

Grants totalling £170,000 made to 17 local organisations tackling isolation and loneliness

Driven by data and by listening to people living and working in our Borough, the K&C Foundation identifies pressing local needs and brings together the resources to tackle them. We work with excellent local charity and community partners, investing in them and their expertise. In particular, we encourage collaborations and partnerships which enable better outcomes and bigger impact. Our current priorities are children and young people, employment and skills, isolation and loneliness, older people living in fuel poverty, and our ongoing work in relation to supporting the Grenfell-affected community.

Due to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to raise £170,000 to enable us to work with charities across the Borough that combat isolation and loneliness and improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

We received 32 proposals from local groups and have awarded the money donated to us to 17 local organisations. This is to help them make a positive impact on the lives of local people of all ages by connecting them with other residents and providing education, social activities and support.

We were looking for projects that had been identified by talking to local people, were highlighted by local data and could demonstrate long-term outcomes. We are also keen to work with organisations that are actively working on outreach to extend their services to new people and are inclusive.

The K&C Foundation is really pleased to be working with the following local groups:

Organisation	Project overview	Amount
Abundance Arts	'Community Together' project in North Kensington Library offering arts-based activities.	£3,500
Age UK Kensington & Chelsea	Activities & Events project specifically targeted at isolated older people in Earl's Court and Chelsea.	£20,000
Al-Hasaniya Moroccan Women's Project	'Ayam Zaman' older men's project for Moroccan and Arabic speaking men over the age of 55.	£10,000
The ClementJames Centre	Adult learning sessions specifically designed for domestic workers.	£5,670
Dadihiye Somali Development Organisation	Social groups and information and advice sessions for isolated people living in Earl's Court.	£5,000
The Dalgarno Trust	Contribution towards salary costs for Community Engagement Manager post to oversee a range of isolation and loneliness projects.	£10,000
Equal People Mencap	The 'Together Projects' providing social activities and information and advice for people with learning disabilities and their carers.	£10,000
Hear Women / GarGar Foundation	'Positive Women' project to improve mental wellbeing and social connectivity of BAME women in Kensington & Chelsea.	£5,000
Hodan Somali Community	Elderly befriending project	£10,000

Migrants Organise	Support for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers including information and advice, group activities and one to one volunteer mentoring support.	£12,000
Open Age	'Men's Space' project to improve physical and mental health of older men.	£15,000
The Playground Theatre	Weekly play reading project for people in secure mental health facilities in St. Charles Hospital.	£12,000
Prospects Ltd	'Fast Track' intergenerational digital skills taster courses at Swinbrook Community Centre.	£3,000
St. Mary Abbot's Rehabilitation & Training (SMART)	Expansion of regular activities for people recovering from mental ill-health to connect them to the wider community.	£10,000
St. Cuthbert's Centre	Expansion of existing services to reach more people, including Refettorio Felix lunch service	£15,000
Volunteer Centre Kensington & Chelsea	'Meet My Street' - Trialing K&C Ambassadors and Operation Cup of Tea initiatives in Pembridge, Campden, Brompton & Hans Town and Chelsea Riverside wards.	£20,000
Women's Association for Networking & Development (WAND) UK	'Working with Girls' workshops for girls aged 11-19 to increase confidence and self-esteem.	£4,000
TOTAL		£170,170

We want to ensure lasting support for local people and so we will work with our funded organisations on successfully delivering their outcomes with a view to raising funds to enable these grants to be repeated in 2020 and 2021.

The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation is an independent charity set up in 2008. Since then, we've worked successfully to bring the community together to tackle the inequalities faced by many across the borough. We spotlight issues that disadvantage local people and raise the funds and resources to tackle them.

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