



**Community
Southwark**

Lambeth Newsletter – March 2017

Hello and welcome to this newsletter specifically for groups and organisations based in or working in the Borough of Lambeth.

Community Southwark are now providing FREE capacity & capability building support for Lambeth based groups. Below you can find out more about what is happening and how to get involved as well as booking details and some funding information.

We hope you enjoy all this newsletter. Please do get in touch if you have anything you would like to add to future communications.

Kind regards

Community Southwark

1. Stronger Together Programme

[Community Southwark](#) will be delivering a two-year programme of practical support and advice for Lambeth-based voluntary and community organisations funded by [The London Community Foundation](#) (LCF) as part of the Lambeth Community Fund, beginning February 2017.

Under the theme, 'Stronger Together', LCF aim to strengthen and build the capacity of local organisations, increasing skills and knowledge of staff and volunteers in order to improve service delivery and increase sustainability. They also hope to encourage collaboration between the third, public and private sectors within the borough.

This programme of support will be provided by Community Southwark entirely free of charge and all voluntary and community organisations, including social enterprises, based in Lambeth are eligible to take part. The programme is particularly aimed at small community groups and those which are not yet formally established. This is a unique opportunity to gain expert support and advice to help with fundraising; business planning; marketing; financial management; and governance and leadership.

The programme of support will include:

- 1:1 Support
- Training
- Small Groups Network
- Access to Community Southwark membership, resources and other Southwark based activities.

To find out more about the programme, request support, or if you know of a group that would benefit from this free support, please email Graham Collins or Deborah Hayman at development@communitysouthwark.org or call them on 020 7358 7011.

To find out more about the London Community Foundation or the Lambeth Community Fund please email Donna Yay at donna.yay@londoncf.org.uk or call 020 7582 5117.

2. Free 1:1 Support Surgeries

One hour sessions, run once a month, during which you have the opportunity to meet a Development Officer, sign up for Community Southwark membership and talk through some of the issues you are encountering in your daily work and/or as a whole organisation. The first meeting will always include an organisational diagnostic to support action planning and evaluation of the programme.

The 1:1 support is designed to promote the long term sustainability of your organisation, and we encourage board members with strategic responsibility to attend alongside staff members. When you book we will ask what issues you wish to discuss and request that you send appropriate information prior to attending the meeting.

The 1:1 Support Surgery is free but booking is essential, as they fill up fast! To book a slot, simply email development@communitysouthwark.org or call 020 7358 7020

The surgery dates are:

- Wednesday 15 March 2012 FULLY BOOKED
- Wednesday 12 April 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Thursday 18 May 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Tuesday 13 June 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Thursday 13 July 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Wednesday 6 August 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Thursday 14 September 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Tuesday 17 October 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm
- Wednesday 15 November 2017, 2-3,3-4 or 4-5pm

These sessions are being held in the LCF offices but may move around the borough. We will confirm the venue with you on booking an appointment.

3. Training Programme

We will be delivering our three most popular training sessions: our 'Made easy' suite of training twice a year over both years of the programme:

- **Fundraising Made Easy:** [Tuesday 16th May 2017, 10.15am - 4.45pm](#)
- **Governance made Easy:** [Monday 12th June 2017, 10am - 2pm](#)
- **Finance Made Easy:** [Tuesday 11th July 2017, 10am - 4.30pm](#)

To book a place on the training simply click on the links above and fill in the Eventbrite form.

You are also welcome to take a look and book a place or two on our full training programme delivered in Southwark: <http://communitysouthwark.org/training>

4. Free Small Groups Network

A quarterly network specifically for groups and organisations with less than £30k income. The meetings will be created for you and by you - we will be asking what you would like to talk about, what guest speakers or topics you would want to hear about etc. and we will arrange these evening networks to cover the topics you choose in venues across Lambeth.

The first Small Groups Network will take place on [Wednesday 29 March 2017, 6-9pm](#). So book your place now.

5. Funding Opportunities

To search for specific local, regional, national and/or European funding opportunities – grants, contracts and loans – we recommend signing up to www.fundingcentral.org.uk and creating a profile. You will receive weekly bulletins and can search the database at any time.

Below is a selection of opportunities suitable for Lambeth organisations:

[Consolidated Charities for the Poor Grant](#)

Grants are available for small, charitable organisations in Inner London to relieve poverty, disadvantage and homelessness; assist those who are elderly and infirm, and to support people with disabilities; and enhance education.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted at any time.

Diana and Allan Morgenthau Charitable Trust (no website contact via phone or email: 0207 4931904 or allan.m@btinternet.com)

Grants are available to charitable organisations undertaking a variety of general charitable activities in London and overseas.

Deadline: The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time.

[Fidelity UK Foundation](#)

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to registered charities located near a Fidelity International office in London, Kent or Surrey for strategic, transformational projects in arts and culture, community development, education or health.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

[London Community Foundation – Youth Social Action Fund](#) **Very last minute opportunity!**

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for community groups in London to create enjoyable opportunities and skills development for young people, benefitting local people and places.

Deadline: Monday 6 March 2017 (5pm)

[London Community Foundation - Peabody Community Fund](#)

Grants of between £500 and £5000 are available to local charities, not-for-profit groups and community organisations for projects and activities that benefit the residents of Peabody estate and housing areas which are located throughout London.

Deadline: 22 July 2016 and 24 March 2017.

[Merchant Taylors' Consolidated Charities for the Infirm](#)

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available for charitable organisations providing services to people living with significant disabilities or health concerns in South East London.

Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.

Oliver Stanley Charitable Trust (no website, please phone on 0207 399 0000)

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available for registered charities carrying out projects for the relief of need throughout the UK.

Deadline: Applications can be made at any time and will be considered once a year.

[Peter Minet Trust](#)

Grants of up to £500 (small grants programme) or £5,000 (main grants programme) are available for registered charities that run social welfare, health, cultural and community projects in the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

Deadline: Main Grants applications is 20 July 2017 (midnight).
The Trust are not currently welcoming applications for small grants. Small Grant applications are expected to re-open on 20 July 2017.

[Sir John Cass's Foundation - Grants to Schools and Organisations](#)

Grants of between £10,000 and £30,000. are available for schools and organisations to support education and rehabilitation projects in inner London boroughs.

Deadline: Applications may be made at any time.

[The Master Poulter's Pelican Trust](#)

Small grants to charitable organisations for work which relieves poverty, sickness and distress in London.

Deadline: Applications are considered once or twice a year.

[City Bridge Trust - English for Speakers of Other Languages](#)

Grants are available to charitable organisations for projects that increase the number of Londoners with improved English language skills, and lead to enhanced access to mainstream services and greater participation in the wider community.

Deadline: The Trustees meet regularly and applications are accepted throughout the year. It usually takes about four months from receiving a complete application until a final decision is reached.

[City Bridge Trust - Improving Londoners' Mental Health](#)

Grants are available to support specialist services in London that target those with mental health issues.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

[City Bridge Trust - Improving London's Environment](#)

Grants are available for projects to maintain and enhance London's biodiversity or support the environmental education of Londoners.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

[City Bridge Trust - Making London More Inclusive](#)

Funding is available to support work that will help remove barriers to enable disabled people in London to live independently and to fully participate in society.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

[City Bridge Trust - Making London Safer](#)

Funding is available to enable survivors of domestic violence and trafficking, and victims of hate crime in London to access high quality specialist support services.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.

[City Bridge Trust - Older Londoners](#)

Funding to support older Londoners, particularly those over 75, to live more active and healthier lives and to have more choice and control in their lives through quality advice and support.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time

[City Bridge Trust - Reducing Poverty](#)

Funding is available to tackle food poverty and provide money, debt and housing advice in London.

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time

[City Bridge Trust - Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Offenders](#)

Registered Charity No. 1105835. Company limited by guarantee in England and Wales No. 5090324.

Funding is available to support work that sees more ex-offenders in London successfully and sustainably resettled in the community and re-offending reduced

Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time

[Crystal Palace Park Community Projects Fund](#)

Grants of between £100 and £20,000 are available to voluntary organisations and community groups in London for projects and activities that improve Crystal Palace Park and the park user experience.

Deadline: 27 January 2017 or 5 May 2017 or 22 September 2017 (final deadline)

[London Catalyst - Project Grants](#)

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for charities and voluntary and community organisations working in Greater London to fund initiatives that will tackle the effects of poverty and ill health and make a difference.

Deadline: London Catalyst hold quarterly review meetings in February, June, September and December. Applicants are advised to contact London Catalyst for the exact meeting dates.

[London Legal Support Trust - Small Grants](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for voluntary sector legal agencies that provide specialist legal advice in London and the Home Counties.

Deadline: 18 June 2017 (midnight) and 15 October 2017 (midnight).

6. Saving money

Finding grant funding is not the only way to make income: there are plenty of other options including making savings. There are lots of ways you can try to make savings, just like in the home, by switching suppliers as well as pro-bono support.

First, make sure that you:

- check you are getting the best rates on gas, electric, water, insurance etc.
- tap into free energy audits and energy improvement systems
- check whether a franking machine is better value if you send a lot of letters
- can you use e-mail instead of sending letters?
- If you travel a lot for work, share car journeys
- check if train/bus fares are cheaper than car travel but factor in your time
- shop around for minibus hire
- buy in bulk or share with someone else to get best value
- if you use equipment such as projectors etc. rarely, see if it is cheaper to hire them
- can you tap into cheap photocopying at the local library, for example?
- check on local recycling organisations - donate and buy
- Look out for in-kind support

There are several companies that provide very good services to voluntary sector for utilities etc. Generally, it is better to go with a good photocopier contract than to buy a new one (but this may depend on whether you own the premises you are in or are renting; what does your lease include etc.

Photocopiers

Ricoh have proved themselves to offer a very good service.

'In Kind Direct' provide a range of free or very cheap products to charities - you just sign up to receive their monthly bulletin with that month's offers. They also work with Ricoh on supplying refurbished photocopiers: <https://www.inkinddirect.org/photocopiers>

In Kind Direct have a partnership with Ricoh to offer refurbished photocopiers. In Kind Direct is a company that passes on a huge range of free surplus products to charities (not just photocopiers) - you just sign up to them.

Another organisation you could try is Copycare; they do a photocopying leasing service for charities: <http://www.copycare.co/charities/>

This website looks at the pros and cons of whether to lease or buy a photocopier, and links charities to a charity supplier. They have a partnership with NCVO so should be reputable. There may be hidden signing up charges; but I am not sure, so it is worth reading the small print: <http://photocopiers.expertmarket.co.uk/photocopiers-for-charities>

And another useful article on photocopiers for charities: <http://www.photocopierprices.com/photocopiers-for-charities/>

Phones

An excellent service to give you very reduced phone bills is Third Sector Telecom: <http://www.3rdsectortelecom.com/>

Utilities

Utility Aid work with charities to get reduced utilities: <http://www.utility-aid.co.uk/>

General

Some useful sites to know are:

[BITC - ProHelp](#)

ProHelp provides free professional advice and support to local community groups and voluntary organisations.

[Constant Contact](#)

Connect with donors and increase your reach online with a great looking e-newsletter and social media tools. Constant Contact offers a complete e-marketing package for non-profits, starting at just £14 per month.

[Cranfield Trust - Free management consultancy projects](#)

Cranfield Trust volunteers provide one-to-one consultancy to charities local to them. To qualify for their help, charities, social enterprise or community interest companies must be working to address issues of poverty, disability or social exclusion.

[Giving World Online](#)

Giving World Online is a charity that encourages businesses to donate their surplus (mainly new) into deprived communities and to those most in need.

[In Kind Direct](#)

Redistributes goods donated by manufacturers to voluntary organisations at low cost. These include toiletries, cleaning supplies, household appliances, toys and educational items, office supplies, tools and computer supplies, which can be selected from an online catalogue.

[Technology Strategy Board - Innovation Vouchers](#)

The Technology Strategy Board has launched a new national innovation voucher scheme to encourage smaller businesses to work with external experts, gaining new knowledge to help their business innovate, develop and grow.

theBigGive.org.uk

The Big Give website is designed to help donors of all sizes find and support charitable causes in their field of interest. The Big Give is free to all users, and any registered UK charity may register and post their projects on the site.

[Community Repaint](#)

Recycled paint is available through 75 schemes across the country managed by [Resource Futures](#) (formerly SWAP) the employee-owned, non-profit distributing environmental consultancy, which originally conducted the Waste Wagon research project. Resource Futures offers support to existing schemes and provides a central point of contact for those who need paint and those with paint to donate.

[B&Q](#)

Operates a waste donation scheme through all stores and has a good reputation for providing in-kind support - ask in store for the shop manager or environmental champion.

[ProHelp](#)

A network of 1,000 professional firms that have offered to provide advice and strategic support to community and voluntary groups and organisations in the area. Members include surveyors, accountants, architects, consultants and PR, marketing and design agencies.