

# Cost of Living Crisis Community Response Fund – list of grantees

June 2023

This is a full list of the grantees awarded funding from the Council's Cost of Living Crisis Community Response Fund.

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## Belsize

The following Belsize projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding:

- **Belsize Community Library** (supported by the Winch) received funding to expand their warm welcome space by running more activities and extending the opening hours. They have also been able to offer food in partnership with Unique Sima Food, and are also replacing two computers to provide improved IT access for visitors.
- **Wac Arts** received funding to provide hygiene packs in their toilets, and a microwave and kettle in their communal space for public use. They will also be providing free summer school places for several young people living in the Haverstock ward.

## Bloomsbury

Following the Bloomsbury ward conversation event, the Central District Alliance, which is the business improvement district for Holborn and Clerkenwell, generously matched the Council's funding by allocating an additional £15,000 to both the Bloomsbury ward and the Holborn and Covent Garden ward. A joint conversation bringing organisations from both wards together will take place in April to agree how to allocate the funding.

The following Bloomsbury projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding:

- **Kings Cross Brunswick Neighbourhood Association** received funding to run an older persons' warm space and provide advice, free refreshments and a subsidised hot lunch at the Marchmont Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Fitzrovia Community Centre (FCC)** previously ran two sessions for senior citizens and received funding to extend their opening hours and open up the new sessions to the whole community. Staff are also on hand to help with online forms and accessing support.

- **The British Museum** offered to host monthly sessions for older people free of charge and the funding has enabled FCC to support this offer.
- **Chinese Community Centre** received funding to provide a warm welcome space for Chinese students and other Camden residents – this includes running a film club and other events.
- **Fitzrovia Youth in Action** received funding to extend their Girls Club by running cooking sessions and activities. Young people learn recipes and cooking skills to make healthy meals and bring the meals home to their families.
- **Holborn Community Association** received funding to extend their lunch club for older people with outreach to encourage older Bloomsbury residents to come along.

### Camden Square

The following Camden Square projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **Maiden Lane Community Centre** received funding to develop their Food Bank, adding products for children and young people. They are also providing food for children and young people after youth activity sessions four nights a week and clothes vouchers for young people who need them.
- **London Irish Centre** received funding to provide additional emergency food vouchers and provide more essential items including clothes and shoes, personal hygiene products, hot water bottles, blankets and sleeping bags. They have also extended their warm welcome spaces.

### Camden Town

**The Pirate Castle and Castlehaven Community Association** agreed to partner together and use their funding to provide a range of activities and services including hot food for children, young people and over 50's after the physical activity sessions that run at both centres.

- They partnered with the **London Irish Centre** and commissioned a LIC advice worker to enhance their resident support offer. The worker is based at Castlehaven one day a week and Pirate Castle one day a week in rotation.
- **The Pirate Castle** have been able to offer free places at their weekly after school and Saturday youth Paddlesport + 'Upperdecker' and over 50's Paddlesport activities, also providing access to their 6 showers with free toiletries.
- **Castlehaven Community Association** distributed warm hats, gloves, socks to older people, adults, young people and families that access the foodbank.

### Fortune Green

The following Fortune Green projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **JW3** received funding to support their demonstration Kitchen which they use to prepare cooked meals which committed JW3 volunteers collect, pack and deliver to Fortune Green residents.

- **Feast with Us** received funding to make additional meals that people can collect from their venues, and to expand their services to kitchens in community centres and other homeless shelters.
- **Sidings Community Centre and West Hampstead Food Hub** received funding to open a Warm Welcome Hub from 12pm to 2pm four days per week, from January to March 2023, offering homemade soup and bread, free hot drinks and biscuits. They are also running an Information Hub, sharing information packs about local services on offer.
- **West Hampstead Community Centre** serves the wards of West Hampstead and Fortune Green. They received funding to expand their warm hub offer by adding hot homemade soup and bread, free hot drinks and biscuits, to anyone who comes to the Centre, and to operate as an Information Hub, sharing information packs about local services
- **West Hampstead Women's Centre** received funding to offer 'warm welcome' activities that benefit low-income women over the age of 50. Women participating have the opportunity to enjoy the company of other women in a warm, welcoming space. They are providing hot meals, craft classes, relaxation treatments and mindfulness and meditation classes.
- **The Hive** received funding to provide hot meals for young people once a week. They are working in partnership with EAT club who provide a Chef and employ one of the young people to provide the weekly meals for 20 weeks.

## Frogna1

The following Frogna1 projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **Hampstead School of Art** received funding to provide bursaries for residents who have been negatively impacted by the cost of living crisis and are no longer able to attend classes which they relied on for their ongoing social and creative interactions, access to higher level education, and developing ways into the workplace. Bursaries will also create opportunities for others who wish to join the learning programme.
- **JW3** received funding to support their food bank work and demonstration kitchen which they use to prepare cooked meals which committed JW3 volunteers collect, pack, and deliver to Frogna1 residents.

## Gosp1 Oak

The following Gosp1 Oak projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding:

- **Queens Crescent Community Association** received funding to run a 'Get Up & Warm Up' exercise class, Monday to Friday, for older people and adults to help them stay fit and active followed by a tea/coffee club so people can socialise and access vital information and advice organised by their older people services.
- **St Martin's Church's** received funding to help them to buy a refrigeration unit for their food hub and soup days.

- **Kentish Town City Farm** received funding to host a coffee morning every Wednesday from 10am (in term time) from 19th April and organised walk around the farm. The team, along with partners from the NHS, are on hand to offer support and advice and there are lots of arts and crafts activities to entertain children.
- **Kentish Town Community Organisation (KTCO)** received funding to run 2-hour fun activities every Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 9pm at the Dome so young people can take part in sports in a heated sports hall with food provided after.
- **Goal Youth Club** received funding to set up a weekly Cook to Stay Warm project, for young people, at the Dome, where they can learn to cook tasty, nutritional meals on a budget. Each young person cooks a meal on a budget of £3 and can eat the meal with their friends and take away extra food to enjoy with their family. They also have the opportunity to complete a food hygiene course.

### Hampstead Town

The following Hampstead Town projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **Hampstead Community Centre** received funding to provide a warm welcoming space for people to meet others, have a coffee and cake and eat a freshly cooked hot lunch every other Monday throughout the winter. Attendees were also given information about the cost of living crisis and what help is available.
- **Burgh House** received funding to run “Warm Welcome Wednesdays” through the winter, which were open to everyone, with live musicians performing in the music room, and boardgames and daily newspapers available. They also provided vouchers so attendees could benefit from discounts in their café.
- **The Armoury** received funding to offer a free 3-month membership for up to 100 residents in receipt of welfare benefits, giving them full access to The Armoury.

### Haverstock

The following Haverstock projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding and ward councillors agreed to supplement this with extra funding from their Local Community Infrastructure Levy.

- **Haverstock School** received funding to set up a school uniform fund for students receiving pupil premium at Haverstock School and for all pupils at the Camden Centre for Learning Special School.
- **Talacre playcentre** aim to make food and snack time fun, enjoyable and support families to provide healthy food for their children. They received funding to support the project with food purchases.
- **Thanet Youth and Community Centre** received funding to establish a warm welcome offer for young people and Haverstock residents. Young people can socialise, have a healthy snack and take part in activities after school. There is also a morning warm welcome offer for everyone to enjoy with open tea mornings and advice and information. The funding also helped them to set up clothes repairs and upscaling which now run every Wednesday from 5 to 8pm and an enhanced food offer including a community meal Monday evening 5 to 8pm and user-led baking and cooking classes.

- **Hampstead SDA Church** provide a free vegetarian/vegan meal at the church every Sunday for residents, delivering the meals to residents who cannot get to the church for free. They received funding to meet increasing demand and run a free quarterly low-cost healthy eating workshop and a free weekly (Wednesday's) term-time mothers and toddlers' group.
- **Rhyl Primary school** received funding to buy school uniform and warm winter clothes, shoes, coats for families. They have also set up a warm welcome space for families, Monday to Friday 9am to 3.30pm, with hot drinks, snacks, books, and toys, free use of the school washing machine and new heaters for the area.

## Highgate

The following Highgate projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding and ward councillors agreed to supplement this with extra funding from their Local Community Infrastructure Levy.

- **Friends of Highgate Library** received funding to improve their warm welcome space offer with comfy chairs and tables needed for sitting and working at Highgate Library.
- **Lauderdale House** addressed the timing gaps in the warm spaces available across Highgate by offering Saturday daytime and Tuesday evening staffed spaces for families, and homework space and activities (crafts and drinks and biscuits) for children and young people.
- **Whittington Estate Resident Association** received funding to connect with the nearby Girdlestone Estate food Co-op where Whittington residents are now welcome and can receive food and groceries support through the Co-op's activities, including hot lunches.
- **Highgate Black Women's Wellness Group** received funding to host warm bank dinners for Black women and African heritage women at local Camden restaurants. They also organise trips to local theatres and special cinema screenings.
- **Brookfield Primary School** received funding to run a weekly coffee morning for parents/families with refreshments, a clothes swap, home food and educational materials for homework support.
- **Wood that Works** received funding to offer local women free/concession places on a winter woodwork course.
- **St. Michael's Church** received funding to support an all-day Wellness Cafe, twice a week which helps tackle food poverty, social isolation and loneliness and provide free stay and play sessions for children and free lunchtime concerts.

- **St, Mary Brookfield Church, Dartmouth Park**, received funding to support a Friday night shelter for homeless people over the winter months, three community lunches a week, and a daily stay & play group.
- **Holly Lodge Community Centre and Holly Lodge Residents' Association** received funding to run a range of community winter activities including film shows, table tennis, weekend activities and food support.
- **St Anne's Church** received funding to open a weekend warm space from 10am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays, from January to March 2023.
- **The Highgate Society** received funding to support the Sustainable Living Group to run the 'Keep Heat in and Cold Out' initiative - taking energy advice and free energy saving items to community lunches in warm places in Camden. They also used the funding to support Camden residents with pre-payment meters to avert disconnection crises.

### Holborn and Covent Garden

Following the Bloomsbury ward conversation event, the Central District Alliance, which is the business improvement district for Holborn and Clerkenwell, decided to match the Council's funding by allocating an additional £15,000 to both the Bloomsbury ward and the Holborn and Covent Garden ward.

A joint conversation bringing together organisations from both wards will take place in April to agree how to allocate this generous additional funding.

The following Holborn and Covent Garden projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis Community Response funding:

- **Phoenix Garden** received funding to provide a series of events through the lens of the garden, aimed at members of the community who do not have a garden, including; Warm Sundays with board games and make-do-and-mend sessions, a Mother's Day crafternoon, a community Easter Egg hunt, a Summer Garden Party and BBQ, a sleep-over, Pumpkin growing, carving and light display, and increased access to living herbs and accompanying recipe cards for affordable, nutritious meals.
- **Holborn Community Centre** received funding to set up monthly Sunday socials to provide a warm, welcome space at the weekend.
- **Bourne Estate Tenants and Residents' Association** received funding to set up a baby café in the TRA Hall with hygiene packs for parents and carers to take away at the end of each session.
- **Covent Garden Community Centre** received funding to expand their existing food project and added free hygiene packs for adults and children.
- **Swiss Church London** received funding to buy kitchenware, additional food and hygiene packs to cope with increased demand for their weekly breakfast on the steps drop-ins.

- **Coram Field's** received funding to open up an empty room as a gym space that young people can use, this included buying some new equipment.
- **Dragon Hall** received funding to expand their existing food project including hygiene packs for adults and children.

### Kentish Town North and South

Kentish Town North and South councillors ran a joint cost of living conversation and awarded their funding across the two wards. They funded the following projects:

- **Camden Disability Action** received funding to set up the Greenwood IT HUB, providing a digital space for disabled people at the Greenwood Centre every evening.
- **Partner Creators House** received funding to provide free therapy sessions to several 18–25 year olds.
- **The Listening Space @ Caversham Group Practice** received funding to create a volunteer lead signposting and practical assistance service providing information on health and wellbeing within the community in spaces where people will be accessing related services e.g. GP practices, Community Centres.
- **Kentish Town Community Centre** received funding to expand their warm welcome space and meals by increasing opening hours and supporting new warm welcome spaces with a community meal at venues across Kentish Town including, Brecknock primary school, Torriano primary school, Caversham Group Practice and Willingham TRA.
- **Kentish Town Community Centre** received funding to establish a pilot supporting local people to improve the energy efficiency of their homes by putting in temporary draught exclusion systems into homes supported by a professional trades person.

### Kilburn

The following Kilburn projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **JW3** received funding to support their demonstration kitchen which they use to prepare cooked meals which committed JW3 volunteers collect, pack, and deliver to Kilburn residents.
- **SHAK** received funding to expand the SHAK Chef project which encourages residents to plan and cook healthy meals, to show that it is possible to eat healthily on low income.
- **KOVE** received funding to relaunch KOVE Film Club – the popular film club for older adults in Kilburn and surrounding areas. The funding will pay for the venue, facilitator and promotion.

- **Kilburn State of Mind** received funding to develop a warm welcome space three days a week, offering advice and assistance on applying for crisis grants and benefits, free adult learning, and access to computers and the internet.
- **Latin American House** received funding to support the development of a children and young people's film club providing a warm place with healthy food and a chance for anyone in the community aged 5 to 17 to meet.
- **Abbey Community Centre** received funding to establish new community warm space drop-ins running four times a week in our brand-new community centre venue (opening in January 2023) specifically for local older and elderly female and male Kilburn residents, along with expanding their food club food parcels.
- **Henna Asian Women** received funding to set up an 'Art Hub' and were able to provide people who attended with food and essential items such as a hot meal on the day, non-perishable food packs and hygiene products to take home.
- **Sacred Heart of Jesus / Mazenod Community Centre** received funding to organise Christmas hampers for 200 families. They were also able to meet requests for emergency help with fuel costs.

### King's Cross

The following King's Cross projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **Kings Cross Brunswick Neighbourhood Association (KCBNA)** received funding to expand their existing warm welcome spaces at the Chadswell Healthy Living Centre by providing two extra sessions with food and advice services in community languages. As part of this work, they are working with Argyle Primary School to ensure families are aware of this support.
- **Birkenhead Street Estate Tenants and Residents Association** received funding to run weekend socials from 10am to 5pm to provide residents with a warm meeting space at the youth centre (KCBNA) which is located on the estate. The socials included hot drinks and refreshments, signposting for support and holding fun activities to support mental well-being this winter.
- **Calthorpe Community Garden** received funding to offer weekly Tai Chi coffee mornings followed by coffee and cake. Calthorpe also ran a weekly weaving workshop in a relaxed setting with refreshments, with the session delivered both in Spanish and English.
- **Argyle Primary School** received funding to provide warm packs to families who needed them.

### Primrose Hill



The following Primrose Hill projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **Primrose Hill Community Centre** received funding to open their wellbeing café for two extra days a week offering a warm, welcome space and hot food. They were also able to buy a new fridge for the kitchen at Oldfield where they prepare meals.
- **The Winch** received funding to support their warm space drop-in sessions for young people aged 11 to 18 to socialise, do homework and other supervised activities, with free food.
- **St Pancras Welfare Trust** received funding to make targeted grants to provide residents in Primrose Hill Ward with essentials, based on referrals from other local projects.
- **Swiss Cottage Community Centre** received funding to run programmes for people living in the local area, with many in food poverty. The funds allowed the Community Centre's subsidised cafe to expand the opening hours and further reduce prices.

## Regent's Park

The following Regent's Park projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

In Regent's Park ward, the Old Diorama Arts Centre (ODAC), Fitzrovia Youth in Action (FYA), Bengali Workers' Association (Surma Centre), The Euston Partnership, Camden's Detached Youth Team, and local residents as Community Champions Regent's Park came together to produce Regent's Park Together with the funding.

The programme launched in February and featured everyday warm spaces open at ODAC and Surma Centre, 'Make, Do & Meet' social creative skills workshops every Wednesday 10am to 12.30pm at ODAC, and the return of the Community Kitchen every Friday 3.30pm to 7pm at Surma Centre.

'Make, Do & Meet' saw 5 creative residents commissioned to run weekly workshops for their peers, including jewellery making, sewing, and home decorations, and a free hot lunch. 90 adults and children attended one workshop that took place on a teachers' strike day.

Community Kitchen provides up to 400 hot, freshly cooked meals to residents on a weekly basis to take away or eat together, with social space and creative entertainment, and specialist advice and signposting to support. Some activity is set to continue or expand.

## South Hampstead

The following South Hampstead projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **JW3** received funding to support their demonstration kitchen which they use to prepare cooked meals which committed JW3 volunteers collect, pack and deliver to South Hampstead residents.
- **Feast with Us** received funding to make additional meals that people can collect from their venues, and to support requests to expand their services to kitchens in community centres and other homeless shelters.
- **Abbey Community Centre** received funding to contribute towards the cost of 3 hours outreach work per week for January to April 2023, after seeing an increase in the number of families struggling due to the impact of the cost of living crisis. Funding is also to support their food offer by topping up bags with fresh produce, increasing the numbers of bags provided and building up a stock of dried goods and providing a hot meal in the welcome space in the foyer, cooked in their community kitchen.
- **Likewise** received funding to run 'Baking for Wellbeing' sessions. This is an ongoing group where people can learn simple baking recipes to cook at home, connect with each other, and then enjoy eating whatever they bake together.
- **Hampstead School of Art** were awarded funding to provide bursaries for residents who have been negatively impacted by the cost-of-living crisis and are no longer able to attend classes which they relied on for, their ongoing social and creative interactions, access to higher level education, and developing ways into the workplace. Bursaries will also create opportunities for others who wish to join the learning programme.

### St Pancras and Somers Town

The following St Pancras and Somers Town projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **St Pancras Community Association (SPCA)** received funding to increase the capacity of the Community Kitchen and Warm Space project, open on Tuesdays and Thursdays (3.30pm to 7.30pm). They are currently feeding 40-50 people per session and often have to restrict numbers coming in when they are full so this funding will enable more people to attend.
- **SPCA** also funded an event to recruit more volunteers to help at their warm space and beyond, bring people together, make connections and alleviate loneliness through food.
- **Somers Town Community Association** received funding to set up Breakfast Club, initially for 3 days a week which will increase to 5 days when the café re-opens later in 2023, targeted at Job Club clients, older people and single parents, to help reduce isolation and remove the need to choose between eating or heating their home.
- **Godwin & Crowndale Tenant Management Organisation** received funding to host a community event in May 2023.

- **Food for homeless people in Camden** received funding to help provide over 40 cooked, nutritious meals per week for 3 months, distributed to people experiencing homelessness in Camden, as well as those in need through St Pancras Community Centre.
- **Plot 10** received funding to their Breakfast Club going in addition to the after-school club for primary school children.
- **Amptill Square Tenants and Residents Association (TRA)** received funding to run a new Sharing Space/community event in Spring 2023 in their TRA hall.

## West Hampstead

The following West Hampstead projects were given Camden Cost of Living Crisis funding:

- **JW3** received funding to support their demonstration Kitchen which they use to prepare cooked meals which committed JW3 volunteers collect, pack and deliver to West Hampstead Residents.
- **Feast with Us** received funding to make additional meals that people can collect from their venues, and to support requests to expand their services to kitchens in community centres and other homeless shelters.
- **Sidings Community Centre and West Hampstead Food Hub** received funding to open a lunchtime Warm Welcome Hub, from 12pm to 2pm four days per week, from January to March 2023, offering homemade soup and bread, free hot drinks and biscuits. They are also running an Information Hub, sharing information packs about local services on offer.
- **West Hampstead Community Centre** serves the wards of West Hampstead and Fortune Green but is open to all people in need. They received funding to offer a warm hub with hot, homemade soup and bread, free hot drinks and biscuits to anyone who comes to the Centre. The hub is open from 12 noon to 2pm Monday to Thursday and will continue throughout April. They also operate as an Information Hub, sharing information about local services.
- **West Hampstead Women's Centre** have received funding to offer warm welcome activities that will benefit low-income women over the age of 50. Women participating have the opportunity to enjoy the company of other women in a warm, welcoming space. They are also providing hot meals, craft classes, relaxation treatments and mindfulness and meditation classes.
- **The Sheriff Centre** received funding to buy shelving and storage for their food share project. Current storage is limited and is not fit for purpose which limits the amount of donations. The additional storage will help process food donations more efficiently, safely and make maximum use of the space available.
- **Henna Asian Women** received funding to establish an 'Art Hub' and were able to provide people who attended with food and essential items such as

a hot meal on the day, and a non-perishable food pack and hygiene products to take home.

- **The Hive** received funding to provide a hot meal for young people once a week. They are working in partnership with EAT club who provide a Chef and employ one of the young people to make the weekly meals for 20 weeks.