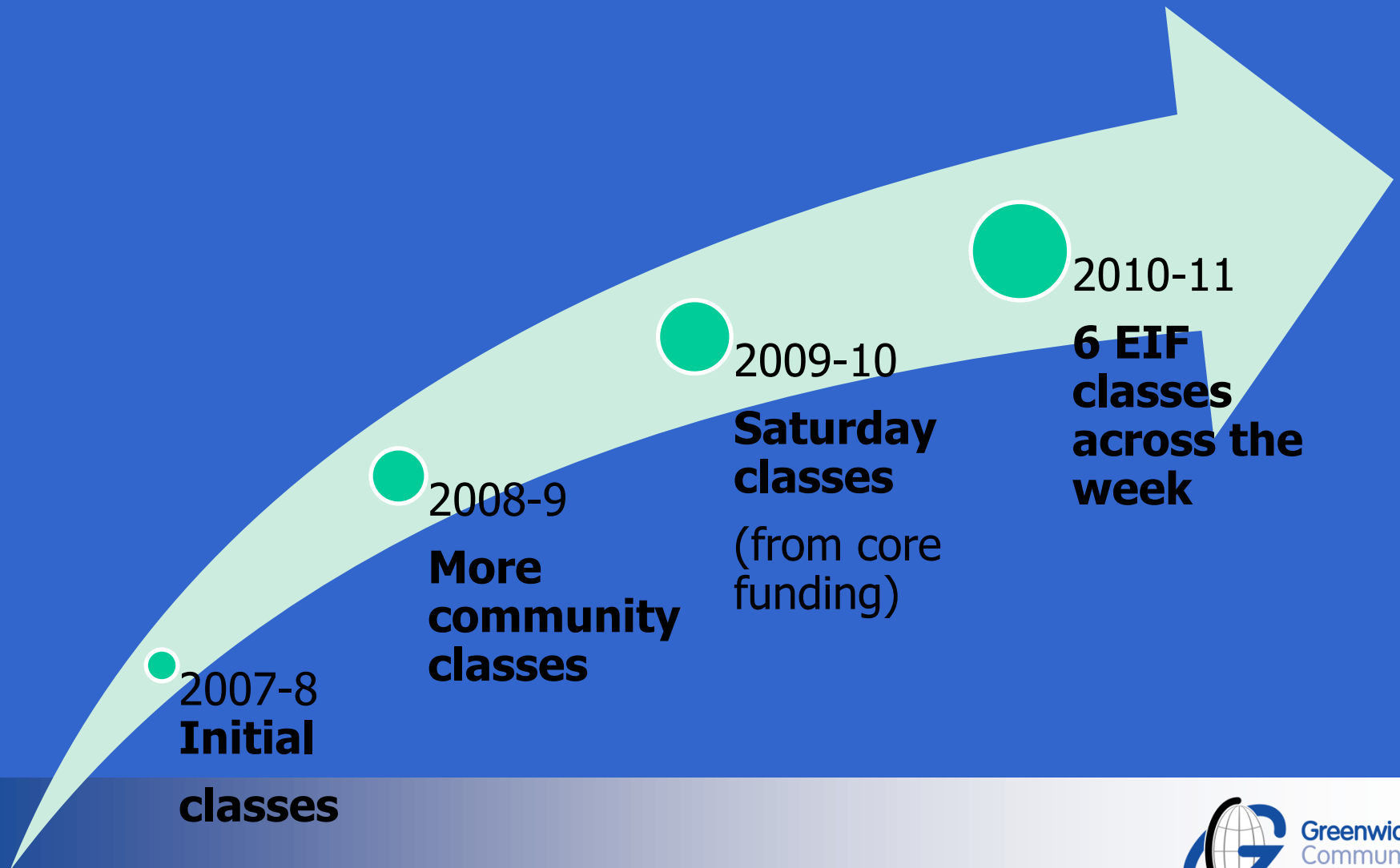
Peter's views

- After the Gurkha Justice Campaign, the MOD and Home Office should have acted more quickly to provide an infrastructure to support newly arrived Gurkha spouses and their families.
- The Government was unprepared and ill-equipped as they did not expect to lose the debate.

Geographical distribution of learners



Project history



Partnership and growth 2007-2010

- SSAFA make contact with Community Engagement Unit (CEU)
- CEU set up class – more than **60** potential learners turn up to first session
- Premises funded by SSAFA and ABF
- Classes funded through Adult Safeguarded Learning

Partnership and growth 2007-2010



- September 2010 Gurkha students infill into existing Saturday provision (ALR) in the college
- Gurkha students start to attend weekday ESOL classes (ALR)
- SSAFA supports learners (£3000) with fees

2010

SSAFA
FORCES
Help

niace
promoting adult learning



- Successful bid to EIF as delivery partners for NIACE
- SSAFA outreach community worker appointed
- 83 learners enrolled onto 6 classes at different times across the week

Learner needs

“We want to get a job, but we need English”



In their own words



Added value

- Support for completing the 2011 census
- Red cross “Save a Life” training
- TB awareness training and materials
- A place to meet

What have the Gurkhas brought to GCC?

Amazing contributions to college life...

Cultural Celebration



College Garden



Active citizenship – campaigning against cuts



Sustainability – since 2011

- **Different sources of funding:** Armed Forces Community Covenant, new Community Learning funding
- **New partners:** local authority, NHS, police, volunteers
- **Link to other projects:** Teaching And Learning English

Namaste!



Thank You