

Voluntary and Community Sector Partnership Grants Programme 2021-2024

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Foreword

Islington's voluntary and community sector (VCS) is central to our ambition for a fairer Islington.

The sector plays a critical role in making Islington a progressive place, that continuously strives to ensure that everyone, whatever their background, has the opportunity to reach their potential and enjoy a good quality of life.

Islington's VCS has consistently demonstrated an ability to reach and engage some of our most vulnerable residents and marginalised communities in responsive and holistic ways.

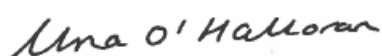
Using its independence, creativity and responsiveness, Islington's VCS has a long-standing history of mobilising community action, celebrating diversity, promoting community cohesion, responding to emerging needs, and tackling the causes and effects of poverty, inequality, and social and economic exclusion. This work is essential if we are to enable Islington residents to thrive and live well.

We are committed to ensuring that Islington continues to have a vibrant, dynamic and independent VCS, that is able to respond directly to the evolving interests and changing needs of the residents, neighbourhoods and communities that we collectively serve.

As a Council we have set about seeking to transform our approach through a systems partnership with Islington's VCS and statutory service providers, recognising that it takes a whole community approach to address some of the complex challenges facing our borough and to enable local people to live well. Partnership and collaboration with the borough's VCS are therefore critical to our ambitions for Islington.

Within an increasingly constrained financial context for public services and the VCS, we recognise the critical importance of maintaining a grants programme for local VCS organisations. Core grant funding provides the stability that organisations need to leverage additional resources into Islington and to unlocking the capacity of the local community. To that end, we are proud to have maintained our commitment to providing core grant funding to VCS organisations through our VCS Partnership Grants Programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you do to ensure that Islington residents are able to access high quality services and to wish you every success with your application.



Cllr Una O'Halloran
Executive Member for Community Development
June 2022

Community Hubs

Fairer Together is a programme whose aims are to respond to a changing era of public policy, recognising the importance of partnership and collaboration across sectors and across organisational boundaries.

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We recognise that the complex challenges facing local people and communities can only be addressed by collective action and that in order to ensure that residents are able to thrive and live well we will have to do more to prevent problems earlier.

The Community Hubs strand of the grants programme aims to support strategic, neighbourhood-level organisations to coordinate and develop a high-quality programme of services and activities that help to improve outcomes for local communities. They also provide leadership at a local level and can support newly formed and emerging small voluntary sector organisations to develop and grow.

The Community Hubs provide support and opportunities for local residents and organisations with a focus on early intervention and prevention, making sure there is a good understanding of the local area and resident demographic. With this awareness, the Community Hubs can provide support in education, welfare, mental and physical health, whether that is providing and delivering activities and services or signposting to other specific organisations and statutory services.

Community Hubs provide a voice for local communities by helping to tackle complex social issues, identify gaps in provision and develop creative and inspirational services and activities. They champion community cohesion whilst challenging inequality, working towards the vision of a more connected borough.

Brickworks Community Centre (Hanley Crouch Community Association)



ABOUT US

The original Brickworks community centre was setup in 1972 by a group of local parents who needed somewhere for their children to play. Run by Hanley Crouch Community Association, Brickworks Community Centre is in the Hillrise Ward in North Islington, London. Our unique organisation provides a variety of valuable services to the local community irrespective of age, gender, race, disability or sexual orientation. The centre strives to provide the highest level of services in one of London's most impoverished and disadvantaged areas.

WHAT WE DO

At Brickworks community centre we prioritise fostering cohesion, support & development. We are committed to empowering every person who walks through our doors. We offer a range of essential support services: from helping people facing social and economic exclusion to manage 'the basics' such as food and finances, to helping people become employment-ready, gardening mornings, knitting circles, and childcare clubs, and more.

Our services and programmes focus on improving physical, mental, and social, health and wellbeing by bringing people together, and are relevant to people of all needs, ages, ethnicities, and abilities. This ensures high engagement, and supports our mission to reduce social isolation, and raise collective self-esteem.

During the pandemic we opened an emergency food distribution centre for the local and surrounding community. We continue to provide that vital service to our vulnerable and elderly residents.

Our goal is to continuously evolve our services so they remain relevant. All we do is possible because of our amazing team, and volunteers, who go above and beyond to serve the community.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our vision, underpinned by our values: Community, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy, and Approachability is to be open to everyone, and to provide a welcoming, non-judgmental place. Our space is safe, inclusive and informative, filled with helpful & relevant services, to support people and help them build the confidence to create a bright future for themselves and their families.

Brickworks Community Centre

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[HanleyCrouch](#)

Caxton House Community Centre



Paul Furze,
Chief Executive

ABOUT US

Caxton House Community Centre is a long-established multi-purpose Community Hub in Archway, Islington, that provides a wide range of diverse, highly responsive and community led services and activities to our local communities.

WHAT WE DO

Through regular consultation and feedback, we listen and respond to the needs highlighted to better understand the priorities of our residents, helping inform the services we deliver and putting residents at the centre of the design and delivery of all the activities in our centre.

Our regular weekly activities include Under 5s Stay & Play, Archery, Yoga, telephone befriending support, Ballroom classes (Traditional & LGBT), Tai Chi, Art Classes, Crafts, IT Drop-In, Take Flight Aerial Classes for 13-21 year olds, as well as various dance and exercise classes, support groups, information, advice services, employment support and training. We host a wide variety of events each year including the popular Hillrise Summer Festival.

We also provide hire spaces for meetings and activities as well as office space for a diverse range of local community groups. We work closely with smaller newly established voluntary groups to support them with a variety of capacity building initiatives.

As one of the Islington Hubs, we are part of a range of networks, working in partnership with local voluntary and community sector groups as well as statutory and corporate bodies.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are situated in an area with complex social issues and long-term health challenges, including health inequalities, high mortality rates, poverty, unemployment, social isolation, including to families, and barriers to cohesion. We have a very diverse range of residents of all ages and backgrounds.

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@CaxtonHouse

Elizabeth House Community Centre | Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust



Nathalie Renaud,
Director

ABOUT US

Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust is a resident-led Charity that owns and operates Elizabeth House Community Centre, located in Highbury. Our vision is for everyone in the local community around Elizabeth House to have a better quality of life through accessing key services, engaging in activities and connecting with others in their local area.

The charity is dedicated to providing a safe and open space, as well as inclusive and flexible services for the whole community. We aim to have a meaningful and positive influence on the local community, by responding to needs, offering practical support and creating opportunities for all.

WHAT WE DO

We believe that by offering a varied programme of activities, we contribute to making the neighbourhood a better place for all. Our evolving programme includes a wide range of activities such as affordable childcare provisions, a food hub, health and wellbeing for children, adults and older people, early years groups, a youth club and an IT training and employment service. We also offer free or affordable spaces for groups/residents to hire, deliver activities and organise events.

As a community hub that is well established in its local area, we also initiate partnerships and support grassroot organisations that provide activities and support to local residents. We provide space, technical assistance and work closely with partners that can create more opportunities for our community members.

OUR COMMUNITY

Elizabeth House is a vibrant and welcoming community hub for everyone in our neighbourhood and beyond. As a charity, we have always prioritised children, young people and families but we strive to have activities for all. We have shown that our approach; acting as a community 'anchor', building trust and bringing people together so that we can connect local people to practical support, training and opportunity really works.

Elizabeth House Community Centre

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[elizabethhousecommunity](https://www.instagram.com/elizabethhousecommunity)

[@elizabethhousecommunity](https://www.linkedin.com/company/elizabethhousecommunity) | Linktree

Registered Charity no 1029704

Hilldrop Community Centre

HILLDROP
Community
centre



ABOUT US

Hilldrop Area Community Association is a registered charity that manages Hilldrop Community Centre. We are located between Tufnell Park and Camden Road. We have a small team of staff and support from our wonderful local volunteers. We are the community hub for St George's Ward and the surrounding area. Our ground-level building with two halls and a spacious garden hosts a wide programme of activities and services and provides affordable space for hire out of hours.

Elaine Maffrett,
Centre Manager

WHAT WE DO

Our activities include a variety of support and social groups, craft classes, gardening, singing and ukulele sessions, activities for under 5's and after school and holiday provision for 4 – 11 year olds. We host a number of community organisations providing additional services including the Kingsley Organisation's disability support group and social activity groups for over 65's provided by North London Cares. We also host various community and social events, resident's meetings and information & advice sessions.

Our Food Hub provides a Tuesday lunch club where people can drop in for a healthy cooked meal and socialise, often with speakers and presentations or games and discussions. We provide advice and referrals to people who need extra support and our local mutual aid volunteers deliver meals to people who are unable to get to the centre".

OUR COMMUNITY

Our aim is to promote opportunities, services and activities that increase the social and economic wellbeing of our diverse community, supporting social cohesion and benefitting all. We are committed to involving the community in the shaping of our delivery, and proudly work in partnership with many other local groups and organisations.

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 [/HilldropCC](https://twitter.com/HilldropCC)

 [hilldrop_community_centre](https://www.instagram.com/hilldrop_community_centre)



ABOUT US

Highbury Roundhouse is a thriving non-profit, community-based organisation supporting people living and working in Islington and the surrounding area. We provide essential services to improve the quality of life for Islington residents aged 0-100. Our services promote people's wellbeing, tackle social and economic isolation and support local residents to reach their full potential.

WHAT WE DO

Our Early Years services offer Childminder's and Parent's Stay & Play and Soft Play sessions for children under five. We run After School Clubs in several different locations and Holiday Playschemes, including day trips. Our Youth Services has a term-time and holiday offer, providing mentoring, education and employability support, health and wellbeing, workshops and other activities that meet the interest of young people. Our Older People's Services offer various activities, including hot lunches, keep fit classes, bingo, art classes, pilates, memory groups, singing and day trips. We assist those with mobility issues to access the service.

Highbury Roundhouse provides a home for various community groups such as the Islington Foodbank, Hungarian Children and Parents Group, Jui Jitsu, and Yoga classes and much more. We also organise cultural, social, and recreational events throughout the year. We also offer venue hire.

OUR COMMUNITY

We serve a large cross-section of the community and focus on delivering educational and recreational activities for people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, particularly those from disadvantaged and disaffected communities.

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Holloway Neighbourhood Group – The Old Fire Station Community Centre



Holloway
Neighbourhood
Group

Registered Charity Number 290493



Lucy Bingham,
Chief Executive

ABOUT US

Holloway Neighbourhood Group works in the Holloway area of Islington, providing a range of activities and services to support local residents to improve their physical health and mental health wellbeing and reduce loneliness. We have a small staff team of about 5 full-time-equivalents working across 2 centres. In a typical year, about 70 volunteers support Holloway Neighbourhood Group in our work. We also run The Stress Project (see delivery partner section).

WHAT WE DO

At the Old Fire Station community centre, we offer a busy weekly timetable including various weekly gentle exercise classes, art for wellbeing, Egyptian Dance, creative writing and a men's social club. We run a telephone support service called "In Touch" – offering a friendly chat, encouragement to keep active and support in accessing other services. To ensure that the widest range of local people can access our services in the way they feel comfortable, we offer many of our activities through blended delivery – either book a space to join us at the Old Fire Station or if you prefer join the class online. We also provide meeting, activity and office space for a diverse range of local community groups. As a local Community Hub, we encourage partnership working, and are well networked with other local service providers. We have a particular interest in supporting grassroots organisations in the Finsbury Park area that support women from BAMER backgrounds.

OUR COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves on the warm and friendly welcome offered to our visitors. Several of the activities at the Old Fire Station are targeted at Older People. About 60% of our services users are from a BAMER community. 77% of our service users live in N7 or the adjacent postcodes. At our therapy centre, the Stress Project, we support people who are on low incomes who experience mental health issues and stress related illness.

Holloway Neighbourhood Group

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Old Fire Station

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[Facebook.com/hngn7](https://www.facebook.com/hngn7)
[@hollowayNG](https://twitter.com/hollowayNG)

Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association



Irene Winter,
Centre Manager

ABOUT US

Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association is based on Hornsey Lane Estate at the far northern edge of the borough. We are a registered charity providing a range of services to the local community with a focus on activities that promotes social, emotional, economical and physical wellbeing. We have a large staff team of 22 paid staff and 30 volunteers.

WHAT WE DO

We have a full-time nursery with 21 daily places for children aged 18 months to 5 years, Out of School activities including after school club, holiday play scheme and Healthy Activities with Food (HAF). We have a community development team including a community development officer and 3 community organisers providing outreach in the community. Our older people's services includes free lunch clubs, social activities, befriending and a twice yearly newsletter. We support local residents with food and other essentials throughout the pandemic and continue to provide food parcels to the most vulnerable and work in partnership with the Hive food bank to make referrals as well as a community larder. We provide training and support to students who in turn provide services such as sign posting, accompanying them to appointments, advocacy, support with form filling and letter writing. We work in partnership with London Metropolitan University, Westminster Kingsway and Islington Colleges.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are a small community centre with a big heart. Our age ranges from 0 to 100 plus. We provide affordable childcare to working families and we support families in need of respite. We help older people to maintain their independence and to reduce social isolation. We have set up and supported new local projects in other community spaces and we work with Caxton House Community Centre and our local councillors to deliver the summer and winter festivals each year.

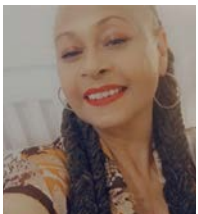
Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association

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Social media:

 HLECA



ABOUT US

Mildmay Community Partnership as a charity community-led organisation that manages the Mildmay Community Centre has been part of the fabric of the local community since the 1970's. The representation of local residents within our board of trustees, staff and volunteers, has meant that strong, positive relationships have been established over many years.

Teena Philips,
Centre Manager

WHAT WE DO

In listening to our residents, many challenges facing our community have been identified. In response we provide support with, reducing social isolation and loneliness by bringing people together to form new friendships and networks across cultures, generations and social backgrounds. We aim to improve health and wellbeing by creating a calm and positive environment for us all to thrive; work, play and learn collectively. Advance education and skills that lend themselves, to the specific needs of those in our community who may be experiencing social and economic exclusion and encourage and enhance community-led participation, in a safe and welcoming space, to exchange ideas that will help meet their needs, encourage independence and benefit their community.

Of the many services we provide, we also run a community café/kitchen, a food Co-op, a produce growing garden project, art classes, and a youth club as part of our continued support for families, children and younger and older people.

OUR COMMUNITY

We recognise services are successful when they are community-led and reflect the diversity of our communities, and as such we nurture strong and positive connections between local people and communities. And so, our usual bustling of residents within their community centre and community garden reflects this.

Mildmay Community Partnership

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Toufik Kacimi,
Chief Executive

ABOUT US

The Muslim Welfare House's Mission is to provide best practice social, educational and training centres sensitive and complimentary to cultural diversity, geared to fulfilling the needs of marginalised and ethnic communities in line with our dedication to serving the community across the UK.

WHAT WE DO

We aim to look after the Muslim Community and other communities in our society, accommodating their educational, social and welfare needs. We focus on helping raise awareness and understanding to Islamic beliefs, practices and culture-linking with mainstream providers and others; including voluntary organisations to facilitate better provisions and mutual understanding.

We also want to see an improvement in working positively for The Muslim Community's participation in society, particularly by encouraging socially excluded communities to improve their quality of life by assessing mainstream opportunities in education, employment and training.

Muslim Welfare House restarted most of its activities as they were before the corona virus pandemic and are also continuing to help those affected by the crisis. This includes: Muslim Welfare House, post pandemic have restarted most of its activities including Distributing food to members of the community, employment support including CV writing and we work closely with I-Works to support people with EU settlement. We also do a lot of work with the local homeless population.

OUR COMMUNITY

Muslim Welfare House received an award for the work we are doing from London Faith & Belief Community Awards and we work with the Muslim community but not exclusively and we welcome all Islington residents.

Muslim Welfare House

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 mwh_london
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ABOUT US

St Luke's Community Centre is a vibrant and welcoming multi use community hub in the south of the borough on Central Street that offers services and activities to all within our local area who can access them at little to no cost. Our aim is to improve the quality of lives for people living locally and break down barriers, particularly for the most vulnerable.

WHAT WE DO

Along with a range of services for children and families including after-school clubs, cookery and family art sessions, we also offer a variety of services for adults including employment support, sewing, line-dancing, art, table tennis, advice sessions and much more. For the older members of our community, we provide a range of over 55s wellbeing services including social activities, art groups, gardening sessions and a daily subsidised lunch club. As well as providing services to our community, our centre offers a range of flexible events spaces to hire, perfect for meetings, conferences, parties or events for grown-ups and kids alike, from two to 100+ people

St Luke's is a designated Safe Haven and part of dementia-friendly Islington, a public place to seek refuge. We have trained staff to take care of people in need and provide a safe place to any resident who is feeling vulnerable or unsafe when out and about in the community. This might be because they are being targeted or harassed, or because they are feeling unwell or confused.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our membership is now open to all ages young and older and, if you live in our area of benefit you can become a lifetime member of the Community Centre for a one-off payment of just £5!

St Luke's Community Centre

Website: www.slpt.org.uk

Social media:

 @st_lukes_community_centre

 @StLukesTrust

 @stlukescommcentre



Damien Brown,
Director

ABOUT US

ARC Community Space CIC operates The ARC, a grass roots run community space designed to include, inspire, support and bring together the community that surrounds the space.

WHAT WE DO

The project has four key pillars.

- A food bank run by 100 local volunteers that feeds and supports 300 + local residents a week
- A series of gardens intended to grow food for the food bank and teach residents urban agriculture and horticulture
- An accessible health and wellbeing program including yoga, movement and mindfulness aimed at bringing high quality classes and workshops to the community at a price point that works for them
- A coffee shop designed to form the heart of the building, create a welcoming space for residents to meet, act as an engagement tool with community members who may not usually visit the centre and provide training for local young people

OUR COMMUNITY




We focus on the hyper local and aim to work with residents of The Packington Estate and St Peters & Canalside and St Mary's & St James' wards. As with much of Islington there is a huge range of social and economic circumstances within the community but especially here due to the nature of the housing stock.

We aim to provide a space where everyone feels welcome and can come together as a community irrespective of background or finances.

The ARC

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 @coffeatthearc



Olu Alake,
Director

ABOUT US

We are a community-based charity in Clerkenwell. We have been supporting local residents and building a more connected community since 1898. We are based at 3 Corners Centre where we run many of our services and activities.

WHAT WE DO

Our core work includes helping children living in poverty to improve their life chances by connecting them and their families with others in the community. We help older people who are lonely or at risk of isolation to become active citizens by connecting them with others in the community. We provide opportunities for all residents of Clerkenwell to participate in activities through which they can make acquaintances across divides. We run an Over 55s Social Club most weekdays, offering classes and workshops for older adults, including fitness, dance, art, craft, singing, bingo, quizzes and more. We offer lunch and the space to simply chat.

We run weekly youth clubs and a Code Club, catering for children and young people aged 10-18 years. We host activities and one-off events for adults of all ages and families as well organising outings and parties. We run a borough-wide mental health awareness project which works with groups of parents/carers and young people as well as working with residents and businesses in Clerkenwell to help them set-up and run their own projects for the people of Clerkenwell.

We also have a hall is available for private hire for events such as children's parties.

OUR COMMUNITY

Every week we welcome a very mixed community to The Peel. Many of our regular visitors are older adults, children and young people. Wider community events attract adults and families of all ages. Local businesses are also an important part of our community through our partnership with the Clerkenwell Business Alliance. The local Clerkenwell community is very diverse and all are welcome at The Peel!

The Peel Institute

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Whittington Park Community Association



Ann Mason,
Centre Manager

ABOUT US

In the early 1970s, local residents formed the Whittington Park Action Group to oppose houses being demolished to make way for the expansion of Whittington Park. From this group, Whittington Park Community Association was established as a charity on 19 September, 1972. Now Whittington Park is a Multi-use community centre located on the edge of Whittington Park. Our Mission is to provide a welcoming and well-run centre for individuals and groups in Islington to sustain and develop a vibrant community.

WHAT WE DO

As part of our mission we aim to reduce health inequalities by providing activities where income is not a barrier. Through hosting classes, events and groups and providing services for vulnerable groups we support economically disadvantaged families through our community nursery; older, isolated people through our Social Club for 55+ and Men's Social Club; Thursday night Youth Club for 13-19 year olds, we aim to provide early intervention and a well-rounded, place-based offering to local people.

We seek to address social isolation particularly amongst older residents, specifically men and lone parents with pre-school children. We provide support residents where there is Health inequality through the Stay Well Live Well programme. We offer accessible childcare for working parents and nursery care for low-income parents and a safe space and services for teenagers particularly from BAME families.

OUR COMMUNITY

Whittington Park Community centre is open to all people in the local community and we support individuals, families with children teenagers and older people and we are inclusive regardless of sex, sexuality gender or background. We provide a space where there is a quality of opportunity irrespective of background.

Whittington Park Community centre

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 /WhittingtonParkCommunityAssociation

Delivery Partners

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We recognise that the complex challenges facing local people and communities can only be addressed by collective action and that in order to ensure that residents are able to thrive and live well we will have to do more to prevent problems earlier.

The aim of the Delivery Partners strand within the grants programme is to work directly with residents to improve outcomes, in particular complex social issues that may include long-term health challenges. Through early intervention and prevention, the aim is to provide services that can either prevent those complex social issues from arising or from developing into significant long-term problems that will require more expensive and time-consuming statutory services. This will help to build a strong and healthy community, promoting resilience and independence for all. With their skills and expertise in delivering high quality services and activities, the Delivery Partners foster strong and positive relationships from all areas of our diverse community to create a common sense of belonging and wellbeing and a culture of equality and inclusivity.

Our Delivery Partners work in partnership in a relational way to create interconnected systems that cross voluntary sector and statutory services. By working in people-centred ways the organisations in this strand establish a culture of kindness and compassion.

This strand includes a wide range of organisations throughout the borough who deliver support to all residents. This includes supporting smaller minority groups and communities, providing mental and physical health support and activities, running creative and artist programmes, and supporting younger, older, LGBTQ+ and disabled communities.



Suzanne Lee,
Artistic Director/
CEO

ABOUT US

All Change has been bringing artists and communities together in Islington since 1985, producing original and authentic arts projects and experiences, which develop understanding and make connections between people. We work with people of all ages and backgrounds. We work with a team of exceptional artists to deliver our projects, which include a mix of theatre, dance, music, spoken word, creative writing, digital arts and photography. We believe that creativity is a valuable life skill and that involvement in the arts can make difference to individuals and communities.

WHAT WE DO

We deliver a rolling programme of projects each year in different community, cultural and education settings across Islington. We work with a team of exceptional Associate Artists from a range of different art forms to design and deliver our projects, each of which is unique and tailor-made. The work created is shared through public performances, exhibitions and publications. We are committed to collaboration, innovation and risk taking. Our projects create opportunities for people to explore and articulate their ideas, try new things and exceed their expectations, in an environment that celebrates creative thinking, shared learning and artistic expression. Partnership working is integral to our approach and we work closely with many arts, community, culture, health, education and heritage partners to reach communities and to deliver our work. We also produce Islington's annual WORD festival.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are committed to equality and inclusion, and welcome people of all ages and backgrounds from Islington's diverse communities – with programmes for young people, young parents, families, older people, disabled people and people living on low incomes. Working with artists, they tell their stories and express their ideas, creating work which challenges perceptions and exceeds expectations, promoting understanding and making lasting connections between people. Our project participants develop skills and confidence, and broaden their horizons. We involve people in high quality, powerful arts experiences, which support them to think differently and to instigate change in their lives.

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Co-founders of the Autism Hub

ABOUT US

The Autism Hub is a user-led initiative by and for autistic adults without a learning disability who live in Islington and Camden. Our aim is to improve the quality of life for autistic adults by connecting people to resources, services and organisations from a central point i.e. "The Hub". We have a small team of core staff and volunteers who are dedicated and passionate about equality and raising the autism profile in the community. We are also supported by a number of corporate volunteers who offer their skills and time to support the work we do. The Autism Hub is part of the wider pan-London Asperger London Area Group (ALAG) charity that meet on a monthly basis.

WHAT WE DO

Autistic adults who do not have an accompanying intellectual disability are a marginalised community who are often misunderstood and underrepresented and face significant health, social and material inequalities. In order to address that we provide expert advice, information, support, and signposting to service users, their families and carers, and other professionals. We provide a range of activities and services to improve our users' mental health and wellbeing as well as their integration into the local community. The services we offer include Autism-specific counselling, peer support and guidance, Post-diagnostic support to help people adjust to their diagnosis. We provide a range of workshops and events with specific themes which include Employability workshops and social events/activities. We offer advocacy in areas, such as housing, benefits, employment, health and social care. Our organisations also offers Autism awareness training to professionals and employers across the borough. Additionally, we hold monthly peer-led webinars related mainly to autism and wellbeing and a weekly peer-led drop-in service to foster a sense of community. Our peer-led activities reduce isolation by helping users feel connected, providing an opportunity to meet peers and also learn new skills and strategies.

OUR COMMUNITY

At the Hub we welcome adults diagnosed or self-identifying as autistic as well as those who want to learn more about autism and how to support people on the autism spectrum. We welcome carers, partners, and family too. All our services are autistic-led.

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ABOUT US

We are a theatre company led by the ideas of our 75 members aged 11-19. Working in Islington, North London, we make transformative theatre through long-term, intensive collaboration between young people and professional theatre-makers. We have a core staff team of six people consisting of a collaborative artistic team and key delivery staff. We develop our practice through deep-rooted relationships locally and share our practice globally to impact teenagers everywhere. We believe youth theatre can be a place of community, radical art and social change. Our plays have been performed at the National Theatre, Battersea Arts Centre, the Royal Exchange Theatre, Yard Theatre, and on the BBC.

WHAT WE DO

We work long-term with local young people, training them as theatre-makers and providing a safe space to grow, explore and take risks. We do this through weekly sessions and our work with local schools and youth organisations in Islington. We make plays in which our members can express themselves and the change they want to make for audiences of people who influence their lives most. We share our practice and plays so that they can be used and adapted by organisations and artists working with teenagers everywhere. We make our plays into Blueprints so that organisations that work with young people can make their own versions of our plays; we have done this with our plays *Brainstorm* and *When This Is Over*. We also work closely with primary and secondary schools in Islington to run bespoke projects. We run free workshops for schools and youth organisations in the Islington area, please do get in touch if you would like to find out more.

OUR COMMUNITY

All Company Three members are nominated to join us by teachers and other adults working with young people in Islington. A long-term relationship is crucial to developing our work, so our members join us in Year 7 (age 11) and can stay until they are 19 years old. If you know a young person who would benefit from being part of our programme, get in touch.

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Community Language Support Service



Wezenet Haile,
Co-ordinator

ABOUT US

Community Language Support Services (CLSS) is a charity based in the Finsbury Park, Islington area. CLSS established in 2005 to assist speakers of different languages (clients) with limited English to communicate with local organisations and people. We provide a wide range of advice, information, and services to improve clients physical, mental, and social well-being.

WHAT WE DO

We help people to access mainstream services by providing an appointment-based service allowing clients to meet with CLSS advocates through face to face office appointments or via home visits. We provide advocacy and information to clients, including case work support on housing and welfare benefits, immigration advice, referrals, and signposting services. CLSS delivers advice and support sessions through telephone contact, online appointments, home, and face to face office appointments as and when permitted. We deliver women's exercise sessions online and women's self-help group sessions and befriending through telephone contact and WhatsApp. We deliver various awareness workshops in collaboration with the Healthwatch Islington. We deliver digital workshop for our clients to help them access online services in collaboration with Healthwatch Islington. We worked in collaboration with the Finsbury Park Women's Network to recruit women clientele to produce face masks in aid of the community during a challenging climate. A positive by-product of this activity was the growth of a community network during a time where isolation was and is at an all-time high.

OUR COMMUNITY

CLSS help those from Black Minority Ethnic groups and Refugees mainly those from East Africa and other Arabic speaking countries. 90% of our clients have language difficulties and are on low incomes. 75% have disabilities. We organised awareness raising workshops and focus group sessions to promote social inclusion, raise people's awareness and access to services.

Community Language Support Service

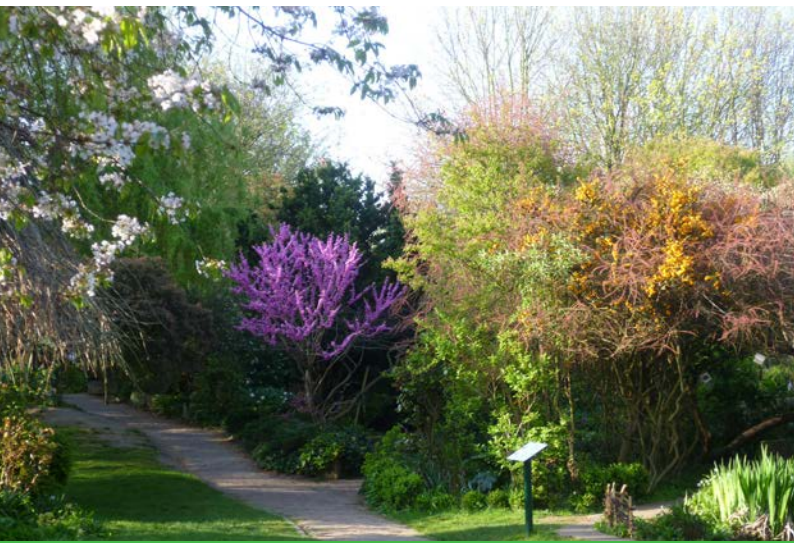
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Culpeper Community Garden



ABOUT US

We are an award-winning community garden (RHS Level 5 Outstanding Community Garden Award 2019) with a resource centre that has a meeting room which can fit 20 people. We have been called a green community centre and an oasis. Our award-winning garden is divided into 45 plots for local people, schools and groups, as well as communal areas comprising lawn, flower beds, pond, a wildlife area.

WHAT WE DO

We have for a long time provided opportunities for people to get in touch with nature, develop skills and experience in growing food, horticulture and garden maintenance, and to relax and socialise. We deliver a wide range of groups, workshops and classes. These include gardening, art, cookery, music, walking group and crafts. Each week we also run supported sessions specifically for people with learning disabilities or long term mental ill health. We provide environmental education and workshops for the local community and schools. We also deliver regular events such as parties, plant sales, and a summer playscheme for children. We increasingly have provided case work support to vulnerable people who have come to know and trust staff at the garden. This has included help with benefit forms, housing problems, accessing health services, and sign-posting.

OUR COMMUNITY

We were founded, managed, and run by local people since 1983. Culpeper is open to the public 7 days a week and anyone can join our 230-strong membership, with members potentially having access 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We have committed to the garden being inclusive and we are proud of the diversity of those involved in our community.

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Eritrean Community in the UK

ABOUT US

Eritrean Community in the UK (ECUK) has supported 1,000+ people annually since 1987; primarily people of Eritrean origin who have travelled to the UK as migrants, refugees and asylum seekers but also the wider BAMER community in Islington. We deliver youth, women's and health projects, advice, educational classes and an older people's programme and are based at the Old Fire Station in Holloway.

WHAT WE DO

At ECUK residents can access our advice offer 5 days a week, in person or on the phone. As part of this advice offer we run workshops on money matters and support our users to access online services. ECUK is part of the Islington BAMER Advice Alliance, a consortium of advice organisations linking to improve provision and strategy.

Our youth engagement project promotes positive messages and is part run by young people as peer volunteers. The supplementary school runs every Saturday, promoting and supporting children's education to provide a foundation for all other activities as they develop.

The older people's programme consists of social activities, pension advice, healthy living support and other activities to alleviate isolation and improve long term health conditions.

The Strengthening Women project addresses specific needs for advice, information, support, advocacy and referral for women, on issues relating to skills, confidence, health, access, employment and domestic violence. This includes 1-1 emotional support, training, cross-cultural counselling and referral to specialist agencies.

We also run social events to foster social cohesion and offer BAMER communities an affordable way to have fun and feel part of community life.

OUR COMMUNITY

People that access our services experience above average poverty and exclusions such as poor mental health, poor physical health, isolation, debt and inability to access benefits.

As well as the Eritrean community we also support people from Horn of Africa nations such as Somalia and Ethiopia because our services cover 5+ key languages including Tigrinya, Tigre, Saho, Amharic and Arabic.

Eritrean Community in the UK

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Finsbury Park Mosque



Mohammed Kozbar, Chair

ABOUT US

Finsbury Park Mosque is a registered charity which works to serve the community of Islington and surrounding boroughs of North London. Aside from serving as a primary place of worship and religious services to Muslims, we are also a community centre which works to promote mutual understanding, dialogue and community cohesion between all faiths and communities in Islington.

WHAT WE DO

With the support of the local Muslim community, the Mosque has been serving the local community, offering a multitude of services and activities to suit local needs. These range from religious services, education, tackling poverty, youth projects, endorsing interfaith dialogue, physical and recreational activities, surgeries and advice, social and cultural activities. Thousands of local people use our services on a weekly basis including women, men, children, and young people.

During the pandemic the Mosque was, and still is, at the forefront to help the local communities through different projects including distributing meals to NHS staff in local hospitals and providing thousands of pieces of PPE equipment to London hospitals. We also provided food parcels to the most vulnerable in the local community and set up a helpline for counselling and bereavement support. We hosted two Covid 19 pop-up vaccination clinics in partnership with the NHS and "We are Islington" where hundreds of local people were vaccinated, these initiatives were recognised by The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall during their visit to our first vaccine pop-up clinic in March 2021.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are proud of our diverse communities in Islington, they are the heroes who provide volunteers when required to help deliver successful services, and also contribute financially to keep the organisation running. Although most of our service users are from the Black and Minority Ethnic Community, our centre is always open to all those who would like to use its services from the wider community.

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ABOUT US

Global Generation is an educational charity which works together with local children, young people, families, schools, community groups and businesses to create healthy, integrated and environmentally responsible communities. Our King's Cross base is currently the Story Garden, a moveable food growing garden built for and by the local community. We are also transforming a barge into a floating community space on the canalside at Granary Square and from 2023 we will have a new permanent garden coming to the Cally area.

WHAT WE DO

We combine values-based reflective learning with nature-oriented, hands-on opportunities, designed to support and empower people to grow themselves, grow relationships and grow a new vision for the future.

At the Story Garden we run a wide range of activities open to Islington residents including food growing sessions, community celebrations and family activity days as well as programmes such as our Friday Night Out cooking project, a youth leadership programme (Generators) and school holiday clubs.

We also work collaboratively with local organisations and businesses on community-led greening and social action projects in the Cally area and around King's Cross.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our work brings people together across ages, backgrounds and abilities to connect with nature in the city, breaking down barriers and facilitating the sharing and celebration of existing skills as well as the opportunity to learn new ones. This approach has helped to nurture a close-knit and collaborative community which cares about its environment - and about the planet as a whole.

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Peter Crocket,
Co-ordinator

ABOUT US

Healthy Generations is a health charity with the aim of reducing social isolation and improving people's health and well-being. We work mainly with older people but also run classes for all age groups.

WHAT WE DO

We have a wide range of exercise, music, digital, dance and diet classes both online and in person from a number of community spaces, care homes and day centres in partnership with many organisations. We deliver classes and activities from many of Islington's Community Centres and Libraries putting on and facilitating a high number of in demand classes.

Our focus is improving strength, flexibility and independence through general fitness and remedial classes for specific conditions such as osteoporosis, insomnia, stroke and Parkinsons as well as all round physical health and mobility.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are based in the London Borough of Islington and work with older people. We also help other age groups through pregnancy, children, diet and overall good health.

We are good at never closing a class – sustainability. We like to partner with other organisations and together provide long-term sustainable classes for their users and we are always looking to work with other organisations or groups of people to create bespoke classes that are right for that community.

Our mantra is:

You can't guarantee good health, but you can improve the odds.

And everything we do is aimed at improving those odds.

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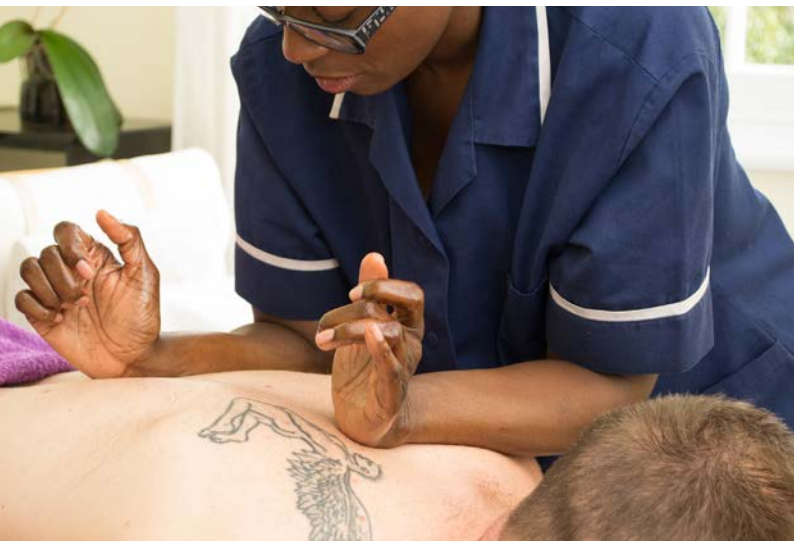
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Holloway Neighbourhood Group Stress Project



Holloway
Neighbourhood
Group

Registered Charity Number 290493



ABOUT US

Holloway Neighbourhood Group works in the Holloway area of Islington, providing a range of activities and services to support local residents to improve their mental wellbeing and physical health and to reduce loneliness. We have a small staff team of about 5 full-time-equivalents working across 2 centres. In a typical year, about 70 volunteers support Holloway Neighbourhood Group in our work. We also run the Old Fire Station Community Centre (see Community Hubs)

WHAT WE DO

At the Stress Project we provide a range of free and low cost therapies and wellbeing activities to support people who experience mental health issues and stress related illness.

Many local GPs and mental health professionals refer local residents to access our free and low cost counselling service. Our 12- and 26-week programmes are evidenced to provide significant improvements in mental health.

We also provide a range of complementary therapies, including massage, reflexology, reiki and acupuncture.

We offer a range of free Mindfulness meditation services, which include our very popular 8-week courses, as well as a weekly drop-in class, courses and taster sessions specifically targeted at young people. We also offer therapeutic gardening and a weekly Wellbeing Group.

OUR COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves on the warm and friendly welcome offered to our visitors. Most of our activities are delivered by our wonderful volunteer therapists who are supported and led by the Stress Project Manager, Carol Louvet. The services at the Stress Project are targeted at people on low incomes who experience mental health issues and stress related illness. Most of our clients live in N7 and the adjacent postcodes. At the Old Fire Station several of our activities are targeted to Older People.

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ABOUT US

IMECE is by BAMER women for BAMER women primarily from Turkish/Kurdish and Cypriot Turkish (T/K/TC) communities. IMECE was set up in 1982 to address practical, emotional and strategic needs of T/K/TC women and children. IMECE widened its service provision to include women from other BAMER backgrounds as it has accumulated extensive expertise in supporting women who experience multiple and complex issues and intersectional discrimination; and developed a wide array of approaches which have proven to be effective and successful.

WHAT WE DO

We provide a range of support and services ranging from crisis interventions and advocacy to ensure women and their children receive protective services to assure their safety and wellbeing. We engage in prevention campaigns and carryout work to improve services for women survivors of violence. We offer practical advice and advocacy in relation to housing, welfare rights and benefits, income maximisation, employment and/or training support, and personal development. We offer therapeutic Services such as counselling/psychotherapy in mother tongue, psycho-educational groups, confidence building groups and wellness groups. We offer Training and Capacity Building for community groups. We run Healthy Relationship Programmes for children and young people and offer volunteering opportunities to enable women to develop and/or enhance skills to be work ready.

OUR COMMUNITY

IMECE's community is Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Turkish women and also includes black and minority ethnic women from across the borough with the aim of providing culturally sensitive services.

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Islington Bangladeshi Association



ABOUT US

Islington Bangladeshi Association (IBA) is a grass roots led registered charitable organisation based in South Islington. It is the only organisation in the borough working specifically with the Bangladeshi community. IBA was established in 1984 as a self-help group when several local Bangladeshi families came together to work collectively to improve their quality of life.

WHAT WE DO

Since inception IBA's main concern has been to engage with those members of the community who are most at risk of social exclusion, we help them to regain confidence, raise health awareness and improve health inequality, we also provide a wide range of advice and support in the following areas- support services for older people, tackling poverty and hardship, employment projects, developing employment skills, children's afterschool and weekend clubs. We also provide support for people with housing and benefits advice.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are here to support all members of the Bangladeshi community to help improve the overall quality of peoples lives.

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Islington Centre for Refugee & Migrants



ABOUT US

At the Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants we welcome people who have been displaced from their countries of origin wherever they have come from, whatever has happened in their lives. Our mission is to offer people the emotional support, practical tools and sense of community they need to build a decent, happy life in the UK.

Andy Ruiz
Palma, Chief
Executive

WHAT WE DO

We work with people over the long term giving intensive, holistic support for at least a year, often much longer. Our approach is to show kindness and treat all people with dignity and respect. Our services include: A warm welcome, hot food, donations and activities at our physical Centre in Islington. We offer English language lessons online, a Support Service which provides people with advocacy and advice in overcoming practical issues with housing, accessing education or seeking legal representation. We provide Support Packages which allow people to buy food, essentials and digital credit (for Asylum Seekers). Additionally we have activities for physical wellbeing including Yoga and Gym. Activities to improve emotional wellbeing including Art and creative Writing as well as a Choir. We also provide Digital inclusion to support people with the skills and equipment they need to feel confident online.

OUR COMMUNITY

We currently work with 160 men and women from around 35 countries including the Democratic Republic of Congo, China, Syria, Eritrea and many others. Our unique international community is extremely diverse. Our youngest client is 18, our oldest is 80. Almost all of our clients live with mental health difficulties including depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Most are homeless, staying with refugee hosting families, in hostels or staying with friends and family.

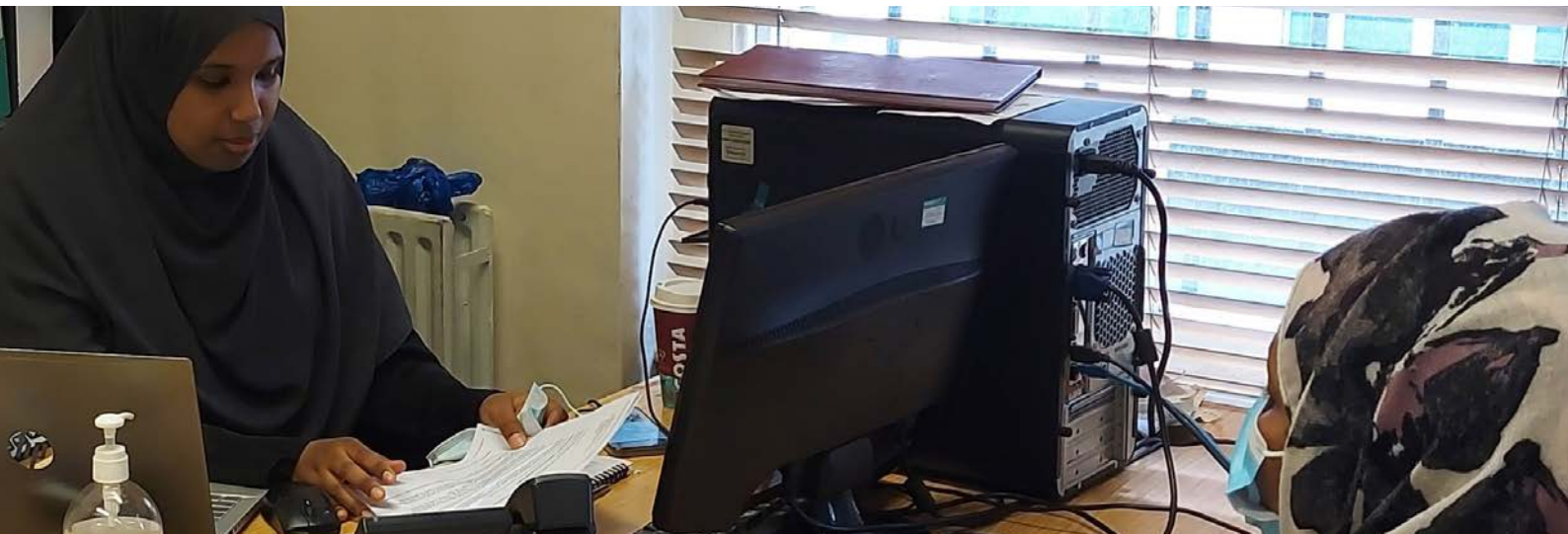
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Abdirahman Abdi,
Co-ordinator

ABOUT US

Islington Somali Community (ISC) provides support services for the 7000 Somali residents in Islington, run by and for Somali people. We have operated over many years and our user lead services are owned by the local community that benefit from them. We are the largest and oldest Somali organisation in Islington and a high proportion of Somalis who are working or living in the borough benefit from our services.

WHAT WE DO

Our 4 core services are ISC Connect, ISC Links, our Supplementary School and an advice service. ISC Connect is an initiative working with older Somalis and includes health and social activities. Connect includes workshops focused on healthy eating, carers support, dementia, prostate cancer and exercise sessions to reduce isolation. ISC Links provides essential training, employment support and welfare support for young people, including estate-based youth work to address crime, drugs and gangs. We provide after school clubs, sports sessions and outreach to engage young Somalis not in education, training or employment. The project helps young people build their life skills and increases their employability. The Supplementary School supports children at schools with extra lessons and contributes to their learning and development. The school helps children with basic skills i.e. English and maths as well as the chance to learn Somali. ISC Advice is a service accessed by over 900 residents each year, almost all of whom are severely disadvantaged and in need of intensive support around health, debt, housing, immigration and welfare rights.

OUR COMMUNITY

Somalis in Islington have a rich history and vibrant presence in the borough including an active involvement in all aspects of community life. Most Somalis in Islington are living in poverty or on low incomes and live throughout the borough with a higher focus in the Finsbury Park area.

Islington Somali Community

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Kurdish Middle Eastern Women's Organisation (KMEWO)



Sawsan Salim,
Director

ABOUT US

Kurdish Middle Eastern Women's Organisation (KMEWO) is a women led specialist service supporting Kurdish Middle Eastern and North African (KMENA) women, since 1999. KMEWO is proud to be a 'led by and for' service for Black and Minoritised women and girls, striving for women's equality, safety, justice and empowerment.

WHAT WE DO

KMEWO provides wrap-around and holistic support services to women, including advice and advocacy services, crisis intervention and intensive support for victims and survivors of domestic violence, multi-lingual counselling services, wellbeing workshops (such as Zumba and Yoga), employability support and educational workshops. At KMEWO, women can access a range of support services and fun activities through a 'single' front door.

OUR COMMUNITY

As a 'led by and for' service we understand the multiple barriers that Black and Minoritised women experience in accessing key services and opportunities. This is why intersectionality and meaningful inclusion is at the heart of all our work. We are dedicated to providing a welcoming, safe and positive space, where women can learn, share, recover and thrive.

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Light Project Pro International



ABOUT US

Light Project International is an educational charity that started in 2004 as a homework club supporting Congolese children. This has since developed into wider educational projects for people of all ages & backgrounds. We spent ten years at Orkney House on the Bemerton estate, but are now based at The Exchange, Watkinson Road, N7 8DE. We are a small team but we are helped and supported by a fantastic group of volunteers and more than welcome anyone who would like to get involved.

WHAT WE DO

Currently we offer our homework club and language classes for children. We have partnered with the DWP to offer a youth employment hub for young people aged 18 to 24 that offers tailored job seeking support and guidance in a relaxed environment. We offer ESOL and language classes as well as computing and parenting classes for parents/carers. We also have homework clubs to support local children.

Additionally we offer light exercise sessions and tea & chat groups for Over 65's. We support with bereavement, depression and anxiety by helping our community members access therapy and counselling services. We facilitate physical activities and education about healthy eating.



OUR COMMUNITY

We look to create a warm and welcoming space that brings together families and volunteers originating from over 35 countries. We welcome everyone in the borough and are always creating new friends and partnerships.

Light Project Pro International

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ABOUT US

Little Angel Theatre (LAT) has used puppetry to create and share inspiring stories since opening its doors in 1961; igniting the imaginations of the youngest minds. We do this on stage, on screen, in schools and in community settings.

Katherine
Sturt-Scobie,
Community
engagement
manager

WHAT WE DO

LAT's artistic programme aims to present high quality, innovative puppetry at both our home venues – our Theatre on Dagmar Passage and our black-box Studios on Sebbon Street. We also tour our shows across the UK and internationally. We work hard to break down barriers to engagement and serve the needs of our entire community in a creative and engaging way – not just those who know about the work or who can afford to participate. We run a targeted Schools Partnership Programme with our eight closest primary schools. Schools that are part of the programme have access to a wealth of opportunities and resources to enrich pupils' artistic engagement and support teachers to enliven the community. We also work with Islington Council providing pupils across the borough to access cultural experiences through the council's 11 by 11 scheme. We also try to identify people that are currently underrepresented in our audiences and create bespoke programmes to encourage them to access our opportunities. We do this through direct engagement with local Islington families as audiences and participants, prioritising families on local estates on our doorstep; and through partnering with other Islington-based charitable organisations.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are honoured to welcome a vibrant and diverse community to our buildings; supporting families on low incomes through our free creative workshops, events & shows, adults living in the estates around Sebbon Street joining our Arts and Chats, or our work with a range of local & regional partners. The majority of our community are based within 15-20 minutes' walk of our Theatre & Studios. Many local children grow up in our community spaces and our programme grows with them.

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Catherine Skinner, Director

ABOUT US

Maa Shanti supports south Asian mothers who are affected by domestic abuse. Our vision is “empowering single Asian mums”. Our mission is to support single Asian mums towards independence through advocacy, building relationships and social activities. We were founded as a grassroots project in Islington in 1998 to support the specific needs of mothers of South Asian origin impacted by domestic abuse. We are a client-led organisation, continually developing our services to meet the needs of our community. Our values are openness, empowerment, respect, and equality. Our team are fluent in Punjabi, Urdu, Hindi, and Bengali.

WHAT WE DO

We provide advocacy, emotional support, signposting and activities that reduce isolation, promote peer support, and enable women to access opportunities for themselves and their children. We run a programme of online and in-person activities, which improve access to relevant support, focus on mental well-being and increase participation in the local community. We currently provide weekly activities including arts and crafts, yoga, language skills, support groups, cooking club and mindfulness. We keep cases open, regardless of the level of risk and work with complex, medium and higher risk cases. We provide support every step of the way, crucially with cultural insight, knowledge and experience of the barriers women may face.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our beneficiaries are women of South Asian origin mainly from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India but we also support women from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, and the Maldives. Women can be at any stage in their journey, whether they are living with their partner or not. We work to reduce the levels of isolation, build confidence, and increase networks and support. It is so important because the impact of abuse and subsequent trauma on families can be severe and long lasting. We work with women affected by honour-based abuse, forced marriage, modern slavery, human trafficking, stalking, financial abuse, coercive control, and other types of abuse linked to violence against women and girls. We provide information and support on issues including benefits, housing, debt, parenting, education, child maintenance and safety planning.

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ABOUT US

One True Voice is a grassroots organisation based in Finsbury Park providing advice, support and activities for BAME women (primarily Somali women). The purpose of our organisation is to make sure that our community feels confident, safe, able to overcome their problems and maximise their potential.

WHAT WE DO

Asha Abdi,
Trustee

At the core of One True Voice is our advice service, which works with around 950 people every year in person and over the phone. Our advisors support clients with finance, health, immigration and housing issues, help them find employment and assist with translation, amongst other things. Due to the trust we have built up in the community our team will also often be the first point of contact for people seeking confidential advice on matters of extreme confidence such as FGM, gang involvement and domestic violence. One True Voice has a particular focus on health, accompanying people on visits to GPs and organising anti-FGM information sessions. We have also previously run a year-long youth mentorship programme.

Alongside our advice service we organise physical activities such as Zumba and self-defence classes, as well as social events like coffee mornings and out of borough trips. We attend many local forums to advocate for BAME women and run the Pathfinder Project which works with parents of young people to give their children the best possible opportunities.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are based on the Andover Estate in the heart of Finsbury Park, the ward with the highest BAME population in Islington and a large Somali population. Many Somali girls and women in the UK suffer from the disadvantages of poor education, lack of employment prospects, discrimination and oppression by men. As Somali women ourselves, we understand the difficulties that Somali girls and women face and can offer practical, culturally-sensitive advice and support.

One True Voice

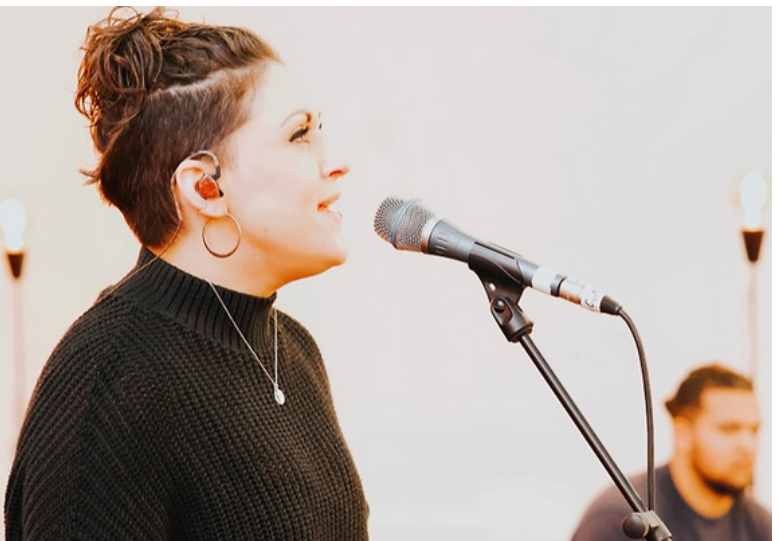
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ABOUT US

St Mark's is a Church of England Church in the Tollington area, Finsbury Park N4. We have an emphasis on pastoral care, outreach and serving the local community. We have a passion to see the community thrive and have been working with a diverse group of residents including children and young people for over 30 years. We strive to have excellent relationships with many other local Churches, Mosques and secular organisations. .

Rev Trevor Golding

WHAT WE DO

At St Mark's we believe in supporting the local community, we do this by assisting the Andover Community Centre in running their yearly Soul in the City event, bringing community and support based organisations together to create connections and community in the Andover Estate. We are engaged in other community-based events including our Andover Youth Group, aimed at creating a safe environment for youth to come and interact with other young people and the wider community and organisations.

Although our focus is youth and young people our work brings us into contact with people of all ages. We work with children and their families from infancy onwards; in practice this can often mean us working with older people as we see grandparents having a significant role in care for children and youth. In order to support the wider community we also engage with external organisations such as NA (narcotics anonymous), tutoring groups for school children, and a community choir. We have a strong link to St Mark's Primary school, and work with the pupils, parents and staff regularly.

OUR COMMUNITY

St Mark's N4 is committed to creating a church that welcomes all, whether you have never attended church before or if you have been a Christian for years, there's a place at St Mark's for everyone.

St Mark's Church

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Social media:

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Stuart Low Trust



ABOUT US

Stuart Low, sadly took his life in 1997. He could not find the support he needed to cope. SLT's Arts, Nature and Wellbeing programmes for vulnerable, socially isolated adults, living with mental health issues, take place mainly out-of-hours. In 2020-21, SLT supported 7000 people. With a small staff team of 5, SLT's programmes are supported by 55 volunteers, giving 5,500 hours per annum.

Hannah
Kalmanowitz,
Chief Executive

WHAT WE DO

SLT's Arts Programme include art workshops in partnership with a local gallery, a philosophy debating forum, a choir, music appreciation and art visits. Participants can display their artworks or poetry on SLT's website. We hope to hold an arts exhibition of participants work in 2022. Nature and outside working seem sensible in the transition back to a 'normal' after the pandemic. Our Nature Programme includes walks in nature, mindfulness in nature; nature visits/activities with our partners in the borough. During the pandemic, our bringing nature inside and mindfulness in nature DVDs, were well received. Our Wellbeing Programme includes a Friday evening event, 52 weeks a year, with healthy buffet food and a presentation /performance for up to 100 people. Our Saturday Projects include chi kung, sitting yoga, let's sing, let's dance, hand massage, meditation, gentle movement and mindfulness workshops. All our activities provide opportunities for social inclusion and companionship in safe spaces. We also encourage participants to take part in our volunteering programme, which provides regular support and training. During the pandemic we increased our postal mailings to those not on line, and developed a telephone support service, with regular calls to our 1,100 participants. Once the pandemic is over, SLT will offer a hybrid approach of online and offline programmes, to support all participants in their choices.

OUR COMMUNITY

SLT is inclusive and welcomes all adults. We listen carefully to our participant's feedback to ensure the programmes we provide meet their requirements. We are a learning organisation and continually strive to reach out to the wonderful diversity that is Islington.

Stuart Low Trust

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The Margins Project



ABOUT US

The Margins Project was established in 1992 to help those on the margins of society who experience homelessness. Based at the Union our object is to relieve need, hardship and distress of people who are in need due to social and/or economic circumstances, in particular those who are facing homelessness and poverty, we address this by providing a range of services.

Amanuel
Woldesus,
Margins
Manager

WHAT WE DO

We run a Crisis Drop-in service twice a week offering food, showers, laundry and clothing, hardship support, and emergency packs. Newcomers receive an initial assessment so that we can work on each individual cases. We provide a Housing and Benefits Advice service during the Drop-ins and remotely outside of the drop-in core hours with referrals to specialist agencies including health services, debt management advice, immigration advice and domestic violence support; We also provide well-being support and mentoring as well as an intensive Support Employment Programme in the Margins Cafe with ancillary support such as job club, therapy and ESOL. We aim to expand the programme to offer other training and employment opportunities such as Stewarding, Stage, Sound and Light Technicians within Union Chapel and develop opportunities in other sectors in partnership with local businesses. We also run a Winter Night Shelter as part of the 7 venue CARIS night shelter network.

OUR COMMUNITY

The people we support are those that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Their issues are often exacerbated by complex multiple social problems such as poor physical and/or mental health and well-being, substance and alcohol misuse, unemployment, poverty and lack of financial skills, poor education, lack of basic and life skills, domestic abuse, refugee and immigration issues, lack of confidence and low self-esteem. The positive change we want to support our community to achieve are an Increased quality of life through better shelter, food, hygiene and safety, access to temporary, permanent accommodation and prevention of eviction, Improved physical and/or mental health and well-being, Improved economic circumstances through access to benefits and employment, improved life skills and employability skills and better confidence and self-esteem.

The Margins Project

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Gina
Camputaro,
Director

ABOUT US

The Parent House is a small, registered charity which has been supporting families in Islington since 2000. We are a team of 9 staff, 5 of which are parents who used our service in the past. We work like a community hub providing a wide range of services to support, develop and empower. We aim to help parents (predominately mothers) of all ages reach their full potential so that they can make positive changes in their lives which in turn will have a beneficial impact on their children. .

WHAT WE DO

Advice, Advocacy and Peer Support, 1:1 tailored support for parents with various issues, signposting to increase access to local support services, and support for as long as needed. We provide mentoring and in-depth weekly support for 6 months to those in need of more comprehensive peer support. We offer Peer Consultation Support consisting of consulting with parents, listening to their needs, providing support. We offer Well-Being & Support with Mental health including weekly Walking, Mindfulness, Coffee Mornings and Gardening Projects (for spring/ summer term) to increase social connections/ support networks, wellbeing and fitness levels to address isolation and relieve stress. We provide development & training to develop parents' capacity through our Volunteer Training as Mentors and PCS Volunteers providing in-depth accredited training in confidence building, consultation, communication skills and improved listening skills, alongside support to access work.

OUR COMMUNITY

We bring parents together to share their experiences, they all come with the common aim of wanting the best for their children. Involving our parents in the planning and development of our services, as well as in the direct provision of support to other parents is our proudest achievement and is embedded in our work ethos. The Parent House aims to help parents feel more in control of their lives and their circumstances.

The Parent House

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Advice and Navigation

Fairer Together is a programme whose aims are to respond to a changing era of public policy, recognising the importance of partnership and collaboration across sectors and across organisational boundaries.

The Fairer Together approach seeks to further develop the way in which Islington as a whole community responds to the challenges facing local people. This approach has early intervention and prevention at its heart, and the council and the borough's voluntary sector will work together to enable local people to thrive and enjoy a good quality of life.

We recognise that the complex challenges facing local people and communities can only be addressed by collective action and that in order to ensure that residents are able to thrive and live well we will have to do more to prevent problems earlier.

The Independent Advice and Navigation strand within the grants programme is the Council's commitment to working with advice organisations to ensure that Islington residents can access independent advice to secure their legal rights and entitlements, particularly in key areas such as debt, welfare benefits housing, immigration and employment. This type of work is truly life changing; enabling people to keep their homes, preventing poverty and destitution and ensuring that families can stay together.

Islington has a comprehensive advice offer for local residents, with an extensive network of advice services, provided by both the statutory and voluntary sectors. We know that the need for independent legal advice is far greater than can be met, therefore we need to establish a whole-community approach to advice, which sees outreach and engagement to those at most risk of exclusion. The strand therefore includes community based advice, navigation, generalist, targeted and specialist legal advice.

Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group



ABOUT US

Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group is a voluntary charity organisation providing a range of free accessible services and activities to improve quality of life and increase opportunities for women of all backgrounds and their families. Established in 1984, we have been supporting women from the local community and beyond for almost forty years.

WHAT WE DO

We specialise in a holistic approach to providing one-to-one welfare advice and support, health information and advice services, and employability skills such as IT, digital skills, and ESOL in small-group classes offering one-to-one support for learners in a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment.

Our services include: welfare advice, benefit appeals (including representation at tribunals), social care advice, housing, debt advice, EU Settlement Scheme, domestic violence, interpreting/advocacy. We also deliver health information workshops and awareness days. In addition we offer training and ESOL, computer skills, sewing, employability skills, walking for fitness as well as creative/cultural events.

OUR COMMUNITY

We are a local, community hub serving women from across the borough. We support an ethnically and socially diverse range of women and their families, many of whom face barriers such as poor physical or mental health, language barriers, poverty and other difficulties. Arachne has been pivotal to the lives of many women in helping them gain qualifications, training, employment, access to services and entitlements, and creating a fairer, more inclusive community.

Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group

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Telephone: 020 7263 6261 - Holloway Road site
020 7263 6336 - Welfare Advice

Email/website: iinfo@arachne-group.org
www.arachne-group.org



ABOUT US

We deliver independent, free, impartial & confidential advice service for all Islington residents. We are open Monday to Friday and provide free telephone advice in the first instance, face to face if needed, Casework in welfare benefits, Housing and Debt advice via our Debt Free London partners.

WHAT WE DO

We offer free advice in a range of areas such as social welfare advice in all areas including: Welfare benefits, universal credit, debt, housing & employment.

The Employment Law Advice Service (ELAS) can help you with employment disputes- via email: elas@rcjadvice.org.uk

We advise in Immigration to Level 1 and Immigration applications, visas for family and friends and staying in the UK including being subject to immigration control.

OUR COMMUNITY

We offer free advice to all Islington residents and we can be contacted via the below methods.

Our National Help to Claim Universal Credit Free phone: 0800 144 8 444.

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133. Relay uk- if you can't hear or speak on the phone you can type what you want to say: 18001 then 0808 223 1133

Free Telephone Advice Opening Hours Information

Our free confidential Advice Line service: 0808 278 7836 (from 10am-4pm Monday – Friday); or for admin enquiries only email: admin@islingtoncab.org

FREE advice line to full advice on social welfare enquiries including casebook appointment for welfare benefits, Debt and we have a legal aid Housing solicitor

Help to Claim (HTC) service is still available – please call the national line 0800 144 8 444 (open 8-6pm Mon to Fri).

Citizen Advice Islington

Address: 222 Upper Street, Islington, N1 1XR

Website: www.islingtoncab.org



ABOUT US

Help on Your Doorstep supports people in Islington to improve their health and wellbeing, especially those who are vulnerable and isolated. We work to connect residents to services and organisations.

Ken Kanu,
Director

WHAT WE DO

Our Connect Service provides information and referrals to specialist advice organisations and services. We work on the frontline, by knocking on Islington doors to identify and support people experiencing challenges including but not limited to; housing, debt, financial hardship, health, welfare and employment issues. We run a phone enquiry line which residents can call when they have an issue that they cannot fix themselves. We work in partnership with other voluntary and public services working in Islington and connect people to the help that is available to them. We then carry out follow-up calls to ensure residents have accessed the services they need and assess further actions to take depending upon how their situation is evolving. Working closely with our Connect Service team, we also work with Islington GP surgeries to offer a social prescribing service to link people into services to support their non-medical needs related to your health and wellbeing. We also strengthen communities and social cohesion in Islington through our Good Neighbours Scheme by building hyper-local networks. We facilitate opportunities so local residents can come together, develop skills and access activities that promote good health and well-being such as exercise groups, meditation, social and support groups.

OUR COMMUNITY




We work to support residents in Islington who are marginalised and isolated. We go to residents instead of waiting for them to seek us out. In 2019 we knocked on more than 20,000 Islington doors. Each year we support approximately 1,500 residents by referring them to services and information. Evaluation has shown that Connect in reaching those who are 'hard to reach', with 50% of our clients not having previously accessed local services. Our Good Neighbours Schemes run a variety of community based activities for residents in Bemerton, Canonbury and King's Cross. Activities are inclusive and cater for all ages from children up to those in their elder years.

Help On Your Doorstep

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Islington Bamer Advice Alliance



Mulat
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Chair

ABOUT US

Islington Bamer Advice Alliance (IBAA) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and a consortium established by 6 specialist Bamer advice service providers (i.e. Islington Bangladesh Association, Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women Organisation, Islington Somali Community, Eritrean Community in the UK, IMECE Women's Centre, and Evelyn Oldfield Unit) to improve the economic and social well-being of Bamer communities in Islington through effective, high quality and inclusive advice provision. IBAA have a small staff team of five part time advice workers and a part time Advice Services Co-ordinator.

WHAT WE DO

Annually, IBAA's partners support 2,000+ people from Bamer communities through a broad range of advice services which are client tailored and culturally sensitive, providing advice and support in a vast range of languages, in areas such as welfare benefits, education, employment, immigration, debt, housing, training and pro-bono legal advice on family, Immigration laws, and other settlement issues. IBAA Advice services are provided in 10+ community languages to make the programme accessible to Bamer communities [32% of Islington].

OUR COMMUNITY

We are very lucky that we have very dedicated Advice Workers and Volunteers who are committed in providing the best advice services to the most marginalised and disadvantaged communities in society. At IBAA Partners we attend and take part in groups and partnerships such as the Islington Strategic Advice Partnership, Islington Refugee and Migrant Forum, the Homelessness and Prevention and Rough Sleeping Forum, Islington HealthWatch Network and others to raise the issues of the Bamer communities in Islington.

Islington Bamer Advice Alliance

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Stuart Hearne,
Director

ABOUT US

Islington Law Centre provides high quality and accessible legal and advice services to assist people to deal with the effects of poverty and to access their rights. We help people use the law to obtain and secure their legal rights and to change their circumstances in order to establish and support sustainable outcomes for themselves and their children.

WHAT WE DO

We achieve our aims by providing specialist casework in immigration, housing, public law, education, debt, and welfare benefits. We support people from the start of their cases and see the matter through to the end. We often represent clients in legal hearings before Courts and Tribunals. We are open Monday to Friday.

We run our Evening Advice Clinic on Monday to Wednesday each week with the help of volunteer lawyers from some outside law firms. The clinic helps people with legal problems including small claims up to £10,000, rental deposits recovery, and faulty goods and services (see our website for further details). The Clinic is aimed at people who can't afford a solicitor to find out about their rights.

We also seek to influence how local and national policies develop by taking part in campaigns and government consultations. To do this, we make sure we maintain a place at the heart of our community and advocate for the needs of our clients.

OUR COMMUNITY

We do not charge for our services and work with everyone who needs advice and assistance in social welfare law although our services naturally tilt towards those most in need. Almost three quarters of our clients are living with a health issue of some description, once again underlining the link between ill-health and poverty.

Islington Law Centre

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Gerard
Omasta-
Milsom, Chief
Executive

ABOUT US

Islington People's Rights (IPR) is an independent advice agency, providing specialist welfare benefits and debt advice. IPR has a strong reputation, and was established over 50 years ago and is based at the Manor Gardens Centre in Holloway. We provide advice, casework and representation in both welfare benefits and debt matters, delivered by experienced specialist caseworkers.

WHAT WE DO

IPR provides free, high quality independent welfare rights and debt advice services in Islington, that are designed to empower local people. We focus our work on the most vulnerable and excluded and are committed to ending poverty and inequality in Islington and more widely. Our experience is that demand for our advice services has never been greater, as the level of need becomes more acute.

We provide an adviceline staffed by experienced advisors, which can then lead to appointments and casework support for residents. We provide advice and advocacy on all aspects of Welfare Benefits and Tax Credits, including appeals and representation at tribunals. We can check that you are receiving the right amount of benefits and advise on the impact of welfare reforms or changes on your benefit entitlement. Much of our work focusses on supporting those with disabilities to get all the benefits they are entitled to, notably elements like Personal Independence Payment (PIP). We provide specialist debt advice including negotiating with creditors, dealing with utility bills, benefit overpayments and assisting with applications for Debt Relief Orders and bankruptcy, and the new Breathing Space initiative.

OUR COMMUNITY

IPR delivers targeted specialist welfare benefits and debt advice, focused on the most vulnerable residents of Islington. We particularly work with clients with disabilities, mental and physical, those with addiction issues, carers, and those from certain BAMER communities. Around 75% of IPR's clients have disabilities, but many are not receiving all the benefits they are entitled to, when they first approach IPR.

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Equalities & Cohesion Networks

Fairer Together is a programme whose aims are to respond to a changing era of public policy, recognising the importance of partnership and collaboration across sectors and across organisational boundaries.

The Fairer Together approach seeks to further develop the way in which Islington as a whole community responds to the challenges facing local people. This approach has early intervention and prevention at its heart, and the council and the borough's voluntary sector will work together to enable local people to thrive and enjoy a good quality of life.

We recognise that the complex challenges facing local people and communities can only be addressed by collective action and that in order to ensure that residents are able to thrive and live well we will have to do more to prevent problems earlier.

Our Equalities and Cohesion Networks strand within the grants programme demonstrates the council's commitment to diversity and addressing inequality. This strand brings together strategic leaders working across a range of protected characteristics. Their work helps to transform attitudes and behaviour towards residents with protected characteristics.

We want to ensure that people with protected characteristics can live lives free of discrimination, prejudice and inequality, and are fully valued, listened to and included. We want to ensure that the voice and challenge of organisations who represent or work with residents with protected characteristics is elevated. Critical to this is collaboration and partnerships between organisations who work with specific protected characteristics.

Disability Action In Islington



Phil Stevens,
Chair

ABOUT US

Disability Action in Islington is a user-led Deaf and Disabled People's Organisation, meaning we were created by and for Disabled people.

WHAT WE DO

We support people in and around Islington to access services and entitlements and maintain choice, control and independence in their lives. We promote the Social Model of Disability, and we ensure the views of local Deaf and Disabled people are effectively represented.

We offer face-to-face and remote support around benefits, housing, access to services, grant applications, health and social care, income maximisation, discrimination and accessing education, training and employment opportunities.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our community is anyone with a Disability or long-term health condition, or anyone who is a parent, guardian or carer of a Disabled person.

Disability Action In Islington

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Tessa Havers-Strong,
Executive &
Governance
Officer

ABOUT US

forum⁺ is an independent charity working to promote equality for LGBT people in Camden and Islington. We host cultural events and social groups which celebrate LGBT life in the local community and help to reduce social isolation and loneliness. We provide support services to LGBT victims of hate crime and work to improve community safety.

WHAT WE DO

forum⁺ organises the annual Camden & Islington LGBT History Month programme which celebrates and showcases local LGBT history and heritage. Throughout the year forum⁺ creates a variety of cultural and commemorative events for the LGBT calendar such as International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, World AIDS Day and many more! We host regular social groups and events across Camden and Islington including a monthly book club, film club and spoken word event. forum⁺ provides support services to victims of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime, working with clients to report LGBT+ hate crimes to the police and relevant council organisations. An important part of our work on community safety is delivering training and consultancy on LGBT equality and community safety to local businesses, education professionals, police, voluntary and statutory organisations. forum⁺ have a wonderful team of volunteers who are integral to the delivering of our services. Whether giving inspiring talks, hosting and organising online events, supporting our work on surveys and so much more, forum⁺ volunteers make a vital contribution to the local LGBT community.

OUR COMMUNITY

forum⁺ works across both Camden and Islington, two boroughs with a long history and commitment to LGBT inclusion. Our commitment to the community is to celebrate the achievements, lived experiences and culture of local LGBT people, to collate and share evidence to ensure that LGBT people and our needs are highlighted, and to support victims of LGBT hate crime. We wish to work with and collaborate with everyone in our community to build a safer, more supportive and cohesive society. All of our services are available to ages 18 and over.

forum⁺

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ABOUT US

Islington Faiths Forum (IFF) is a large local community network of faith based organisations in Islington. We all work together to serve the community; to support community cohesion, safety and equalities. Our charity is led by community leaders of different faiths present in the Borough and the work is delivered by a great team of workers and over 120 volunteers.

Roz Miller,
Director

WHAT WE DO

IFF collaborates with an array of community partners responding to key local needs, with a frontline as well as a strategic approach. With a diverse range of work, we deliver activities to promote mutual understanding and respect, good relations and resilience, working with schools, children and young people, adults, cross-sector community partners and more. From the annual Youth Debate to the Peace Cup Football Tournament to our ongoing community safety work (to name a few activities), we like to explore what's possible in Islington for the greater good.

IFF represents faith communities and groups and campaigns and develops work on issues of importance for those communities. We consider it vital to encourage and empower individuals and groups to work together and have a voice and we enjoy celebrating the amazing diversity which exists in Islington.

OUR COMMUNITY

As well as serving faith communities, faith groups and community partners in Islington, we like to include everyone in the Borough in our activities, whatever their backgrounds. We are grateful to the other community networks and partners who work with us as well as to Islington Council who support and fund our core work.

Islington Faith's Forum

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Islington Pensioners Forum



Charity No: 1043081



ABOUT US

We are a membership organisation established in 1986 providing a voice for the pensioners of Islington about the issues affecting them. We champion the rights and dignity of pensioners, locally, London-wide and nationally and one of our key aims is to reduce isolation and loneliness.

Robert Collins,
Chair

WHAT WE DO

At IPF we offer Monthly Forum meetings (open to all members) held in Islington Town Hall, with those who provide services/activities for older people in the borough. The questions and discussions at these meetings give a platform for members to express their concerns about unmet needs and their proposals for improving services both locally and nationally, with a view to improving the quality of life of older people. We run monthly meetings of the committee (elected at our AGM), which plan the Newsletter and future activities, including speakers for the monthly Forum meetings.

In collaboration with Healthy Generations we offer weekly free IT classes to support older residents to improve their IT skills in order to help them get and stay more connected to their friends and family in an attempt to reduce social isolation. We also run events and activities including events and outings such as Beat the Winter Blues and summer garden parties and day trips away.

We produce both printed and an e-version of a monthly newsletter that we distribute to 350 older residents in the borough. In this we publicise activities and events to help residents feel better connected.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our community consists of all pensioners in Islington, particularly those who find themselves lonely and isolated.

Islington Pensioners Forum

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Islington Refugee & Migrant Forum

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MIGRANT FORUM



ABOUT US

Islington Refugee & Migrant Forum (IRMF) is a refugee led independent charity that works to improve the life of Islington refugees by bringing together local refugee community organisations, service providers and bodies to promote dialogue and partnership. It was registered as a charity 2003. The IRMF is managed by elected trustees and a Coordinator supported by volunteers.

Mebrahtu Russom,
Coordinator

WHAT WE DO

Refugee communities organisations (RCOs) struggle to survive, many of them as the result of a lack of core grants, and others don't access essential funding sources, the IRMF has a key role to play in supporting these organisations through personal and organisational capacity building. IRMF is the main voice for the local RCOs and it strengthens them so that they can empower their communities, provides informative network meetings and events, up-to-date information on funding sources through sharing best practices, training and capacity building that enable them to provide effective and sustainable services. IRMF aims to bridge service gaps and the increasing economic disparities in refugee communities by encouraging RCOs to engage with their members into volunteering, employment, and the new arrivals to re-start their disrupted lives and become productive citizens within the host societies. The IRMF fulfils its mission and obligations by working closely with its stakeholders and partners including member organisations, Islington Council, Voluntary Action Islington, HealthWatch Islington, Islington Faith Forum, Islington Black Minority Ethnic Forum (BME), and Refugee Council, Greater London Authority, etc.

OUR COMMUNITY

IRMF reflects the diverse societies of the LB of Islington, and it responds the basic needs of most disadvantaged and excluded sections in the Borough through supporting its member organisations that are committed and passionately serve their respective communities - all ages, gender, race, colour, religion, etc.

Islington Refugee & Migrant Forum

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ABOUT US

The London Irish Centre was established in the 1950s to provide support to newly arrived Irish migrants. Our services have evolved over the years according to need, and our mission is to empower and enrich lives through Irish community and culture. Our vision is to be the Irish heart of London.

WHAT WE DO

We provide a range of services including:

Advice: support with welfare benefits, housing, identity documents, crisis grants, food vouchers, a clothes store, community outreach, home visiting, befriending. **Wellbeing:** lunch clubs three times per week serving hot home-cooked nutritious meals, five weekly social clubs for older people across London, creative workshops and health talks promoting good mental health and reducing isolation. **Culture:** a comprehensive annual programme showcasing the best of Irish music, dance, theatre and comedy; an educational programme promoting the Irish language and a library with the largest collection of Irish books outside of Ireland. We also have a team of Befrienders who visit the old and the vulnerable at home, an in-house legal advocate who supports and represents people at tribunal benefits hearings, and a qualified nurse who supports people with their health and wellbeing. We work to address the inequalities and changing needs of the Irish community in Islington, including mental health, physical health, poverty and isolation.

OUR COMMUNITY

Irish residents are currently the largest single minority ethnic group in the borough and the Irish community is the oldest in Islington with the highest median age of any ethnic group. Irish people in the UK have poorer physical and mental health than the general population and there is a higher prevalence of drug and alcohol problems in the Irish population of Camden and Islington than in other minority ethnic groups. We are based in Camden Square, less than half a mile from the Islington boundary. The London Irish Centre provides a voice for Irish people in Islington, but all of our events and activities are warmly open to people of all communities.

London Irish Centre

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Capacity Building

Fairer Together is a programme whose aims are to respond to a changing era of public policy, recognising the importance of partnership and collaboration across sectors and across organisational boundaries.

The Fairer Together approach seeks to further develop the way in which Islington as a whole community responds to the challenges facing local people. This approach has early intervention and prevention at its heart, and the council and the borough's voluntary sector will work together to enable local people to thrive and enjoy a good quality of life.

We recognise that the complex challenges facing local people and communities can only be addressed by collective action and that in order to ensure that residents are able to thrive and live well we will have to do more to prevent problems earlier.

The Capacity Building strand within the grants programme provides leadership and support to ensure that Islington's VCS is strong, vibrant, independent, and well managed; helping to provide high quality services that improve outcomes for Islington's residents.

The key ways in which these partners support the sector are by providing strategic leadership for the voluntary and community sector and identifying and responding to emerging trends. They ensure Islington has a strong and thriving VCS by providing support and guidance in key areas of organisational development, organisational management, leadership and financial matters.

The capacity building organisations help to lead and mobilise the sectors capacity to secure income through grants, procurement and contracts, identifying trusts and developing and maintaining strong relationships with funders to shape and take advantage of procurement opportunities. They also work to make sure that the VCS is connected and well networked in order to create opportunities, collaborate and address any key issues facing the sector.

Octopus Community Network



ABOUT US

Octopus Community Network is a charity formed in 2004 by group of Islington's largest multi-purpose community centres, many of which are now designated community hubs. Prior to achieving charitable status, the community centres came together as a collective to address the impact of austerity cuts by committing to help one-another build capacity and work together to form partnerships to enable joined-up working and collaborative fundraising.

WHAT WE DO

Our inclusive, community-led programmes of work are informed by the Community Centres and Community Hubs. Our work reflects the needs of Islington's people, especially those facing multiple challenges to living fulfilling lives. Our capacity building role is driven by the motivation to ensure that community centres remain at the heart of our diverse communities, so their sustainability is important to us. We identify opportunities for joint-working and funding collaborations by helping foster themed projects between centres within the network. Themed programmes include Health & Wellbeing, Urban Growing and Climate Change. As peer-to-peer support underpins all that we do, we are an effective community of practice - a group who share a common interest and who come together to achieve mutually benefitting goals. We are a member of Community Organisers National Training Academy and are continuing to develop the Network as a virtual Social Action Hub. Octopus founded Community Centre Week UK out of the need to improve the visibility and recognition of community centres. We are delighted that CCWeekUK is a week-long event, with community centres engaging in Islington and from around the UK.

OUR COMMUNITY

The common characteristics of multi-purpose community centres and community hubs provide a unique environment, ensuring that those who lead, work within, and use, enjoy and benefit from what community centres have to offer. Each community centre/hub maximises their building to ensure diverse communities can come together to learn, improve their health and wellbeing, contribute to neighbourhood improvement, and develop social connections.

Octopus Community Network

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Volunteering

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Our Volunteering strand within the grants programme is vital in supporting the incredibly dedicated volunteers across the borough that contribute so positively to the lives of residents. This strand supports partners to maximise their offer and support for volunteers, develops even more opportunities to volunteer across a wide range of organisations and provides a borough-wide volunteering brokerage service.

This partner organisation has a detailed knowledge of Islington's VCS and understands the valuable role that volunteers play in supporting the sector. They work with organisations to create high quality volunteering opportunities for volunteers with a range of skills and experience.



Navinder Kaur,
Chief Executive

ABOUT US

We are the borough's umbrella body for Islington's diverse and vibrant voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. Our King's Cross base hosts our accredited Volunteer Centre and also hosts local and national equalities organisations.

WHAT WE DO

We support the development of local charities and community groups that are providing essential services to Islington residents. We build community connections through our Volunteer Centre by providing a borough-wide volunteer brokerage service – connecting local people to local volunteering opportunities in the community. We offer a wide range of services for local organisations, small groups, and volunteers at all stages of their development. These services range from one-to-one support, through to training and money management. We also offer advice and support on starting a charity or becoming a constituted group

As part of Fairer Together, we work in partnership with Islington Council and other public sector partners on key areas such as community safety, promoting health and wellbeing, and reducing inequality and poverty. A key focus of our partnership work is to represent the interests of the local voluntary and community sector and to champion their role, expertise and impact.

OUR COMMUNITY

We work alongside local, regional and national organisations that put equality and social justice at the heart of their work because they are equally passionate that everyone living in Islington and beyond has the best possible opportunities to succeed in life.

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