



Over 20% of  
under 16's in  
Kensington &  
Chelsea live in  
poverty

YOUNG SPARKS is the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation's campaign to help fire up potential in local children. It embraces all young people, no matter what their background or where they live. They may be dealing with a variety of challenging situations - including families going through a difficult time, low-income households, those for whom English is not the first language, young people who are in hospital or growing up caring for a family member who is ill or disabled.

Our campaign raises funds and in-kind support for a network of charities and community groups. They invest in young people in our Borough to help them believe in a positive future and achieve their aspirations.

We act as a central hub and all of the resources donated to us go direct to help our local young people. Here are some of the groups we are working to support.

**Baraka Community Association**

Charity No. 1087721

[barakacommunityassociation.com](http://barakacommunityassociation.com)

355 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AA

Baraka works to prevent local young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour and to minimise social exclusion. It particularly helps those from Somali and other ethnic minority backgrounds. Services include weekly educational classes aimed at improving the attainment level and employment opportunities, an annual trip for children to learn more about Britain, as well as gym and swimming sessions.

**British Exploring Society**

Charity No. 802196

[britishexploring.org](http://britishexploring.org)

1 Kensington Gore, London SW72AR

British Exploring Society was founded as a charity in 1932. They create bespoke expeditions to wild and remote overseas locations in order to challenge and positively transform the expectations and future lives of young people. Their explorers include local young people facing personal, emotional and social challenges.

### **Chelsea Community Hospital School**

Charity No. 1060218 (Friends of Chelsea Community Hospital School)  
cchs.org.uk  
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, 369 Fulham Road, London SW10 9NH

Chelsea Community Hospital School provides education for children and young people aged 4–18 whilst they are in hospital. The school also provides places for a number of students who cannot access mainstream school due to their medical conditions.

### **Clement James Centre**

Charity no. 1009253  
clementjames.org  
95 Sirdar Road, London W11 4EQ

The Clement James Centre provides education support to disadvantaged children within the North Kensington community, offering a range of services including advice and guidance, literacy, numeracy and emotional wellbeing sessions. The Centre also supports young people through their IntoUniversity programme, enabling them to attain a University place and other employment aspirations and aids over 1,500 young people a year.

### **Corner Nine Arts Project**

Charity No. 1120157  
corner9.org.uk/Corner9.html  
9 Dalgarno Gardens, London W10 5LL

Corner Nine Arts Project offers art projects which inspire children whilst building and strengthening the local community in North and West Kensington. Activities include arts and crafts with the aim to educate, build confidence, combat social isolation and improve the wellbeing of children and young people.

### **EPIC CIC**

Charity No. 8488968  
epiccic.org.uk  
Chelsea Youth Club, Blantyre Street, London SW10 0EQ

EPIC CIC aims to provide the highest quality service to young people in the Borough, regardless of their ability by providing an opportunity for them to empower themselves and feel valued, and to have access to information necessary for their development as citizens within our society. They offer sessions in arts and crafts, health and wellbeing, water sports and outdoor education and education and employability.

### **Everyday Magic**

Charity No. 1148659  
everydaymagic.org.uk  
15 Deptford Wharf, London, SE83PA

Fortnightly, Everyday Magic brings storytellers, musicians and singers to K&C's multi-cultural state primary schools to introduce them to a treasure trove of traditional stories and songs from around the world and to grow their confidence, self-expression and enjoyment in using and extending their language. For hard-pressed schools it is a valued resource which they need and appreciate help in funding.

### **Honeypot Children's Charity**

Charity No. 1011672

[honeypot.org.uk](http://honeypot.org.uk)

15a Bergham Mews, Blythe Road, London W14 0HN

Honeypot provides residential respite breaks for young people at Honeypot House in the new Forest. Working locally, they are able to provide 12 young carers under the age of 12 from this Borough with the opportunity to have fun in a caring and safe environment.

### **Hornimans Adventure Playground**

Charity No. 802220

[hornimansadventure.com](http://hornimansadventure.com)

32 Southern Row, London W10 5AN

Hornimans Adventure Playground provides facilities for play and recreation for children aged between 5 and 16 years in North Kensington where space to play is at a premium. They provide children with a broad range of exciting play opportunities designed to help them develop their full potential through activities and workshops, whilst promoting creativity, imagination and self-expression.

### **Intermission Youth Theatre**

Charity No. 1134650

[intermissionyouththeatre.co.uk](http://intermissionyouththeatre.co.uk)

St Saviour's Church, Walton Place, London SW3 1SA

Intermission Youth Theatre works with 15-25 year olds who are at risk of offending, offenders or those who are lacking in opportunities. They use Shakespeare's work as inspiration, and reimagine his works by combining his original language with street rhetoric, enabling young people to create their own contemporary interpretations.

### **Latymer Community Church**

Charity No. 1142420

[latymer.org.uk](http://latymer.org.uk)

Latymer Christian Centre, 116 Bramley Road, London, W10 6SU

Latymer Community Church is based between two council estates in North Kensington. Their youth work includes Parent Space where they offer parenting courses and 121 support for families alongside drop in child-care, and a Girls Project which includes a club, workshops and other opportunities for girls aged 11-16 to develop their potential in a safe and nurturing environment.

### **Making Communities Work & Grow**

Charity No. 1045064

[mcwg.org.uk](http://mcwg.org.uk)

19 Golborne Road, North Kensington, London W10 5NY

MCWG improves the social and educational development of disadvantaged young people in North Kensington. They mentor and guide young people to become responsible citizens and help integrate them into mainstream society, as well as developing their confidence, skills and motivation. They offer youth clubs as well as football and taekwondo classes and supplementary schooling.

### **Meanwhile Gardens**

Charity No. 296921

[meanwhile-gardens.org.uk](http://meanwhile-gardens.org.uk)

156 - 158 Kensal Road, London W10 5BN

Meanwhile Gardens enhances the lives of children and young people by providing safe and inclusive open air leisure, play, training and educational opportunities. They offer activities including arts, culture, community, social clubs, education, play groups, environmental, health and wellbeing, sports and leisure. They also offer one of London's oldest skate parks, their 'Garden Skate Bowl'.

### **Octavia Foundation**

Charity No. 1065817

[octaviafoundation.org.uk](http://octaviafoundation.org.uk)

Emily House, 202-208 Kensal Road, London W10 5BN

Opening in late summer 2017, Base@theReed, is an exciting new digital media hub in North Kensington offering free, fun and engaging digital media training sessions for young people aged 10 to 21 yrs. The space will have industry standard equipment allowing young people to create and develop high quality music and film content under the helpful guidance of fully trained youth workers.

### **Real Action**

Charity No. 1072633

[realaction.org.uk](http://realaction.org.uk)

The Learning Store, 3 Mozart Street, Queens Park, London W10 4LA

Real Action offers educational programmes which have been developed to meet the specific educational needs of deprived communities in North Kensington. At their Saturday Reading Schools they help children to learn to read by the systematic Butterfly reading programme. The children, aged five to twelve go to Real Action from London's most deprived communities and achieve astounding results.

### **Rugby Portobello Trust**

Charity No. 1100143

[rugbyportobello.org.uk](http://rugbyportobello.org.uk)

221 Walmer Road London W11 4EY

The Rugby Portobello Trust works with socially disadvantaged families to offer stability and encouragement to young lives often blighted by deprivation. RPT supports hundreds of children and young people through football clubs, homework club, junior club, youth club and a girls-only club. RPT also works with young mothers, giving them a supportive environment and teaching them about nutrition and childcare.

### **Solidarity Sports**

Charity No. 1123589

[solidaritysports.org](http://solidaritysports.org)

1st Floor, 21 Cheniston Gardens, London W8 6TG

Solidarity Sports works with disadvantaged children who live on the margins of our society the chance to play sport together and learn valuable life skills. The children who go to Solidarity Sports often have nowhere to play and few opportunities outside of school. They provide programmes in healthy eating and art, they also organise trips to give children a much-needed break and new experiences.

### **SPID Theatre**

Charity No. 1097344

[spidtheatre.com](http://spidtheatre.com)

Kensal House Community Rooms, Kensal House Estate, London W10 5BQ

SPID Theatre aims to benefit the local community through drama, as well as advancing citizenship and community development. SPID Theatre creates shows with young people in Kensal House in which the audience is right at the centre of the action, and runs a diverse programme of workshops to engage and inspire young people in the local community.

### **The Art Room - Barlby Primary School**

Charity No. 1088739

[theartroom.org.uk](http://theartroom.org.uk)

Barlby Primary School, Barlby Road, London W10 6BH

The Art Room offers art as therapy to children to raise their self-esteem, self-confidence and independence. Skilled practitioners work in partnership with schools to support vulnerable children who may have emotional or behaviour problems, learning difficulties or autism spectrum disorders. The Art Room has demonstrated that in a caring and creative environment, children with multiple challenges can 'learn and achieve through art'.

### **The Nucleo Project**

Charity No. 1169328

[sistemaengland.org.uk/the-nucleo-project](http://sistemaengland.org.uk/the-nucleo-project)

78 Claredon Road, London W112HW

The Nucleo Project is a social action programme in North Kensington that uses the pursuit of musical excellence as a way to enrich the lives of children, young people and their families. Its philosophy of fun, dedication and teamwork produces outstanding results in a relatively short time and is open to all children.

### **Urban Eye**

Charity No. 1089336

[urbaneye.org.uk](http://urbaneye.org.uk)

Unit 34, Baseline Studios, Whitchurch Road, London W11 4AT

Urban Eye produces large scale mosaics and murals with young people to transform run-down public spaces. The projects engage young people's creativity, increasing their sense of local belonging and proving that an individual working as part of a team can make a positive and lasting difference.

### **Venture Community Association**

Charity No. 1073115

[venturecentre.org.uk](http://venturecentre.org.uk)

85 Pursewardens Close, London

Venture Community Association is a community centre in North Kensington for learning, personal growth and enjoyment. They provide play facilities to develop the physical, mental and spiritual capacities of children and young people. Young people can also meet others and access services such as information, advice and guidance at the Centre, as well as offering a safe place to socialise with friends.

### **W11 Children's Opera Trust**

Charity No. 282644

w11opera.org

3 Observatory Gardens, London W8 7HY

Since it was founded in 1971 W11 Children's Opera Trust has commissioned and produced 34 new operas, more than any other UK company, providing a rich repertoire for its cast of 9 to 18 year old children and young people. They aim to provide bursaries for local young people who would otherwise be unable to be part of this special group.

### **West London Action for Children**

Charity No. 1135648

wlac.org.uk

15 Gertrude Street, Chelsea, London SW10 0JN

WLAC offers counselling and therapy to young people and children under the age of 19 who live in the Kensington & Chelsea. Their counsellors use a range of child-centred approaches using sand trays, art materials, therapeutic stories or role play. Children who visit WLAC are encouraged to explore and express emotions that might otherwise be difficult to articulate, enabling them to reduce their distress, manage emotions and build their inner resources and resilience.

### **Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre**

Charity No. 1045045

wormwoodscrubsponycentre.org

Woodmans Mews, Shepherd's Bush, London W12 0HU

Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre provides riding and equine therapy for children, specialising in those with special needs and physical disabilities. Their mission is to improve the quality of the lives of the children and young people who attend the Centre, and give them the opportunities of learning to ride and care for ponies in a safe and supportive environment.

### **Who's behind Young Sparks?**

The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation was set up in 2008 to help and encourage local people, schools and businesses to contribute to need within their own community. We raise money and in-kind support for local charities in the Royal Borough to help them make a difference to local lives.

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