



**Resources Department
Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD**

AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **30 September 2019 at 6:30pm.**

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Despatched : 19 September 2019

Membership 2019/20

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Una O'Halloran
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE
Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Michelline Safi Ngongo

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



A. Formal matters

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of substitute members
3. Declarations of interest

If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business:

- if it is not yet on the council's register, you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
- you may choose to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If you have a personal interest in an item of business and you intend to speak or vote on the item you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you may participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

- *(a) Employment, etc - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.
- (c) Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

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B. Matters for decision

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C. Matters for information

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D. Urgent non-exempt matters

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

E. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

F. Confidential/exempt items for information (if any)

G. Urgent Exempt Matters

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes

The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for
4 November 2019

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49 **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**

In introducing the report, Councillor O'Halloran amended the report on submission as follows:

Paragraph 3.11 – add "Cllr Rakhia Ismail is the founder and a previous trustee of Back 2 Basics Create which has been allocated £5,100 by 6 wards for swimming and spa sessions".

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Housing being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That it be noted that the application submitted by Muslim Welfare House (p12 of the agenda), for an event at Highbury Fields, was subject to clearance by the Safety Advisory Group on 9 July 2019.

(c) That the declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report, be noted.

(d) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as detailed in paragraph 3.12 and Appendix A of the report, be noted.

Reasons for decision

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy and voluntary and community sector in Islington.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

50 **ISLINGTON COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS 2018/19 (Item C1)**

RESOLVED:

That the funding decisions (5 March 2019) made by Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Panel, in relation to the third round of ICCC grant funding for 2018/19, as detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be noted.

Reasons for decision

The decisions on grant awards had already been made by ICCC and therefore the report was for the Committee's information only.

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Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.43 pm

CHAIR

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Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing Comments
Barnsbury / Holloway	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Rowena Champion / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Fit Women Group	Running costs for holding two women-only fitness classes per week (pilates and aerobics). Funding to contribute towards the cost of the classes for 40 weeks (instructor fees, co-ordinator costs, venue hire, volunteer expenses and phone and stationery costs.)	Jean Stokes Community Centre	1 October 2019 to 17 July 2020	BME and refugee women on low income and benefits	185 (18% Barnsbury, 5% Holloway)	720	6,000	£1,600 through members' contributions of £40 oer week	The amount requested from 6 wards is £4,400.
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Clerkenwell / Highbury East / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Clerkenwell, Highbury East, Holloway, Junction, Mildmay, St Georges, St Peters and Tollington wards / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Islington Play Association (Playday 2019)	Islington Playday 2019 in Paradise Park run by twelve adventure playgrounds. Playday is a national event promoting and celebrating children's right to play. Funding to pay for equipment and resources, PA and generator hire, publicity, food and refreshments and transport for the equipment.	Paradise Park	Event on 7 August, promotion from 10 July onwards	Children, young people and families	1,000+	2,718.75	11,300	£4,000 IPA and Awesome (staffing), Arsenal (activities), LBI Greenspace (nets in trees), £1,000 tbc from Housing Associations, £600 tbc from Corporates	£262.50 is requested from every ward across the borough (£4,200 total). Part of the grant will be paid out only if the group advertises on Highbury East Estates and shows walking routes to get there.
Barnsbury / St Georges	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Octopus Community Network (community plant nursery)	Continuation of the running of a Community Plant Nursery and Learning Hub. Funding is requested for 13 weeks of the costs of a community engagement sessional worker who runs learning workshops four times per week.	Hollins and McCall House, Tufnell Park Estate, N7 OPL	July to September 2019	Local people especially those living on social housing estates	450 (150 from St Georges and 300 from the other 6 wards)	1,375	7,940	£4,690 Octopus (£4,200 core staff costs, £490 for publicity and materials)	The amount requested is £3,250 from 7 wards.
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	St Silas Church	Continuation of weekly drop in stay and play sessions for pre school children aged up to five years. Funding to support hall hire and costs of two sessional workers for a 40 week period.	The Community Hall at St Silas, Penton St	1 September 2019 to 21 July 2020	Pre-school children, parents and carers	120	2,000	3,238	£800 through door charges (underwritten by the church)	The amount requested is £2,438.

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Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	Turkish and Kurdish Children's Group	12 monthly outings to Sobell Leisure Centre for leisure activities (trampoline, ice-skating and tennis) for young people aged 11 to 16. Funding to pay for tickets, refreshments and trampoline socks for 10 children, staff costs and volunteers.	Sobell Leisure Centre and Hugh Cubitt Community Centre	September 2019 to August 2020	Young people aged 11 to 16 from low income households	20 from Islington, 10 from Barnsbury	1,000	2,120	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,120.
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Clerkenwell, Highbury East, Holloway, Junction, St Georges and Tollington wards / Asima Shaikh / Roulin Khondoker / Jenny Kay / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Muslim Welfare House	Eid in the Park' event celebrating one of the main festivals of the Islamic (Muslim) calendar. Activities include a collective prayer ceremony, presentations from key speakers, exhibition stalls, arts and crafts, music and a fun fair. Funding to pay for food, marketing, toilets, entertainment, stage and sound system and other associated costs.	Highbury Fields Park	Two day festival on 10 and 11 August 2019	Open to all	5,000	6,379.17	10,000	Not applicable	The amount requested from every ward across the borough is £625 per ward (£10,000 is requested in total).
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA London (Whitecross Street Festival 2019)	The 10th Annual Whitecross Street Party including the two day festival on 13 and 14 July and an arts exhibition on the walls of Whitecross Street from July onwards. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the community performance stage, the music room, an artist engagement programme and licensing fees.	Whitecross Street	1 June to 15 September 2019, party on 13 and 14 July 2019	Open to all	5,000+ of whom 3,000 are Islington residents	3,125.18	85,000	£1,875 18-19 LIF, £300 Cowling & Wilcox, £3,000 tbc LBI Community Festivals Fund, £100,000 tbc Community Infrastructure Levy, £2,000 tbc stall income	£1,874.82 LIF awarded to this project in March 2019.

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Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the part time Volunteer Services Co-ordinator who currently runs 75 one to one befriending relationships across central and south Islington. This project aims to prevent or alleviate isolation among older people. The co-ordinator works 4 days per week.	EC1 and surrounding areas	April 2019 to March 2020	Older people aged over 60, with the majority aged 70+	75	1,500	20,800	£1,000 Rotary Club, £400 John Lewis, £7,500 St Sepulchre tbc, £500 Waitrose tbc, further fundraising ongoing	
Page 7	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	Friends of King Square Gardens	Community Christmas event in King Square Gardens in partnership with King Square TRA and supported by the LBI Parks team, local community groups and GLL. The event is primarily a children's event. Funding to pay for a giant snow globe, a santa's grotto, a santa and elf, face painters, decorations, a bouncy castle and volunteers.	King Square Gardens	13 December 2019	Local residents, most of whom are children (who the event is mainly for)	500	2,515	4,865	£1,400 Higgins Construction (tree, lights, reindeer rodeo & face painters), £500 St Lukes & King Square TRA (refreshments), £100 St Clements Church (choir), £350 in kind support from LBI Parks (labour)	
Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe / Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	St Luke's Community History Group	Costs of a year's 'Out and About' programme, which enables isolated or older people to participate in free supported visits to local sites of historic interest, e.g. libraries, archives and museums. The programme involves 10 trips / activities, most of which are free or low cost. Funding to pay for the entrance costs of 20 people for 3 visits, travel costs (for those unable to use public transport), refreshments and publicity.	The project is based at Islington Local History Centre	July 2019 to July 2020	Targetted at those who are isolated, living alone or in social housing, most of their members are aged 70+	60 (30 from each ward)	820	1,190	£370 tbc participants's donations	

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Bunhill / Clerkenwell / Highbury East / Highbury West / Holloway / Junction	All councillors of Bunhill, Clerkenwell, Holloway and Junction wards / Osh Gantly / Roulin Khondoker	Back 2 Basics Create	Swimming and spa sessions in partnership with GLL. Funding to contribute towards the cost of 15 swimming lessons for 105 women, staff time, project overheads and volunteers.	Mainly at Ironmonger Row Baths	September 2019 to March 2020	Mainly Muslim women	105 from 7 wards (15 per ward)	5,100	13,650	£3,150 from participant contributions (£2 per person per session)	The amount requested from 7 wards is £10,500 (£1,500 per ward). The £350 allocation from Junction ward is conditional on the recruitment of Junction women.
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Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Phil Graham / Claudia Webbe	Quaker Court Tenant Management Organisation (QCTMO)	Three new public murals in public areas of Quaker Court and Braithwaite House, which are the gateways to historic Quaker Gardens. There will be 9 half-day artist led workshops for residents and park users (particularly young people) in order to generate ideas for the murals and involve people in the painting. Funding to contribute towards a launch event and fun day.	Quaker Gardens (off Banner Street)	Murals painted in August and September 2019, with the finished works launched at a communal barbecue and park fun day	Park users and local residents (especially Quaker Court and Braithwaite House residents)	1,500 Islington residents	125	4,500	£1,250 Kunstraum art gallery (via 2019-20 Arts Council England grant), £1,000 Quaker Court TMO	£2,250 is requested for fees for artists and their workshop fees, paint, new lighting, a launch event and fun day and scaffold tower transportation. The shortfall of £2,125 will hopefully be met by Bunhill CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).
Canonbury	John Woolf / Nick Wayne	Isledon Arts CIC	Rose Bowl Summer Celebration, an annual one day community event that takes place in St Paul's Park. Funding to contribute towards a bouncy castle and generator, filming and editing, face painting and other associated costs.	St Paul's Park, Ramsey Walk	13 July 2019	Local residents, especially young people	150 Islington residents	996.50	2,342.50	£1,346 Isledon Arts CIC	

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Canonbury	John Woolf / Nick Wayne	Uturn UK CIC	Funding for a company to set up two further Street Associations in Canonbury to encourage greater community cohesion. The project will continue to be led by a local Outreach Worker supported by Street Association staff and local volunteers. Funding to pay for the outreach worker, Street Association staff time, community events, a contribution to office, phones and insurance costs, travel and printing.	Morton Road, Almorah Road and Yeate Street (suggested streets)	June 2019 to March 2020	Residents of the chosen streets	200 households expected to benefit	4,373.65	5,495	£500 donation, £621 18-19 LIF	The amount requested is £4,995. £621.35 awarded to this project in March 2019.
Page 9 Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Amwell Street Fete	11th annual summer fete / street party in and around Amwell Street featuring live music, a cake competition, summer hat contest, an annual dog show, food stalls, a BBQ, fairground rides and a free yoga demonstration. Funding to contribute towards three live music acts and a DJ, equipment hire, stage hire, media and publicity, cherry picker hire, security personnel and insurance.	Amwell Street, EC1	Fete on Sunday 14 July 2019, planning from 6 March onwards	Mainly Clerkenwell, Bunhill and Canonbury residents	1,500	1,950	6,050	£2,000 Amwell Veterinary Practice, £2,000 Browning's Garage, £100 The Amwell Society	
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Artistry Youth Dance	'Belonging' - youth dance performance project, 8 weekly workshops developing the dance and performance skills of young people culminating in a public performance in August. Funding to pay for choreographer and studio hire at the Old Finsbury Town Hall.	Old Finsbury Town Hall and City and Islington College	1 July to 31 August 2019	Young women aged 14 to 25 from BME communities	12 participants and 400 audience members from Islington (300 from Clerkenwell)	1,500	4,930	£1,350 in kind (City & Isl College studio / theatre hire), £1,000 in kind (choreographer), £720 in kind (participants' transport), £360 private donor (costumes)	

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Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Clerkenwell Festival Group	Small scale community festival to be held in Spa Fields Park including a music stage, jumble sale, dog show, kids area, food stalls and a heritage walk. Key Change, the Peel Institute and Food Chain will also be involved in the festival. Funding to contribute towards the costs of a PA system, a stage and toilets.	Spa Fields Park	Sunday 25 August 2019	Local residents, young offenders and homeless people (performers and stewards)	500	2,400	6,000	Income from stalls and local businesses tbc, fundraising on-going	
Page 10	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Marx Memorial Library	Engaging local families with newly digitised archives on child refugees from the Spanish Civil War (1936-9) through two story telling sessions, one messy play session and three artistic workshops coinciding with Refugee Week 2019 and a parallel collaborative exhibition at Islington Museum. Funding to pay the artistic educator and story teller for preparing and delivering five workshops and supplies for the artistic workshop.	Marx Memorial Library and Islington Museum	Story telling on 16 and 20 July, messy play on 27 June, 3 artistic workshops in mid to late July	Local families with children under five, especially vulnerable families	60 (10 per session)	990	990	Not applicable	These costs were originally applied for in January 2019.
Clerkenwell	Ben Mackmurdie / Matt Nathan / Kadeema Woodbyrne	Singalong Songs CIC	Live music events for children and families with an emphasis on audience participation, theatrical engagement and communal singing. They perform weekly at the Exmouth Market Centre but also travel to other wards. Funding to pay for an additional musician for two sessions per week for ten weeks (total of 20 sessions).	Church Hall, Exmouth Market and other locations in the borough	The 20 sessions will be held between 18 September and 11 December 2019	Children and their parents / carers (at Exmouth Market), older care home residents elsewhere	450 per week, of which 300 are from Islington	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	These costs were originally applied for in January 2019.

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Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Adult Social Care	Advertising Finsbury Park Ward Partnership meetings from April 2019 to July 2020. Funding will pay for the printing and delivery of flyers.	Meetings normally at Andover Community Centre or Durham Road Community Rooms	April 2019 to July 2020	Finsbury Park ward residents	30 to 40 people at each meeting	620	620	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Food and soft drinks for the annual Mayton Street Festival which is being organised by local residents.	Mayton Street	Saturday 13 July 2019	Residents of Mayton Street and the neighbouring streets	250 Islington residents	500	1,000	£500 donations from the community and businesses tbc	
Finsbury Park / Holloway / St Georges / Tollington	Asima Shaikh / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke / Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	SEN Family Saturdays	Local group running sessions for autistic children every Saturday morning at Hornsey Road Children's Centre (taking over from Family Action who recently shut). Funding to contribute towards lunches and craft activity supplies.	Hornsey Road Children's Centre	February 2019 to January 2020	Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (as well as their parents and siblings)	22	995	28,526	£27,500 secured (Islington Giving, LBI Community Chest, London Catalyst, Awards for All, Baily Thomas Charitable Fund)	
Finsbury Park / Tollington	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan / Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	The Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Funding for the weekly Over 50s lunch club which consists of volunteers preparing traditional healthy meals. This will run alongside the group's advice service which covers issues such as debt, housing, benefits, and offers support in accessing services. Funding to contribute towards for 40 weeks of venue hire and ingredients.	Durham Road Community Rooms (under 32 to 43 Bolton Walk), Durham Road	April 2019 to January 2020	Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot women aged 50+	55 from Islington	1,078.08	1,500	£421.92 18-19 Finsbury Park LIF	The amount requested in March 2019 is £1,500. £422 LIF awarded to this project by Finsbury Park in March 2019.

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Finsbury Park / Tollington	Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan / Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Community Language Support Services	22 fortnightly knitting sessions for the women's group which would help them develop new skills and confidence and therefore improve their employability. Funding is requested for hall hire, volunteer expenses and refreshments.	St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park	15 April 2019 to 15 March 2020	Isolated women from BME refugee communities	40+	920	1,390	£300 Fins Pk 18-19 LIF, £170 CLSS (phone costs)	The amount requested in March 2019 is £1,220. £300 awarded to this project by Finsbury Park in March 2019.
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh	LBI Homes and Communities (Finsbury Park Community Hub)	Annual outing to Southend in July for local families who otherwise would not have an opportunity to get out of London during the summer. Funding to contribute towards coach hire, the purchase of wristbands for Adventure Island / Theme Park and additional staffing costs.	Southend on Sea	July 2019 after the schools break up	Low income residents, mainly local families and older people	220	1,100	5,340	£1,340 18-19 LIF, £2,000 tbc ticket sales	The amount requested in this round is £2,000. £1,340 LIF awarded to this project in March 2019.
Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / Tollington	All councillors of Highbury East, Holloway, Junction, St Georges and Tollington wards / Asima Shaikh / Roulin Khondoker / Jenny Kay	Manor Gardens Welfare Trust	Christmas hampers and a Christmas lunch for isolated older people in North Islington. Funding to pay for staff time, 45 personalised hampers, staff time, food, soft drinks, transport to the lunch, hall hire and entertainment.	Lunch at the Andover Community Centre	Hampers delivery in November and December, lunch in early December	Mostly older people aged 75+	72 (8 residents in 9 wards) plus 30 volunteers	1,933.33	2,250	£700 in kind support from volunteers (packing hampers, preparing and serving lunch, transporting members)	The amount requested from 9 wards is £250 per ward (total of £2,250 requested).
Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Islington Pensioners Forum (garden party)	Annual summer garden party at Highbury View Sheltered Accommodation. Funding to pay for jazz band, refreshments/food and non-alcoholic drinks.	Highbury View Sheltered Accommodation, Ronalds Road	17 August 2019	Open to all	70+	475	475	Not applicable	

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Highbury East	Osh Gantly / Sue Lukes / Caroline Russell	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bods	Launch of a weekly health walk and a free weekly gym studio session mainly for people in poverty, isolation, and who would not normally have access to this intervention. Funding to pay for a personal trainer for a year, three roller banners (two for their partners (Islington Central Medical Centre and Better Gym)) and the cost of flyers for the new walk.	Highbury Fields and Highbury Leisure Centre	1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020	Local residents, especially older people, the unemployed and those with mental health issues	50 to 100	895.60	895.60	Not applicable	
Highbury East / Hillrise Junction / Mildmay	All councillors of Highbury East, Hillrise and Junction wards / Joe Caluori / Santiago Bell-Bradford	Islington Mind (LGBTQ+ women only event)	LGBTQ+ Women Only event / open day. The day will include tasters of the activities offered by Islington Mind and a consultation about their needs. Funding to contribute towards buffet lunch, refreshments, volunteer expenses, a therapist, raffle prizes, publicity and other associated costs.	35 Ashley Road, N19 3AG	6 August 2019	LGBTQ+ women living in Islington	32	336	500	Not applicable	The amount requested from 6 wards is £500 (£84 per ward).
Highbury East / Junction / Mildmay	All councillors of Highbury East and Junction wards / Joe Caluori / Santiago Bell-Bradford	Islington Mind (LGBTQ+ summer seaside trip)	LGBTQ+ trip to Southend on Sea for 25 Islington members of the LGBTQ+ community including older people, asylum seekers, refugees, the autistic, domestic violence victims and people with mental health issues. Funding to pay for mini bus / coach hire, lunch, pier admission and refreshments.	Southend on Sea	3 September 2019	Islington members of the LGBTQ+ community	25	450	900	Not applicable	The amount requested from 6 wards is £900 (£150 per ward).
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Roulin Khondoker / Andy Hull	Jenny Christodoulou / Stephens Ink Community Association	Funding for 24 weekly sessions of jewellery making and 6 weekly sessions of Christmas arts and crafts to be held over the next year. Funding to pay for tutor, materials, insurance, stationery and printing.	Stephens Ink Community Centre	22 May 2019 to 8 Apr 2020	Local women	11 Islington residents	2,715	2,715	Not applicable	

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Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre	50 weekly gentle exercise classes mainly for the over 55s. Funding to pay for tutor costs.	Caxton House, 129 St John's Way	5 September 2019 to 27 August 2020	Aimed at over 55s	60	1,500	3,950	£2,450 Caxton House (room hire, refreshments and publicity)	
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hillrise ward c/o Caxton House	The fifth annual Hillrise summer festival which will be led and organised by a number of local groups and the ward councillors. Funding to pay for Monkey-Do, arts and crafts stalls, publicity and admin, refreshments and volunteer expenses.	Caxton House Community Centre and Hillside Park	Saturday 10 August 2019	450+ Islington residents and groups	450+	500	4,785	£3,000 2018-19 LIF, £1,285 in kind support Caxton House (venue hire), Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association and Living Space Art School (equipment hire)	£3,000 LIF awarded to this project in March 2019.
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	Estate based activity programme supporting families living on Hornsey Lane Estate. Funding is requested for a trip to Walton on the Naze and an Open Day event. Funding to contribute towards coach hire for the trip and open day costs (a BBQ, Wild Fangs and other associated costs)	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre	Day trip on 6 July and open day on 7 September	Hornsey Lane Estate residents	120	900	1,510	£210 VCS Funding, £200 HLECA, £200 tbc family donations for trip	
Hillrise	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Octopus Community Network (Hillrise We Can Grow)	Continuation of an estate based community gardening project on Elthorne Estate for local residents and patients referred by St John's Medical Practice. Funding to pay a horticultural therapist for 13 sessions, fruit trees and a wheelbarrow.	Community Garden, Partington Close, Elthorne Estate, N19	July to September 2019 (13 weeks)	Estate residents and patients referred by St John's Medical Practice	30	1,119	2,619	£1,500 Octopus Community Network (development officer time, plants and seeds, publicity)	

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Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Location	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing Comments
Hillrise / Mildmay / St Peters	Michelline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Alice Clarke-Perry / Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	KMEWO (Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation)	20 weekly ESOL classes in two primary schools (10 per school), 10 weekly ICT classes in Caxton House and 3 workshops on domestic abuse and FGM. Funding to pay for sessional staff time, tutor costs, room hire, resources and refreshments.	Caxton House, Newington Green Primary School and Rotherfield Primary School	September to December 2019	Mainly Kurdish and Middle Eastern women	45 (30 Islington residents)	4,642.50	6,002.50	£300 in kind for room hire from primary schools, £1,060 in kind from KMEWO (workshop staff time, laptops and maintenance, office overheads)	
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Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Parkrun Ltd (Caledonian Junior Parkrun)	Start up costs for a Caledonian Junior Parkrun - a free weekly timed 2km run for 4 to 14 years olds around Caledonian Park with opportunities for volunteering. Funding to pay for head office costs for setting up a new parkrun such as admin and planning, insurance, health and safety and safeguarding policies, parkrun results processing software and associated equipment (timers, barcode scanners, finish tokens, hi-vis vests, cones, first aid kit and temporary route signs).	Caledonian Park, Market Road	Funding will be spent by the end of September but project is ongoing	Young people aged 4 to 14 from Holloway and neighbouring wards	60 to 120 (based on other nearby junior parkruns)	3,000	3,000	Not applicable	
Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	The Pleasance Theatres Trust Ltd	Weekly workshops engaging 30 young people aged 14 to 21 from the Market Estate and the surrounding areas in creative and theatre-related skills. The project will culminate in a presentation of their work in Summer 2020 on the Market Estate. Volunteer and viable employment opportunities will be available to participants post-programme. Funding to pay for staff time, evaluation and overheads, space hire for workshops, presentation, marketing and other associated costs.	The Market Estate, North Road	August 2019 to August 2020	Young people aged 14 to 21 who are at risk of exclusion or involvement in criminal activity or have been involved in criminal activity	30 young people directly	3,600	67,477	£47,877 The Mayor's Young Londoner's Fund, £6,000 tbc from the Morris Charitable Trust and Gunners Fund, £10,000 in kind Pleasance Theatre (space for workshops and technical support)	

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Holloway	Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Diarmaid Ward	Holloway SDA Church	Haven Café run by church volunteers which provides free health checks, free meals, free legal / immigration advice, free clothes, free massages, ESOL classes, health and well-being advice, employment support and counselling services. Funding to pay for groceries, cleaning, packs to measure cholesterol and other associated running costs.	Holloway SDA Church, 381 Holloway Road	1 July to 31 December 2019	Local residents	42	1,000	3,750	£1,750 Holloway SDA Church, £1,000 tbc British Union Conference	
Page 16 Mildmay	Santiago Bell-Bradford / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	Healthy Generations / Notting Hill Genesis on behalf of Mildmay Extra Care Units	50 weekly Music and Movement Classes for older people at 2 Mildmay Extra Care Units over 6 months. Funding to pay for the musician leading the sessions.	73 Mildmay Street and 20-26 Mildmay Park	August 2019 to January 2020	Residents at Mildmay Extra Care, a lot of whom are disabled	15-20 expected to attend but offered to 100	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Crayford Road Gardeners	Annual street party on Crayford Road. Funding to contribute towards band hire, food and soft drinks, a bouncy castle and PA system hire.	Crayford Road	20 July 2019	Mainly local residents	500+	500	1,250	Details to follow	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	SLOW (Surviving the Loss of Your World)	A contribution to the annual running costs of this group that provides support for bereaved parents and siblings and advice for professionals working with bereaved families. Over a year, the group runs 11 evening monthly support groups and 39 daytime weekly support groups. Funding to contribute towards sessional costs, website expenses, business services and administration, volunteer expenses, insurance and compliance, phone costs and publicity, print and design.	Evening monthly support groups at Calcott Community Centre and daytime weekly support groups at St George and All Saints Church	May 2019 to April 2020	Bereaved parents and siblings from Islington and beyond	Over 350 to date (a further 50 to 70 in 2019)	150	45,428.17	£2,098 2017-18 and 2018-19 LIF, £2,500 2018-19 LBI Community Chest, £9,500 other funding, £31,200 tbc from further fundraising, applications and subscriptions (including £2,500 2019-20 LBI Community Chest)	The amount requested is £1,750. £1,600 was awarded to this project in March 2019.

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Hilldrop Area Community Association (summer fair and open day)	Annual summer fair and open day which will help to promote centre activities as well as provide entertainment. The event will also include the official opening of their newly landscaped 'Peace Garden'. Funding to pay for catering, music and entertainment, a henna artist, a face painter, publicity and printing.	Hilldrop Community Centre	5 July 2019	Local residents	150 Islington residents	600	1,000	£400 tbc from stalls fees, donations and the sale of craft items and raffle tickets	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Hilldrop Area Community Association (sew and craft project)	The costs for 10 weeks of a weekly sew and craft drop in. Funding to pay for 15 hours of tutoring costs, sewing machines and materials.	Hilldrop Community Centre	17 September to 17 December 2019	Local women but open to all	12 Islington residents	550	550	Not applicable	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	St George and All Saints Church	Holiday Club and a Fun Day. Funding to contribute towards BBQ food and drink, sports and craft equipment, bouncy castle / inflatable hire, publicity, volunteer expenses and decorations.	St George's Church	31 July to 2 Aug 2019 (holiday club), 4 Aug 2019 (fun day)	Primary school aged children (holiday club) and families (fun day)	120 Islington residents	700	1,100	£400 St George's Church	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Willow Children's Centre and Archway Children's Centre	Flying Families, in which vulnerable children and their parents / carers learn aerial techniques, do physical theatre and yoga and participate in outdoor activities in local parks and woods. The project would benefit particularly those with limited access to outdoor space living in areas of high deprivation. Funding to pay for lead tutor and project director, an assistant tutor, riggers and Caxton House hire.	Caxton House Community Centre and Queens Wood	22 July to 26 August 2019	Children aged 3 to 5 and their parents	10 to 20 families to benefit	59.94	5,730	£2,860 18-19 LIF, £2,250 in kind support from Archway Children's Centre (staff time) and Scarabeus (artistic planning time), £560 Scarabeus (mostly for public liability insurance)	The amount requested over two rounds is £2,920. £2,860 awarded to a slightly larger project by Junction and St Georges in March 2019 (when £3,320 was the amount requested).

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Tricia Clarke	Tufnell Park Primary School	Annual school summer fair, which this year has a 'Farewell Fayre' theme to mark the history of the school which has been going since the 1950s (the current building will soon be demolished to make way for a new building in September). Funding to pay for a balloon entertainer and a bouncy slide.	Tufnell Park Primary School	Saturday 29 June 2019	Mainly children at the school, the staff and their families but open to all	900	485	1,695	£560 PTA funds, £650 tbc Drivers and Norris Estate Agent sponsorship	
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Islington Pensioners Forum (IT / Smartphone classes)	Weekly free IT and Smartphone classes for older people. Funding to pay for 17 weeks of instructor costs, refreshments and publicity.	IPF Hall, 1A Providence Court	September to December 2019	Older people	5 to 10 weekly	1,000	1,220	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,220.
St Marys	Gary Poole	St Mary Upper Street	Week long festival as part of a 'Soul in the City' community cohesion initiative, featuring an opera or classical performance, quiz night, classical concert, poetry evening and a fun day among other activities. Funding to contribute towards entertainment, food and drink, PR and marketing, fun day activities and staging and sound.	St Mary's Church	17 to 21 July 2019	Open to all	2,500 (1,500 Islington residents)	2,000	8,000	£2,000 St Mary's PC, £2,000 tbc Morris Trust	The amount requested is £4,000.
St Marys	Angela Picknell	Tintype	Children's art workshops at St Mary's Primary School accompanying Tintype's annual Essex Road Project. The workshops will be held over a six week period in the Autumn term and will be based around the creation of a short animated film which could be later screened at the gallery. Funding to contribute towards the fees of the artist for the six sessions and materials.	St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fowler Road	10 September 2019 to 29 February 2020	Children at St Mary's school, teachers and support staff	At least 30 children	500	1,200	£490 tbc Arts Council England	The amount requested is £710.

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St Peters	Vivien Cutler / Martin Klute	Canal & River Trust	Angel Canal Festival 2019, a one day annual community-focussed waterways festival taking place in and around the City Road Basin. Amongst other things, there will be a floating market and a floating theatre boat and an opportunity to take part in heritage walks and watersport activities. Funding to contribute towards the cost of music, performances and activities.	City Road Basin on the Regent's Canal	Sunday 1 September 2019	Islington and London residents	10,000 (approx 5,000 from Islington, 1,000 from St Peter's ward)	1,500	30,000	£2,500 LBI Community Festivals Fund, £20,000 Canal & River Trust (of which £10,000 is in kind), £6,000 tbc various sponsors and donations	
Tollington	Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Corbyn St Street Party	Provision of low-key, child-friendly activities for children to enjoy and get involved in as part of the annual street party on Corbyn Street. Funding to pay for a professional face painter for 4 hours.	Corbyn Street, N4	14 July 2019	Young children	100	250	500	£250 contributions from the kids section organisers	
Tollington	Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Yes Outdoors	18 sessions of a bicycle maintenance course combined with mentoring support aimed at young people aged 12 to 16 suffering deprivation or at risk of offending who will be referred from the third sector, youth services and local police. Funding to contribute towards bike tools and stands, bike parts and fuel for transport to move bikes and staff.	Brickworks Community Centre (9 sessions)	September 2019 to August 2020	Disadvantaged young people aged 12 to 16	50	1,500	15,400	£5,000 LBI Community Chest, £4,000 Mary Kinross, £3,250 Islington Safer Neighbourhood Board, £150 Yes Outdoors	The amount requested was £3,000 from two wards.
Tollington	Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association (community day)	Costs of a Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event / fun day on 8 June 2019. Funding to pay for staff costs, catering, catering equipment, Wild Fangs, publicity, music and other associated costs.	Brickworks Community Centre	8 June 2019	Local residents	500+	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	

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Tollington	Anjna Khurana / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association (tranquil health and well- being workshops)	Monthly tranquil workshops raising awareness of health and well-being, incorporating social and therapeutic activities. Funding to pay for hall hire, refreshments, volunteers, a therapist, entertainers and travel expenses.	Brickworks Community Centre	July 2019 to March 2020	Open to all but mainly targetted at older people	40 Islington residents	1,635.42	2,799.38	£463.96 tbc People's Health Trust, £700 tbc through entrance charges	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2019-20:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£4,522
Balance remaining:	£229,522
New proposals for July VCS Committee:	£84,298
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2019-20:	£145,223

2019-20 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£9,363
Bunhill	£5,187
Caledonian	£14,000
Canonbury	£8,630
Clerkenwell	£4,306
Finsbury Park	£9,115
Highbury East	£11,020
Highbury West	£10,876
Hillrise	£8,350
Holloway	£3,933
Junction	£12,279
Mildmay	£10,657
St George's	£8,653
St Mary's	£10,613
St Peter's	£11,597
Tollington	£6,647

Notes:

Includes £98 from previous LIF allocations / budgets

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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

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SUBJECT: Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme Round 1: Winter 2020

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year, Islington Council is pleased to offer eight community groups, schools and colleges, arts and cultural organisations based in Islington the chance to have free use of Islington Assembly Hall and selected Town Hall meeting rooms for five hours.

In June 2018, the Assembly Hall Free hires scheme amended its criteria and application process, reducing the number of free hires of the Assembly Hall but at the same time opened up the opportunity for organisations to apply to use the Town Hall's larger committee rooms for smaller events more suited to these rooms.

The new scheme allows for free hire of civic space to community groups with no hidden costs/or minimal additional costs.

In the previous year under the new scheme, all free hires were allocated and none were carried forward. Therefore, four slots are available in this round (two for free hires of the Islington Assembly Hall and two for the use of Town Hall rooms).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To allocate one free hire of the Islington Assembly Hall for June and mid-September 2019 to each of the following:
- Creative Society
 - Voluntary Action Islington - Volunteer Centre Islington
- 2.2 To allocate one free hire of Islington Town Hall rooms for June and December 2019 to each of the following:
- Centre 404
 - Galbur Foundation

2.3 To hold the following applicant in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings:

- Middle Eastern Women & Society Organisation

3. Background

3.1 There are two different packages available to organizations depending on the nature of the event and/or number of guests and audiences. The Council reserves the right to decide on the option more suitable for events:

- The Assembly Hall - for fairs, conferences and networking events with an audience of over 100 people, musical performances with a small number of performers, and other simple performances. The free hire scheme is offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January – February 2019 (1st round), and between June to mid- September 2019 (2nd round).**

- The Town Hall rooms - for smaller conferences, workshops and collaborative networking events with an audience between 25 to 80 people - depending on layout of the room, and whether attendees are seated or standing up. The Town Hall free hire is offered on working days **Monday – Friday, between 9am and 5pm from 2 January – 31 May 2019 (1st round); and 1 June to 21 December 2019 (2nd round)** subject to availability.

3.2 The first round of the 2019-20 scheme was launched in July 2019 and was promoted through LBI Communications on the council external website, Schools Bulletin, as well as through Voluntary Action Islington news group, directly to Housing Estates and Community Centres, to the wider sector via LBI departments (Youth Services, Housing, VCS Team, BME Forum, School Improvement Service, Libraries), and direct mailings to previous applicants and arts sector organisations.

The scheme received 6 applications from organisations supporting a wide range of events (see Appendix 1).

3.3 Applications have been assessed against the published criteria (see Appendix 2) which requires applicants to demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that:

a) Have a strategic value and, in particular, a focus on at least one of the following four areas:

- community cohesion
- children and young people
- diversity
- creative ways of engaging local residents and, in particular, those who might otherwise miss out on cultural opportunities.

b) Have a borough-wide impact

c) Demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated)

d) Promote Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, or demonstrating good use of the civic space at the Town Hall, making best use of the high quality facilities available in both venues

The scheme does **not** support:

- Groups that are not based in the borough of Islington
- Events or activities from commercial organisations
- More than one usage per applicant per year
- Applications from organisations who have previously cancelled a slot once accepted
- Applications from departments of Islington Council

3.4 Wherever possible, unsuccessful applicants will be supported, to secure alternative premises for their work.

4. Free Hire

4.1 The following organisations and events most closely meet the criteria and are recommended for free use of the Assembly Hall.

Creative Society	Creative Job Studio Drop in – a series of free workshops to support young people from low-income households, in low-paid work or freelancing, access to the creative sector.
Voluntary Action Islington (Volunteer Centre Islington)	Winter Volunteer Recruitment Fair – Open event to recruit volunteers, with a number of stalls with a variety of volunteering to choose from on the day.

4.2 The following organisations and events most closely meet the criteria and are recommended for free use of the Town Hall rooms.

Centre 404	Family Carers Reference Group and Islington Parents Forum – Forum meetings for parents with children with SEND and family carers for adults with learning disabilities.
Galbur Foundation	‘Beat Up Stigma’ Annual Youth Mental Health Conference for BAMER communities – Conference for Youth BAMER communities

The following organisations and events met the criteria and are recommended to be held in reserve, in case of inability of organisations recommended for free hires listed in 4.1 to negotiate dates and timings with Assembly Hall management.

Middle Eastern Women & Society Organisation	MEWSO'S 10th Anniversary Celebration – Anniversary event of this organisations supporting Middle Eastern, North African and Asian women in London.
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4.3 Officers will prepare a press release announcing the free hires. Organisations will have to submit information about their events to the Council’s events diary.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications other than the loss of income as a result of waiving the fees for the four hires of the Assembly Hall which has been built into the business plan for the venue.

6. Legal Implications

The Council can support voluntary and community sector organisations under the wellbeing power in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This gives the Council the power to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the whole or part of its area or all or any of the persons resident or present in that area.

7. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

8. Resident Impact Assessment:

The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The proposed events serve a wide range of communities and support the Council and Arts Services priorities, targeting children and young people with activities that support young people from low-income households access jobs in the creative sector. Galbur Foundation is an organisation which addresses BAMER themes. Centre 404 supports children with SEND and their families and family carers for adults with learning disabilities.

9. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

The scheme provides an opportunity for the council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall and civic space. Applications have been assessed through a clear and transparent process.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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APPENDIX 1
Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme
All Applicants VCS Committee 30 September 2019

Organisation	Event Title	Event Description	Expected Audience	Recommended
Creative Society	Creative Job Studio Drop in	A series of free workshops to support young people from low-income households, in low-paid work or freelancing, access to the creative sector.	150	YES (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Voluntary Action Islington (Volunteer Centre Islington)	Winter Volunteer Recruitment Fair	Open event to recruit volunteers, with a number of stalls with a variety of volunteering to choose from on the day.	150	YES (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Middle Eastern Women & Society Organisation	MEWSO'S 10th Anniversary Celebration	Anniversary event of this organisations supporting Middle Eastern, North African and Asian women in London.	80-100	RESERVE (ASSEMBLY HALL)
Centre 404	Family Carers Reference Group and Islington Parents Forum	Forum meetings for parents with children with SEND and family carers for adults with learning disabilities.	10 to 25	YES (TOWN HALL ROOMS)
Galbur Foundation	'Beat Up Stigma' Annual Youth Mental Health Conference for BAMER communities	Conference bringing together young people, voluntary and statutory services and the community, faith groups and schools to discuss and share ideas on how best support young peoples' mental health needs.	60-80	YES (TOWN HALL ROOMS)
Camden & Islington NHS Foundation Trust	Service User Conference	Conference and celebration event for practioners and service users of the Camden & Islington NHS.	100	NO

APPENDIX 2

Islington Council Venues Free Community Use Scheme Eligibility Criteria and Guidance Notes - Round 2

Each year, Islington Council is pleased to offer eight community groups, schools and colleges, arts and cultural organisations based in Islington the chance to have free use of Islington Assembly Hall and selected Town Hall meeting rooms for five hours.

There are two different packages available to organizations depending on the nature of the event and/or number of guests and audiences. The Council reserves the right to decide on the option more suitable for your event. Therefore, it is important that the information you provide is detailed and accurate. Please read carefully the information below before completing an application form

Option 1 - Islington Assembly Hall

The Assembly Hall is suitable for fairs, conferences and networking events with an audience of over 100 people, musical performances with a small number of performers, and other simple performances. Please note that Islington Assembly Hall is not a theatre and if you're looking to put on a stage performance with multiple acts, props, sets or other complex lighting or audio-visual effects within a limited budget, then this scheme might not be suitable for your event and other venues might provide a better and cost-effective alternative.

Please email assemblyhall@islington.gov.uk if you would like to check if this is the right venue for you. The free hire scheme will be offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** between **June to mid-September 2019 (2nd Round)**. Two free hires of Islington Assembly Hall will be offered in this round. Successful applicants will get free hire of the main hall **for a maximum of five consecutive hours**.

The five-hour hire of the Assembly Hall Free Hire will include:

- access to Islington Assembly Hall for you and/or your suppliers for your event
- Islington Assembly Hall set up to meet your requirements as agreed in pre-event discussions
- a named events coordinator leading up to the event
- at least one duty manager throughout your event
- a small PA system that can be used without additional support from an engineer
- a sound engineer (if required) for a period of five hours
- one member of Assembly Hall security team as a standard
- use of the kitchen for caterers

All other items and services – such as hire of the hall for additional hours, use of the venue's balcony, refreshments, extra security, equipment, table linen and specialized technical support – will incur additional costs, which your organisation will need to meet. Additional costs for the use of the Assembly Hall may include, but are not limited, to (costs below are inclusive of VAT):

- Hire of the hall for more than five consecutive hours: from £120 per hour
- Use of the balcony: £300 for a five-hour hire
- Tablecloths: £84 in total
- Additional security staff: from £93.90
- Refreshments: costs available on request

Option 2 - Islington Town Hall rooms

The Town Hall rooms are suitable for events with an audience between 25 to 80 people depending on layout of the room, and whether attendees are seated or standing up.

The Town Hall can be booked for **workshops, collaborative working sessions, networking, and small get-togethers for residents and community groups.**

The Town Hall free hire will be offered on working days **Monday – Friday, between 9am and 5pm** from **1 June to 21 December 2019 (2nd Round)** subject to availability*. Two free hires of Islington Town Hall rooms will be offered in this round.

Successful applicants will get free hire of the room **for a maximum of five consecutive hours.**

The five-hour Town Hall Free Hire will include:

- access to Islington civic spaces for you and/or your guests
- setting up the room to a layout of your preference
- at least one duty facility officer throughout your event
- use of in-house furniture, tables and chairs
- jars of drinking water
- use of large plasma LED monitor
- free Wi-Fi

Additional costs may include, but are not limited, to:

- hire of additional stationary such as flipcharts, flipchart paper, and pens
- hire of additional technical equipment such projectors, etc.
- any additional services which fall outside the normal working hours will have to be charged
- refreshments: costs available on request

*Please note that the Council has a right to cancel or postpone your event at any time due to exceptional circumstances without incurring liabilities for any losses or damages incurred by the hirer as a result of cancellation. Should the Council cancel your booking for reasons other than force majeure within two weeks of the date of the event, the council will at its sole discretion endeavour to assist the hirer in finding alternative accommodation for the event.

Criteria

Organisations must demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that have a strategic value, and in particular a focus on at least one of the following four areas:

- community cohesion
- children and young people
- diversity
- creative ways of engaging local residents and, in particular, those who might otherwise miss out on cultural opportunities.

Applications should be able to demonstrate your event achieve the following:

- have a borough-wide impact
- demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated)
- promote Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, or demonstrating good use of the civic space at the Town Hall, making best use of the high quality facilities available in both venues

In addition, to be shortlisted for the scheme, you must be able to demonstrate how your organisation will cover any associated costs (if any), as the free hire scheme gives you use of the venue for free for up to five hours, but other additional costs must be covered by your organisation as indicated above.

The scheme will not support:

- groups that are not based in the borough of Islington
- events or activities from commercial organisations
- more than one usage per applicant per year
- applications from organisations who have previously cancelled a slot once accepted
- applications from departments of Islington Council

How to apply and additional support:

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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	30 September 2019		All

SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Round One Grant Awards 2019/20

1 Synopsis

- 1.1 Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build community resilience and supporting residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC), one of the borough's most popular grant programmes, has proved to be a very effective way of funding grassroots activity and developing the capacity of local groups.
- 1.2 This report sets out the organisations approved by Islington Council's Community Chest's Panel for first round of funding for 201/20.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the funding decisions made by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel in relation to the first round of ICCC grant funding for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix A.

3 Background

- 3.1 ICCC is a partnership between Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation. It is a small grants programme that funds grassroots activity and brings additional capacity building, networking and development support to local voluntary and community organisations. By providing resources for local groups ICCC helps to build community resilience and to tackle poverty and isolation.

- 3.2 ICCC is available to local organisations with a turnover of no more than £100,000 per year – in most cases less than £50,000 per year. Organisations can apply for one grant of up to £5,000 per year. The priority is to support applications from the most deprived areas of the borough with a focus on:
- Advise and support people
 - Educating people and improving their skills and employability
 - Improving people’s mental and/or physical health
 - Improving the local environment and making communities safer
 - Reduce isolation and increasing people’s involvement in the community
- 3.3 Community Chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Under current grant funding arrangements, agreed by VCS Committee in March 2015, the council provides funding of £200,000 per year and Cripplegate Foundation adds £50,000 per year (from which £36,000 per year is deducted to cover the costs of administering and developing the programme). In addition, Cripplegate Foundation has committed up to £2,500 a year towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC.
- 3.4 Applications to the ICCC are considered by the Islington Council Community Chest Panel, (ICCCP) which meets three times a year. The ICCCP is Chaired by the Executive Member for Community Development and consists of two nominated ward Councillors, representatives from Cripplegate Foundation and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector, nominated by the Islington Community Network.
- 3.5 The ICCCP also considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually to ensure that the programme continues to meet the needs of Islington’s most vulnerable and isolated residents. In addition, panellists track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.
- 3.6 In April 2017 VCS Committee decided to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP regarding confirming the awarding of grants to VCS Organisations, rather than been required to decide on recommendations made by the panel. This change has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council’s interests are protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee continues to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

4 Round One Grant Awards 2019/20

- 4.1 The first round of ICCC was widely advertised to local groups through voluntary sector networks and forums, tenants and residents’ associations, and on the Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation websites. Information sessions were arranged for organisations interested in applying to the programme.
- 4.2 £71,334 from the current round and **£5,525 in reimbursements and £11,991 allocated from historic underspend** makes a total of **£88,850** available to allocate.

- 4.3 There were 20 applications submitted. One application was ineligible (Wipers CIC) due to now being over the income threshold for funding and two applications that were deferred from previous rounds were brought forward for consideration. This gives a total of 21 applications for the Panel to consider, requesting a total of £94,572. Five (24%) of the applications for consideration are first time applicants.
- 4.4 The ICCCP met on 25 June 2019 to consider applications and approved awards totalling £86,548 to 18 organisations. A list of organisations recommended for funding and the proposed grant award for each organisation is set out in Appendix A.

5 Implications

5.1 Financial implications:

- 5.1.1 The council's grant funding of £200,000 per year referred to in this report will be met from existing budgets allocated to ICCC in the Chief Executive's Department.

5.2 Legal Implications:

- 5.2.1 The council has power to provide grants for the voluntary and community sector under the General Power of Competence set out in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The provision of grants for the voluntary and community sector as described in this report is not subject to any other statutory provision. In providing these grants the council must ensure that it complies with its duty to secure best value (Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999).

5.3 Environmental Implications:

- 5.3.1 One of the priorities of ICCC is 'improving the local environment and making communities safer'. Funding proposals in this report support grassroots community activity which will have a positive impact on the local environment.

5.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

- 5.4.1 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
- 5.4.2 ICCC provides resources for small community organisations, many of which are volunteer-led and wouldn't meet the criteria for funding under other programmes. It enables some of Islington's poorest residents to access community-based services and activities including through newly established groups who offer the potential for adding to existing provision locally or who can reach communities that may not otherwise be supported. Analysis of previous grants demonstrates ICCC's success at meeting the needs of groups with protected characteristics, for example people from black and minority ethnic and refugee backgrounds, young people and older people, women, and people with disabilities.

6 Reasons for decisions

- 6.1 ICCC helps to nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes. ICCC is an effective way of developing grass roots activity across the borough and building capacity in local organisations to support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation.
- 6.2 The amendment to the Council's current grant agreement with Cripplegate Foundation to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interest is protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee will continue to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A – Approved Grant Awards for ICCC: Round One 2019/20

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

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Appendix A:

Islington Council Community Chest: Round One Awards 2019/20

Organisation	Project / Activity	Grant Award (£)
ADVISE AND SUPPORT PEOPLE		
Jigsaw.GC	Jigsaw.gc Educational workshops	£3,908.00
ECUK	Empowering Families	£5,000.00
Federation of Iraqi Refugees	Community building, support, integration Islington's Iraqi and Kurdish residents	£9,900.00
IMPROVE PEOPLE'S MENTAL AND / OR PHYSICAL HEALTH		
Amberliegh	Get Fit, Be Focused, Get Confidence Continued	£10,000.00
Street Storage	Street Storage	£5,000.00
MMARAP	MMARAP for All	£5,000.00
Mini Mermaid and Young Tritons UK CIC	increasing physical activity and self-esteem in young girls in Islington	£1,800.00
Global Diplomats FC	Islington Football Training Sessions	£4,750.00
Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association	'Sit, Stand, Walk and Talk'	£3,720.00
Ball Out Community	Finsbury	£1,700.00
SLOW	SLOW - Surviving the Loss of Your World	£5,000.00
REDUCE ISOLATION AND INCREASE PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY		
Artbox London	Free art workshop places for Islington residents with learning disabilities	£5,000.00
Healthy Generations	Reducing Isolation - Increasing Health Project	£5,000.00
ValueYou	Embedding the ValueYou scheme in the Borough of Islington	£2,200
EDUCATE PEOPLE AND IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY		
Turkish and Kurdish Children's Group	Young People Educational Development Program.	£5,000.00
Jannaty Women Social Society	Design and Garment Making	£5,000.00

Speak Street	Speak Street Reading and Speaking Club at Central Library	£5,000.00
The Bomb Factory Art Foundation	Art workshops for special needs children at the Bridge School	£3,570.00
	Total	£86,548.00