

Community Investment Programme Fund

Alongside our [Organisation Champions](#) and [Green Shoots](#) grants, we are investing the remaining funds from our Grenfell Tower Fund in Community Investment projects which have longer term outcomes to help the North Kensington community to rebuild and flourish.

When designing the fund, we carried out a listening project with the local community who told us they wanted to see projects which addressed the following areas of need:

- **Employment and skills:** new approaches to increase employment, confidence and skills
- **Older people:** intergenerational programmes and neighbourhood befriending schemes
- **Mental health:** culturally relevant and age and gender appropriate approaches to mental health
- **Families:** family mediation and support, after school care, and support for working parents
- **Under 25s:** mentoring, sports, and projects helping young people to achieve, especially those who are hard to reach, vulnerable and exposed to violence or crime
- **Community projects:** bringing people together, integration and community cohesion, building strong relationships across communities, recognition of local culture and history
- **Places and Spaces:** improving places that matter to the local community

We have now committed all of the funds available through the Community Investment Programme (c.£874,000) and with endorsements and support from the local community, we are proud to be supporting the following projects:

Maxilla Men's Shed

Amount awarded: £5,599 for one year

Connected with the international [Men's Shed](#) movement, the Men's Shed at [ACAVA's](#) Maxilla Studios provides a space in North Kensington where local adults can go to learn, teach, make, share and socialise. In addition to offering a series of courses and workshops, the Shed provides a workspace where users can work on practical projects, follow hobbies, learn from each other, socialise, and enjoy a cup of tea. The funding was used to purchase machinery, tools, workbenches, shelving and seating to fit out the Shed.

West London Zone's Link Workers

Amount awarded: £30,000 a year for three years

[West London Zone](#) work to ensure that young people are on track to flourish in adulthood by providing long-term, preventative support tailored to the child. They support, signpost and link children to local services and organisations within the community as part of each individual child's overall support plan. This funding is enabling West London Zone to continue to support 248 children and young people from the Grenfell-affected community through their Link Workers in eight North Kensington schools including Kensington Aldridge Academy, Oxford Gardens Primary School and St Clement + St James CE Primary School.

Grenfell Community Memorial Mosaic

Amount awarded: £22,000 a year for two years

[Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre](#) and [ACAVA](#) collaborated on the first phase of the Grenfell Community Memorial Mosaic, which is located at the foot of the Tower and is a central focal point to honour the lives lost and celebrate the spirit of the local community. A grant

from the Community Investment Programme fund is enabling Al-Manaar and ACAVA to continue working together to deliver phase two of the Mosaic, involving 250 people from 26 local schools and community groups in the creation of 24 leaves to be added to the memorial over two years.

Future Men's Grenfell 'Ventoring' Programme

Amount awarded: £10,000 a year for three years

[Future Men](#) are a specialist charity that support positive male involvement, engagement and activity whilst also addressing the stereotypes around masculinity. They work with young men who are not in education, training or employment, as well as those involved in, or at risk of, serious youth violence. Through their Grenfell 'Ventoring' programme they are providing support to boys and young men aged 13-25 in North Kensington who have been affected by the fire but may be reluctant to engage with support services to address their trauma. Through street-based outreach work, the project coordinators work with the young men to help them think differently, develop positive connections and social networks and engage with specialist services such as counselling.

Infrastructure support for Kids on The Green

Amount awarded: £10,000 for one year

[Kids on The Green](#) are an arts therapy fusion project that were set up on Norland Green after the fire as an emergency response pop-up project. Now based in Latimer Road, they continue to support children and young people in North Kensington through activities such as their after-school sessions, youth club, under-fives stay and play, forest school, homework club, drama sessions and workshops in arts, music, radio and circus skills. This grant is to support their Finance + Business Manager post for one year to enable the organisation to become more sustainable.

SPID Theatre Company's 'Estate of Mind' oral history project

Amount awarded: £20,000 a year for three years

Based in Kensal House Community Rooms, [SPID Theatre Company](#) use immersive youth arts to regenerate community spaces. They work with young people on West London council estates to create participatory drama shows. Estate of Mind is a three-year programme of free, out-of-school activities which sees local young people learn to interview residents of the Grenfell, Silchester and Lancaster West estates about their memories of estate life. Young people are able to develop skills in research, interviewing, filmmaking, editing and performance through the creation of oral history testimonies, filmed footage and dramatised tours which are showcased through community events for friends, neighbours and supporters.

The North Kensington Youth Collective

Amount awarded: £50,000 a year for three years

The North Kensington Youth Collective (NKYC) is a collaborative community-based youth work partnership for children and young people in North Kensington developed by four youth organisations: [Harrow Club W10](#), [Rugby Portobello Trust](#), [Dalgarno Trust](#) and [London Sports Trust](#). The programme will run over three years and aims to strengthen the offer for children and young people in the area by offering regular joined-up delivery between the four delivery partners. Young people will be supported to attend sessions at other clubs as well as activities involving joint staff teams and shared resourcing. Young people will also be empowered to shape youth services in North Kensington through steering committees and youth leadership opportunities.

North Kensington Law Centre's Grenfell-specific paralegal

Amount awarded: £36,000 a year for three years

[North Kensington Law Centre](#) provide specialist advice and representation in housing, immigration, welfare benefits and employment to people who would otherwise not be able to afford legal services. This grant has enabled them to employ a full-time paralegal to continue supporting around 70 survivors of the fire and bereaved relatives by providing pro bono legal advice, mainly around housing and immigration issues. In addition to casework, the Law Centre has played a key role in influencing policymakers in both central and local government to improve their Grenfell-related policies and ensure they better reflect the needs and experiences of their clients.

The ClementJames Centre's Employment Support Programme

Amount awarded: £25,000 a year for three years

The ClementJames Centre work to empower people in North Kensington to release their potential through their education, employment and wellbeing support services. Their Employment Support Programme supports people to find meaningful and sustainable employment or further training. The programme is designed to support those who are struggling to find work and may be facing multiple practical and emotional barriers to employment, such as mental health issues and housing and financial worries. In 2018-19, 68% of ClementJames' Employment Support clients progressed into work or further training, compared to only 30% of those who access the Government's Work Programme.

Grow2Know CIC's Lancaster West Estate gardening project

Amount awarded: £25,000 for one year

[Grow2Know](#) aim to educate and empower communities through horticulture and the greening of local spaces. They particularly aim to engage young people to educate them about the environment and challenge stereotypes of what a 'traditional' gardener may look like. They will use a grant from the Community Investment Programme fund to involve local residents in the refurbishment and maintenance of two kitchen garden spaces on the Lancaster West Estate. Once the initial renovation and refurbishment is completed, they will continue to provide gardening workshops and activities throughout the year. In addition to improving the local area, the project will provide education around gardening and horticulture, improve mental health through gardening as an informal form of therapy and promote volunteering.

Citizens Advice K+C's Grenfell-specific caseworker

Amount awarded: £51,931 a year for two years

[Citizens Advice K+C](#) provide advice and support on a range of topics including welfare benefits, housing, debt, employment, immigration, and consumer issues. They provide a mixture of drop-in, telephone and appointment access at their two offices located at Chelsea Old Town Hall and Portobello Road. This grant will enable them to employ an additional full-time caseworker to work in partnership with the Grenfell Dedicated Service to provide specialist advice, guidance and support to survivors of the fire and bereaved families. Services provided include advice and advocacy in relation to housing, accompanying clients to public inquiry hearings and meetings with solicitors, assisting with benefit applications and appeals, and employment support.

Minds United F.C.'s weekly football sessions

Amount awarded: £9,528 a year for three years

[Minds United F.C.](#) use football to actively improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of adults in North Kensington who are living with mental ill-health and substance abuse issues. Through their free, weekly sessions they provide a non-judgemental and inclusive environment which helps to build players' confidence and self-esteem, improve physical fitness, reduce stigma around mental health and substance abuse, and reduce isolation through the creation of

peer support networks. This grant will be used to provide weekly football sessions at Westway Sports Centre, take teams to tournaments throughout the year, and enable 15 players to take part in coaching and refereeing courses to increase their employment prospects.