

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



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COST OF LIVING: FOCUS

MAGIC BREAKFAST

Support fundraising for Magic Breakfast to provide free school breakfasts to children across the City starting with the most in need schools in North Westminster.

We work in schools helping head teachers target the children most in need without making those children stand out or feel embarrassed. We believe that breakfast provision should always be stigma free and open to all.

**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

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NORTH PADDINGTON FOODBANK

North Paddington Food Bank (NPFB) is focused on solving food poverty challenges faced by residents living in the Borough of Westminster.

How can you support:

- With £30,000 funding, North Paddington Foodbank will help 700 vulnerable households living in Westminster with access to emergency food aid, alongside advice and support as they continue to struggle financially due to the rising cost of living.

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WESTBOURNE FOOD PANTRY

Westbourne Park Baptist Church has set up the first food pantry in North Westminster to help local people who struggle financially with their weekly shop.

How can you support:

- To join as a member and pay a weekly fee of £5 which gives people access and choice to up to £15-£20 of food.



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COST OF LIVING: FOCUS

ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE FOOD PANTRY

The Abbey Centre run a community pantry two days a week, providing local households that are struggling financially with essential weekly food basics/ staples with a value of around £20 for a weekly subscription of £4.50.

How can you support:

You can donate £4.50 weekly where we will purchase additional food items that are not donated



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PROVIDE FREE SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR CHILDREN

Help fund the Council's School Uniform Support Scheme. The sponsorship will be going directly to schools for children in receipt of Free School Meals. This Scheme supports Reception and Year Six who are Westminster residents.



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BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

Connecting local charities with building maintenance & repairs contractors. This is a frequent request from charities which often occupy old building stock. Helping the charities reduces their expenditure and provides more resource to front line service delivery.

How can you support?

- Contact us to find out which local charities need repair works



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EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & DIVERSITY

TOWARD EMPLOYABILITY

We work with people with learning disabilities and support them into employment. A lot of people with learning disabilities want to go into work, however their journey towards employability has been stopped in its tracks, with limited signs of recovery.

We want your support by funding a 2 year project to support over 20 unemployed adults with a learning disability through; skills development, vocational training or volunteering and in-work support.

We will also welcome support through other means, such as Strategic corporate-charity partnerships to support both our aims and priorities • Financial support towards project staff • Commissioning of Fruitful, our juice pop up stall that can offer corporate team building and volunteering opportunities and much needed student work experience and training. • Taster Days • Career Talks • Workplace visits • Work Experience with guaranteed interviews • Opportunities to apply for paid employment • Introductions to networks and partners.



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BROADENING HORIZONS MENTORING

Westminster Befriend a Family (WBAF) provides mentoring for young people aged 10 - 24. We offer weekly one to one support from trained, supervised volunteers for 12 - 24 sessions. We aim to boost confidence, reduce loneliness and connect young people to one more group or service that meets their needs.

How can you support?

- We're looking for volunteers who can be trained as mentors for our mentoring programme and £28,000 to support 20 more young people this year.

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EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & DIVERSITY

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME

Time & Talents is the social enterprise running the employee volunteering programme in Westminster and enables responsible businesses to deliver their social value offering.

Time & Talents programme facilitates the placements of corporate volunteers and organises volunteering activities for professionals to share expertise and to offer in-kind help remotely or at community projects.

How can you support?

- What we ask if for responsible businesses to join as partners in the Time & Talents employee volunteering programme that facilitates staff to bring professional support to small and medium charities in Westminster, as well as BAME and community groups, schools, care facilities and local parks. The Time & Talents programme needs business partners who wants to bring their social value in the community and to support the work of charities delivering vital services in Westminster.



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GREEN JOBS

The Green Jobs Initiative is Westminster Employment Service's (WES) response to Westminster City Council's Climate Emergency Plan. The council has declared a Climate Emergency and made a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030.

How can you support?

- You can participate by partnering with us on green space identification, development and improvements on your developments/patch
- As an employer Access to urban spaces that can be converted to urban oasis e.g. roof tops, walls, balconies
- Fund community garden initiatives and projects
- Pro bono green expertise; carbon offsetting, urban farming, bee farming

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EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS & DIVERSITY

TRAINEESHIPS

Traineeships consist of:

- A high quality work placement
- Minimum of 100 hours
- A focused period of work preparation training
- English & Maths for those who have not achieved GCSE Grade C or equivalent, with flexibility to include other elements such as vocational/industry specific content and qualifications
- By offering Traineeships, businesses have the opportunity to build a pool of high-quality future recruits for their sector, while helping young people take their first steps toward employment

How can you support?

- Good quality Traineeships that will give an accurate insight into the roles.



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TEAM WESTMINSTER MENTORS PROGRAMME

The Team Westminster Mentors programme has been introduced to offer support during this period of uncertainty, to young people (16 - 24) who are at risk of becoming or are currently not in education employment or training.

The intended outcome for the young person: Develop and make progress toward specific goals and develop an enhanced sense of career clarity.

The programme offers a minimum of 6 months mentoring. We would like you to support with the scheme.

The relationship will focus on:

- Supporting the young person to explore new opportunities they weren't already aware of open to
- Developing the young person's self-confidence and helping them to recognise the skills they already have and realise how those skills can be transferred
- Setting out a career development plan with the young person whether that is towards further education, employment, training or volunteering

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INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

GRENFELL ATHLETIC FC

Grenfell Athletic FC were set up by Rupert Taylor Bi Borough Operations Manager for Family & Children's services within Kensington and Chelsea Council for the benefit of survivors, their families and friends along with the local community that suffered as a result of the Grenfell Tower tragedy that happened June 14 2017.

How can you support?

- This project aims to support the long term future of the club by helping them find a permanent home for training and matches as well as help with providing support for those affected by the tragedy.



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DANCE WESTMINSTER

Dance Westminster, an innovative new project that aims to encourage more people with disability in the community to be active.

The project is being run by Westminster City Council with local inclusive dance company Step Change Studios and is open to people with disabilities aged 11 and over who live, study or work in the borough. From ballroom to Bollywood dance, Dance Westminster is a pan-disability event for all abilities and no previous dance experience is required.

How can you support?

- Predominantly financial support and would be great if a business would like to sponsor the event and/or the programmes that we're looking to set-up throughout the year to ensure those dancers who enter the competition have the chance to keep active. We are looking to set-up three permanent programmes (North; Central; South) across the Borough so that dancers have regular sessions they can attend throughout the year.

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*Dance
Westminster*

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FUEL BANK FOUNDATION

The Fuel Bank Foundation's aim is to help more people access crisis support by expanding the reach of Fuel Banks - to give people back access to heating and lighting for the basics we all take for granted. Prepaying for energy but not having the money to do so means living without heat and light. We provide people with the financial support and practical advice that they need to get back on their feet.

How can you support?

- With your support, together we can make sure fewer families face the choice of heating or eating this winter.
- 96% of people supported were having to make the choice between heating or eating.
- 14% of people supported were making the difficult choice to sacrifice hot food.
- 45% of people supported were being forced to ration their hot water use every day.



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THE GREEN DOCTORS

This programme is run by Groundwork charity and offers free and impartial energy advice to help residents stay warm, save money and live greener.

The Green Doctors are looking for sponsorship as follow to support some of their advice visits and purchase items for energy saving improvements and interventions to help more people out of fuel poverty.

How can you support?

- £5 can replace inefficient lightbulbs in a home.
- £35 can provide a Winter Warmer kit to help someone stay safe and warm through the cold months.
- £100 can provide a Green Doctor visit to a family facing fuel poverty.

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VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Government have announced funding to support a Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme aimed at Children and Young People who are eligible for Free School Meals in Summer 2021.

Westminster will be running a wide range of programmes in partnership with local schools, youth clubs, voluntary sector providers, City Lions and Young Westminster Foundation. These programmes will run for at least four weeks in the summer.

How can you support?

Funding: With over 6000 children, additional funding will ensure activities are available for all young people.

Donations: Staff volunteering, access to innovative activities, support with buying food vouchers or donations of food/ingredients.



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DONATIONS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Family Lives supports families that reside in Westminster as asylum seekers who have fled countries torn by conflict currently living in temporary accommodation in Central London. They also provide support to families of refugees from Syria, Yemen, Iran, Iraq and Latin America.

How can you support?

- You can donate items for Mum & baby hygiene products for the refugee families.
- Organise a collection of donations to the charity to purchase such products. We can help set up a fundraiser with your colleagues, so just get in touch.



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VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

UNITY KITCHEN – SUBSCRIBE TO BREAKFAST OFFER

Unity Works is a Social Enterprise that provides training, support and employment for people with learning disabilities. Through their cafes, including their flagship Cafe Victoria, Westminster City Hall, the team creates opportunities for people with a learning disability and enable them to showcase their talents.

The logo for Unity Works, featuring the words "UNITY WORKS" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, enclosed within a red rectangular border with a thin yellow inner line.

The food is fresh, seasonal and wherever possible, sourced locally. When you spend money in one of our social enterprises, we re-invest it to create more jobs and apprenticeships for people with disabilities, primarily within the hospitality sector.

How can you support?

Supporting Unity Kitchen by making use of their catering services.

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COMMUNITY CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The ActiveWestminster Mark has been identified as organisations who demonstrate having an infrastructure, expertise and capacity to develop inclusive provision which includes providing more opportunities for groups from low socio-economic backgrounds, disabled people, women and girls and older people. These target demographics have been identified as having low participation in physical activity and sport, as well as limited opportunity and accessibility to take part in physical activity and sport.

These organisations represent the following sports: basketball, boxing, swimming, football, taekwondo, multi-sport, exercise classes and cricket

How can you support?

- £40,000 (£5,000 per organisation) would support eight physical activity and sport organisations develop more regular opportunities across a 12-month period.

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VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

GARDEN FURNITURE FOR DEMENTIA CENTRE

The Westbourne Park Memory and Dementia Resource Centre offers a range of services to help people affected by dementia to remain as independent as possible, as well as supporting their carers.

The day care centre has a relatively large specialist dementia garden that is much used by service users to stimulate the senses of those living with the disease. The wooden garden furniture is very old and starting to fall apart, which poses a hazard to the service users.

How can you support?

- Could you offer some good garden furniture to the centre, or offer sponsorship so they can buy new tables and chairs.



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PADDINGTON LAW CENTRE

Paddington Law Centre provide free, specialist legal advice, casework and advocacy on benefits, employment law and housing for people living on the margins of society in some of the most deprived wards in West London.

How can you support?

- They urgently need £20,000 to remain open.

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St Marylebone Psychotherapy Centre

St Marylebone HCC (Healing & Counselling Centre) supports the diverse and multicultural population of Westminster and Central London by providing low-cost private mental health support.

How can you support?

- Sponsorship £525 for 6 sessions of therapy plus an initial assessment to support one Westminster resident psychotherapy support.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

WESTMINSTER MIND

Westminster Mind is one of London's leading, community based, mental health charities. It works within communities, providing support, advice and information to empower anyone who may be experiencing a mental health problem.

The charity's diverse services provide high quality, individually tailored support so people can live full lives and be connected to other people in their communities.

We work in partnership with grassroots organisations, schools and universities, as well as local mental health trusts.

How can you support us?

- Westminster Mind is currently looking for financial donations for one major project which is Creative Minds.
- Which is about making creative practices accessible to people who would not normally have such opportunities and enabling them to develop skills, confidence, social connection along with a sense of empowerment and ownership of their mental health narrative.



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RESONATE ARTS

Resonate Arts produces a pioneering programme of creative activities and experiences for people living with dementia.

The charity believes engagement in arts and culture has enduring effects on wellbeing, health, and quality of life, and it endeavours to be a catalyst for positive change, to reduce social isolation and build strong communities.

How can you support?

- Business Mentoring volunteers for marketing strategy, campaign and brand development, financial and fundraising strategy for charities
- Workshop space - ideally to fit up to 20 people seated, wheelchair accessible, toilets and with tea/coffee making facilities
- Desk and storage space: 2 desk spaces for staff

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TEAM VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

PAINTING & REDECORATING AT THE STOWE CENTRE

The Stowe Centre offers a wide range of community activities, including health and fitness, sessions, and organisations and local residents can use the centre for special events. It is run by the charity Paddington Development Trust and all funds and resources go towards employment and community services; consequently, overall maintenance funds for the space are very limited.

How can you support?

- No significant maintenance of the building has been carried out since before the pandemic, but recently many volunteering teams have offered to help repaint the main rooms. However, the staircase connecting three floors is a big job and needs a professional team of decorators to repaint it.



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RENOVATION WORK AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's is a multi-cultural church that offers a warm and friendly welcome to all. The centre also runs a Breakfast Club, Saturday lunches and a foodbank service to assist those living locally facing challenges, such as participants at Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous sessions, as well as other vulnerable and isolated local residents.

How can you support?

- The centre is used almost every day and it is in real need of renovation. It also needs a new ventilation system, as the hall does not have windows, and a new extractor fan in the kitchen.



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TEAM VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERING TIME, CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

St John's Hospice is an independent charity who provides specialised palliative care to more than 4,000 terminally ill patients and their families every year. These patients often do not have many belongings, so if you are having a clear out, the hospice would be grateful for any donations for clothing and accessories that could be festive gifts.

How can you support?

- We would welcome you and your colleagues to spare a couple of hours to support St. John's Hospice. All you need is to bring your enthusiasm and participate in bucket collections across London to raise vital funds for the hospice.



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FOODCYCLE

We run a soup kitchen once a week to provide a FREE hot meal, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy company and conversation with other residents from the local area over a delicious meal. This is prepared with care by FoodCycle volunteers.

How can you support?

- FoodCycle Marylebone will only be possible thanks to great volunteers giving their time, enthusiasm and energy. If you'd like to volunteer at one of these events, we are always looking for cooks, hosts and food collection volunteers.
- Commitment: One-off during Wednesday afternoon's to serve dinner at 6pm

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DIGITAL INCLUSION

LAPTOPS FOR REHABILITATION

LEGS (Local Exercise Groups for stroke and neurological conditions) is a registered charity providing supported exercise classes led by specialist physiotherapists for people who have had a stroke or live with a neurological condition.

LEGS provides a programme which sustains increased physical activity and social participation.

How can you support?

- The charity is in need of laptops to give to participants who do not have their own personal computer and need access to our online exercise classes. Laptops provide an essential way for isolated or vulnerable people to join our community. The laptops do not need to be high-spec or in excellent condition, but just need to be functioning and able to handle Zoom video calls.



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