



**Community
Southwark**

Lambeth Newsletter – October 2017

October! How is it October already!

The days may be getting shorter and the temperature a little colder but there is still a lot going on this month: Sunday 1 October was International Day for Older People; it is of course Black History Month; and it is Get Online Week this week! (Monday 2 – Sunday 8 October).

Lambeth Council have a long list of events going on in October that you can find [here](#) and for all sorts of local news and events see [Brixton Buzz](#), [Vauxhall, the Oval & Kennington](#), [Vassal & Coldharbour](#), and [Clapham](#).

Please do send us your events and news for the website and future newsletters – we love hearing from you.

In other news from the wider sector, Victor Adebowale, who is chair of Social Enterprise UK and chief executive of Turning Point has said that we should stop thinking of Social Enterprises as Charities at a fringe event at the Conservative Party Conference. See the full story [here](#). Do you agree?

As usual the newsletter is packed full of all things Lambeth – news, events, funding opportunities, workshops and support available.

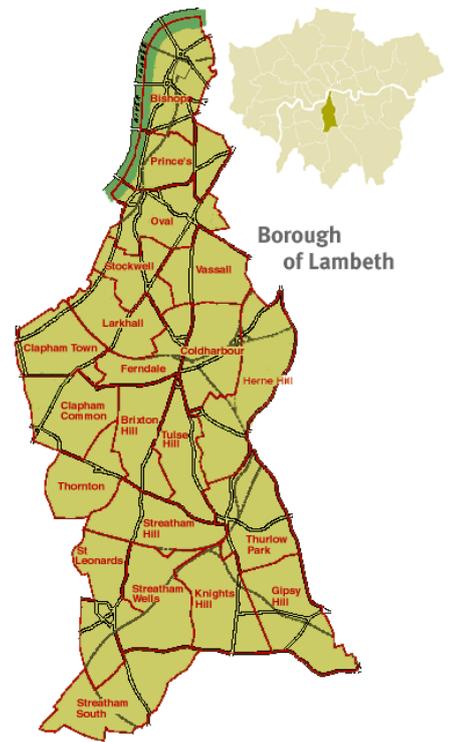
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We hope you enjoy all this newsletter. Please do get in touch if you have anything you would like to add to future communications - but remember this newsletter goes out in the first week of every month so please send anything in beforehand.

Hope to see you soon

Deborah

Director of Development & Partnerships at Community Southwark



1. Stronger Together Programme

[Community Southwark](#) is 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, from February 2017 until April 2019.

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 is being 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 includes:

- Monthly 1:1 Support Surgery appointments plus follow-up support
- Training: Our 'Made Easy' suite of introductory workshops run twice yearly plus ad hoc training based on your needs
- Quarterly Small Groups Network
- This monthly newsletter
- 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 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:

- Tuesday 17 October 2017, **FULLY BOOKED**
- Wednesday 15 November 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm
- Wednesday 6 December 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm

These sessions are being held in various locations around Lambeth. We will confirm the venue with you on booking an appointment, so please do check your emails.

If a session is fully booked but someone drops out, we will send out a quick email to see if anyone would like to take the 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 as well as ad-hoc workshops based on your needs.

I am currently working on the dates and venues for 2018 so new dates will be announced in the November edition. We will be delivering our three 'Made Easy' sessions twice more during the 2018 and will hopefully add a few new sessions on Cyber Security and IT solutions and Impact Measurement.

Upcoming training:

- **Governance Made Easy:** [Thursday 12 October 2017, 10am – 3.00pm](#)

'Fantastic knowledge of the trainer - she knew everything, so I felt in excellent hands and much more confident'

'The tasks & slides. The interaction with others. Learning the general rules of governing, as it is something I am new to.'

- **Finance Made Easy:** [Tuesday 7 November 2017, 10am – 4.30pm](#)

'The wealth of advice, tips, signposting to free or low-cost tools. I left with loads of ideas to try out. An inspiring and valuable event, thank you. She was an excellent trainer and pitches the content really well. The practical exercises were great.'

Coming soon....

- **Lambeth Small Groups Network: Volunteer Management:**

'Really useful evening. I met loads of people and even found someone who is going to work with us on the next project.'

'Fascinating speaker, brought up some interesting ideas and practical things I am going to try to take back to my organisation.'

- **Fundraising Made Easy:**

'Everything was really useful, however the websites for funding and exercises were amazing and helpful'

'I found everything fine. It was all helpful, especially the language / mock application'

- **Cyber Safe Lambeth:** dates are currently being organised for this session but more information please do take a look at the advert for the [Southwark version](#)

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

You are also welcome to book a place or two on our comprehensive 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 second Small Groups Network will take place in January.

I am working on all of the details and they will be available for you to book in November. For the moment, please save the date.

This Network is going to be all about the support available for the sector in Lambeth – where to find free support; online support; funding; IT; legal; volunteer and so much more.

There will be guest speakers and stalls (including some that are featured in this newsletter) to work your way around to find out what you can access and how. This will be a really exciting opportunity to find all the different support available to Lambeth into one room.

Further details coming soon...

5. News from the sector

Money A+E provide money management skills training developing the confidence of individuals in the community. They are currently delivering free financial education workshop to people in Lambeth and Southwark with a minimum of 5 people per class. They help attendees to develop their financial capability skills and achieve personal money goals. If you are interested, or know of others who might be interested, please get in touch with Nadine at Nadine@moneyaande.co.uk or info@moneyaande.co.uk. Tel: 0208 616 3750 M: 07936 005841

Know-Wonder are hosting a Whatsapp group for those interested in sharing ideas, info and supporting each other around anything to do with managing projects for young people. To find out more contact Shaff Shaff@know-wonder.org. **To join group – ‘YW Support Network’**

1. Download the app **whatsapp** for free (if you don't have it) go to your appstore.
2. Either click on this link to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/4vlonrvblcr2jsbhb20c2h> via your phone.
3. Or email or text me your number (07967 207 529) and Shaff will add you to the group.

Working with Vulnerable Young People Event, 11 October: focus on how best to work with vulnerable young people in Lambeth (from a youth work perspective). Given the large amount of presentations of young people with challenging issues – what can we do as youth workers to respond to their needs, what skills do we need and who else do we need to access to help. This session will answer your questions. Book up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-with-vulnerable-young-people-in-lambeth-tickets-38143272555>

If you're interested here is an interesting Ted Talk (15 mins) on an inspirational youth workers view on supporting young people at risk, 'breaking the school to prison pipeline'
https://www.ted.com/talks/victor_rios_help_for_kids_the_education_system_ignores

The Poets Corner

CALLING ALL POETS &
SPOKEN WORD ARTISTS

BLACK BRITISH HISTORY COMPETITION

AT BLACK CULTURAL ARCHIVES,
1 WINDRUSH SQUARE, BRIXTON, SW2 1EF

THE COMPETITION ROUNDS START
WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER & RUN FOR 3
WEEKS UP UNTIL WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER.
THE THREE BEST POETS WILL BE CHOSEN BY
JUDGES EACH WEEK TO PERFORM IN THE
FINAL ON WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER. IN THE
FINAL EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE REQUIRED
TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE POEM BASED ON
'BLACK BRITISH HISTORY.'

THE WINNER GETS TO PERFORM INFRONT OF
A 300 PLUS CAPACITY CROWD AT A SPECIAL
POETIC UNITY EVENT IN DECEMBER 2017

TO ENTER PLEASE EMAIL:

POETICUNITY@OUTLOOK.COM
WITH THE TITLE 'COMPETITION'

WWW.POETICUNITY.ORG.UK



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[Imperial War Museum, Event](#)

You are warmly invited to join us at our third People's Forum event at IWM London on Tuesday 7 November.

Please feel free to bring a guest, or forward this invitation. We are really keen to include people who haven't engaged with the museum before. Food and refreshments will be provided.

IWM's People's Forum was set up in March 2017 to enable ongoing conversations with our audiences (you) to ensure that major gallery developments at IWM London are meaningful and engaging for you, your community, friends and family.

We invite you to join us at this special event to **find out more about the designs for the**

new galleries and **help shape our decisions** for the new Second World War and Holocaust Galleries.

You'll be invited to **discuss your thoughts and ideas** with the galleries teams and curators. Give your feedback on the latest designs and discover the stories behind some of the fascinating objects at the museum. There will be the opportunity to handle real museum objects.

5.45pm arrivals
6pm event begins
8.15pm event ends

To book your places or for more information please email peoplesforum@iwm.org.uk

Please RSVP by Tuesday 17 October

Big Local North Brixton

Big Local North Brixton is a 10-year programme covering the northern fringe of the Town Centre and a clutch of SW9 estates from the Waltham Estate eastwards to part of the Loughborough Estate. Its three priorities are Safety, Community Cohesion and Employment. The first of these topics includes tackling youth crime. The last includes promoting volunteering with local projects, and offers training courses to help groups work better. Occasional grant schemes are run via the London Community Foundation, which contributed to the recent Brixton Fund round. Enquiries to Jedidah Onchere on 07 958 622 171 or jedidah.onchere@londoncf.org.uk

Community Coordinator for Counter extremism in Lambeth Council

As the new Community Coordinator, Counter Extremism at Lambeth Council, Rupert's role is to build an understanding of the harms extremism causes within the borough, and to identify any Lambeth groups running projects which could work towards countering those harms.

He'll help signpost groups towards Home Office funding and work with them to submit bids, reading proposals and providing help with applications where possible. He'll also help build connections between groups, making introductions and promoting projects where those running them might not have the time or resources to do that.

Please feel free to get in touch with him at rsutton@lambeth.gov.uk if you have any further questions

Optivo - Exercise and dance classes for over 50's

Connect! Develop! Learn! Socialise! FREE - Fun exercise and dance class for over 50's held every Tuesdays from 4 July 2017, 1-2pm at Lansdowne Green, Community Hall, Lansdowne Green Estate, Stockwell, SW8 2N. In partnership with Fresh Visions and London Community Foundation. For more information, contact: Lola Oyewusi, Community Worker
Lola.Oyewusi@optivo.org.uk 020 8726 8628

Brixton Community Base

BCB is currently recruiting Trustees to support the development and direction of this important community asset. We provide a vibrant base for local arts, community and fitness groups. We manage community projects such as Brixton Youth Theatre and Bling Ya Bike for local young people. Our halls are hired out for a variety of activities (even the occasional Forum meeting!). We are looking for people who can support us with marketing, fund-raising and digital

issues, and can find 4-5 hours a month to do so. Enquiries to Jane Duncan Ribeiro, jane-duncan@ntlworld.com

St John's Senior Citizens Project

St. John's Church is on the north-west fringe of our area, at 386 Clapham Road, SW9, between Clapham North Station and Union Road. The project runs 3 activities each week: an exercise class on **Tuesday** mornings, with an afternoon Arts and Crafts session to be added from September; a singing group on **Thursday** mornings, and a social club (including bingo) on **Thursday** afternoons. Information sessions, parties and outings are also organised from time to time. Enquiries to Colette McGovern on (020) 7819 9498 or info.stjohns@yahoo.com

Mosaic and Tile-making Classes

Also near our north-west corner, Art4Space are offering Tuesday evening classes, starting from **12 September**, in mosaic and tile-making. Single session (6-30 to 9 pm) £25, 5-week course £120, 10-week course £230, at their Community Art Centre, 312 Jeffreys Road, SW4 6QU. More details at www.art4space.co.uk, enquiries/ bookings to Jewels on 07 816 386 270 or jewels@art4space.co.uk

Children's Acting Classes

From mid-September, Creative Minds London will be running theatre-based workshop sessions at Island Arts Studio, at the Herne Hill end of Milkwood Road, SE24. Little Stars (age 4-7) on Tuesdays 4 to 5 pm from 19 September, Big Stars (age 8-11) on Wednesdays 4 to 5 pm from 20 September. Enquiries to Victoria on 07 944 549 847 or creativemindsdrama@gmail.com

*Thank you to The London Community Foundation, Brixton Neighbourhood Forum, Vassall and Coldharbour Forum and Love Lambeth for news items.

6. 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:

Trust for London !Last Minute Opportunity!

Funding of up to £150,000 for work that develops new and imaginative ways of addressing the root causes of London's social problems, especially work which has the potential to influence and change policy, practice and public attitudes.

Deadline: 05 October 2017

London Legal Support Trust:

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations who provide or facilitate the provision of free, specialist legal advice to those who are based in London or the Home Counties.

Deadline: 15 October 2017

Comic Relief Core Strength - Local Communities Programme - London

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to cover a 12-month period, are available for the essential core running costs for small, locally led community organisations that are working to make their communities more connected, empowered and productive.

Deadline: 16 October 2017

London Marathon Charitable Trust - Major Capital Project Grants

Grants of between £20,000 and £150,000 are available for capital projects which provide, renovate or modernise facilities for recreation or leisure in the areas of London, Surrey, Aylesbury Vale and South Northamptonshire.

Deadline: 17 October 2017

London Marathon Charitable Trust - Small Capital Projects

Grants of between £5,000 and £19,999 are available for capital projects which provide or improve facilities for recreation or leisure in London, Surrey, Aylesbury Vale and South Northamptonshire.

Deadline: 17 October 2017

Mayor of London - Greener City Fund

Grants are available for boroughs, local communities and environmental organisations to improve and increase green spaces in neighbourhoods across London by planting trees, creating natural play spaces or green routes to encourage walking and cycling.

Around £1 million will be available through round one of the Community Tree Planting and Community Green Space grants. There are two levels of funding:

- Small grants of between £5,000 and £20,000.
- Medium grants of between £20,000 and £50,000.

Only exceptional projects will be awarded the larger grants. There will be further grants available in future years.

Deadline: 20 October 2017

Childwick Trust

The Childwick Trust provides funding to registered charities to assist people with disabilities, the elderly in need plus adults and children who are seriously ill. The Trust also helps towards the welfare of people involved in the horse racing industry. The Trust supports a number of Jewish charities within the UK and funds pre-school education projects in South Africa. Grants typically range from £3,000 - £5,000.

Deadline: 31 October 2017

European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) - London

A combination of funding from the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund will be allocated at local level to drive smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Deadline: 10 November 2017

!Lambeth Only Opportunity!

London Community Foundation – The Lambeth Community Fund

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year for up to two years (i.e. maximum grant of £20,000 over 2 years) are available to locally based community groups, charities and other organisations in Lambeth for projects which improve the wellbeing and quality of life of Lambeth residents.

Deadline: 17 November 2017 at 5pm (Round 1)

!Lambeth Only Opportunity!

[London Community Foundation – Lambeth Wellbeing Fund](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 for projects of up to 12 months are available for projects that promote wellbeing, help people to connect with others and address what are known as the Five Ways to Wellbeing. These are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. These activities are simple things individuals can do in their everyday lives to increase their wellbeing.

There are eight priority wards this year, across three Local Care Network (LCN) areas:

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| North LCN | Ferndale, Larkhall and Stockwell |
| South East LCN | Vassall and Coldharbour |
| South West LCN | Streatham Hill, Streatham Wells and St Leonard's |

In addition to these priority areas, 25% of the total funding available in this round is for the rest of the borough.

Deadline: 17 November 2017 at 5pm

[William Wates Memorial Trust](#)

Grants of between £20,000 and £40,000 over three years, are available to not-for-profit organisations and registered charities that engage young people through sports, arts and education for projects primarily in London and the South East that encourage disadvantaged young people (5-19 years) to keep away from anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, enabling them to fulfil their potential.

Deadline: 21 November 2017

[London Community Foundation - MOPAC Victims Fund](#)

Grants are available for voluntary, community and social enterprise groups who are working to support victims of crime throughout London. Approximately £468,000 is available for grant-making in 2018/19. There are two levels of funding available:

- Grants of between £10,000 and £35,000 are available to individual organisations (with up to £5,000 of the grant award for capacity building such as in-house training, purchasing of software etc).
- Grants of up to £100,000 are available for three or more organisations applying in partnership. In the 2017/18 funding round just over £700,000 was available for grant-making. 92 applications were received with a total funding request of just over £4 million.

Deadline: 24 November 2017

[London Theatres Small Grants Scheme](#)

Grants of up to £5000 are available to help small theatres with urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility in London and Greater London.

Deadline: 25 January 2018

[The Span Trust](#)

Grants of £5,000 to £20,000 are available to London based charities for projects that alleviate poverty, disability, age or ill health, and advance urban regeneration through the improvement of the built environment.

Deadline: 29 January 2018

[Greater London - Royal Victoria Hall Foundation](#)

Funding of between £250 and £2,000 to encourage and assist projects in the Greater London area with the performance and/or development of professional dramatic work.

Deadline: 23 February 2018

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

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 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: 21 March 2018

[Rose Foundation](#)

The provision of expertise and grants to registered charities for building projects in London. Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 and are made towards small self-contained schemes of less than £200,000. As well as providing financial assistance, the Foundation also offers property experience to registered charities requiring assistance with building projects. The general aim of the Trustees is that as large a number of people as possible should benefit, rather than providing donations to a small specific group.

Deadline: 31 March 2018

[Building a Stronger Britain Together](#)

Rupert Sutton in Lambeth's Community Safety service has flagged up this Home Office funding scheme, for community groups already established for at least a year. Emphasis is on in-kind support with social media or printed material - more details at www.gov.uk/guidance/building-a-stronger-britain-together, enquiries to Rupert on (020) 7926 7025 or at rsutton@lambeth.gov.uk

[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. Preference given to the boroughs of South East London.

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.

[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.

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

[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. The Foundation will only consider applications from schools and organisations that benefit children or young people under the age of 25 who are:

- Permanent residents of named inner London boroughs.
- From disadvantaged backgrounds or areas of high deprivation.

Inner London boroughs are Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, **Lambeth**, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, Westminster and the City of London.

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

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

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.

Fishmongers' Company Charitable Trust

Small grants are available to charities for the relief of hardship linked to the fish and fisheries or maritime sectors. The Trust provides grants for charitable purposes. These are generally used for the relief of hardship and disability, education, the environment, heritage and fishery related charities.

Applications will be accepted from charities operating within the City of London and the boroughs of Camden, Hackney, Islington, **Lambeth**, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Westminster that are concerned with education, the relief of hardship and disability, heritage and the environment.

Charities must have an income of less than £500,000.

Deadline: Open to applications

7. Free Stuff!

The Charity IT Association (CITA) helps charities get the most from their IT. If you need an overview of your IT, or support scoping improvements, their network of expert volunteers may be able to help.

CITA's **Tech Surgery** is a free and independent consultation, which could help you start to address your issues and identify where IT could be used to improve your Charity's performance.

Read CITA's **case studies** to find out how our volunteers have helped other charities.

How to apply:

Please sign up as a charity **here**. Once you are registered, click on 'Request a Tech Surgery'.

To find out more:

Please email **contact@charityithelp.org.uk** or call Tracey Phillipson on 020 3871 0256

Free Eco Audits Offered for Charities

An eco-audit is carried out by a professionally trained and experienced environmental auditor to assess the environmental performance of your organisation. The eco-audit will build on your organisation's strength by highlighting what you are doing right, and providing recommendations for the areas in which it can improve. Find out more by clicking on the link above.

KindLink - the free platform for supporters and transparent charities

KindLink is the first, free online donor engagement platform created to help charities embrace digital technology and run more efficiently.



At KindLink, we know that what is perceived by many as a lack of transparency within the charity sector is indeed a lack of resources, as far too many charities do not have the money or skills to use expensive, complex systems to run their operations. We provide charities and other not-for-profit organisations with free tools that are easy to use and designed to save charities money and time, while increasing their supporters base and donations income.

Every charity on KindLink gets free access to:

- CRM databases for both supporters and beneficiaries, with the ability to record offline donations
- Online fundraising pages, and donation processing at the lowest rate on the market (1.3% flat rate) with beautiful designs ensuring a smooth donor experience
- Automated Gift Aid reporting on both online and offline donations
- Project management tool integrated with social media suite, giving charities the ability to manage their social media channels from one place
- A whole section on volunteering management, created in partnership with the Do-it Trust
- A dedicated social network where charities and supporters can connect and engage around the charities' great work and impact.

KindLink tools are free because we are a social enterprise and we do not want to make a profit out of charities. Charities processing their donations through KindLink save on average 62% in donation fees as compared to their previous providers, meaning they can devote more money and resources to their valuable work.

We empower charities to be more transparent and communicate the impact of their work to their supporters. With 71% of the UK public stating that they would donate more if they knew exactly how their donations were spent, KindLink platform actively increases the number of supporters and donations charities receive. Charity donors and supporters throughout the UK will be able to track their donations, engage with charities on a daily basis, be inspired to donate more and help charities make a bigger impact on our society and the world.

Wayne Harris, National Director at Cross Teach Trust (one of the 370+ KindLink is working with) said: "This is our first attempt at raising donations online and we were unsure about whether we should or not. Using KindLink made this very easy and during our first month we have raised more than £4,000 through our KindLink profile and project features."

Contact:

Adriano Mancinelli

Head of Charity Products

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07746 386 459

Involve – Corporate Volunteering

Are you a **charity, community organisation, school or nursery** with an in or outdoor space that is in need of improvement? If so, the Involve team can help your organisation to complete large practical projects through our corporate Team Challenge days. And even better, our services are **FREE** to all the community partners we support through our programme!

Involve's active Team Challenge programme was designed to support community organisations and schools with limited resources to achieve large space improvement projects. Part of Community Southwark, the Involve team provides the link between community organisations and groups of business volunteers and organises and facilitates corporate Team Challenge days that aim to deliver high-quality projects that provide invaluable impact to the community.

Community organisations we work with include schools and nurseries, adventure playgrounds, community gardens, youth clubs and settlements. Together with our teams of corporate volunteers we create spaces that help local people to learn, be happy and thrive and recent projects included: creating (vegetable) gardens, planting trees, digging ponds, building seating areas, improving playgrounds, painting stunning murals and other indoor spaces and much more.

Involve manages the process from start to finish working with you to develop your ideas, providing the facilitation on the day and covering both risk assessment and First Aid to ensure both fun and safe Team Challenges.

We are also able to facilitate skills-based projects.

All tools and materials are financed by our Corporate Partners so all of the work is **FREE** to your organisation.

Would we love to help you!

If you have an idea for a project or would like to find out more then we would love to hear from you. Please fill out [this form](#) which will give us an idea about your organisation and the tasks you would like completed, email us at: involve@communitysouthwark.org

8. Consultancy

We all need a little extra help sometimes: whether you need an outside facilitator to help future planning or some bespoke training. Perhaps you would like to undertake a governance review or look into collaboration in a practical way...

Community Southwark provide London-wide consultancy through [Elephant Consultancy](#)

We offer a range of tailored consultancy, including facilitation, in-house training and evaluations, reviews and reports including:

- Governance Reviews
- Bespoke Trustee Induction
- Facilitated strategic planning
- Service or project evaluations
- Impact reports
- Outcomes frameworks
- Contract support
- Collaboration and partnership support
- Policies and procedures in-depth review
- Bespoke volunteer management training
- research, holding consultations and facilitating focus groups etc.

- Quality Assurance, including a trained PQASSO mentor, experience with Investors in People, the Volunteer Centre Quality Accreditation and NAVCA Quality Award.

Our Approach:

We enable and support organisations to develop and implement a sustainable approach, rather than simply providing short term fixes to long term challenges. We don't disappear after the consultancy ends – we offer a range of free and paid for services that continue to support you.

As a part of the sector we are committed to supporting the sector to thrive and to helping organisations be better able to make a positive difference in their communities.

To offer a holistic consultancy service that truly meets an organisation's needs, recognising that delivering high quality services is intrinsically linked to having robust organisational structures.

How can I organise consultancy with Elephant Consultancy?

To discuss your organisation's specific needs, discuss a consultancy plan and costs and/or to ask for a proposal, please contact: Deborah Hayman, Director of Development & Partnerships on 020 7358 7021 or email development@communitysouthwark.org

What others have said:

'Having been involved in similar exercises in the past I would like to say that your facilitation skills and professional knowledge are excellent and would certainly recommend you to other organisations, it was money well spent.' HomeStart Southwark

'{Community Southwark} was able to adapt to our particular needs and made the day interesting, on a fairly dry subject. It was a really positive day which covered all the important elements of being a trustee, roles and responsibilities. Booking was easy and stress free. Thank you.' The Haemophilia Society.