

Next Generation Lambeth



Focusing on Young people

Young people in Lambeth are diverse, creative and ambitious but we know that they are growing up in an increasingly uncertain and complex world. There is rising inequality across our country and in our borough. In recent years, we have seen austerity take the wind out of public services and communities; young people have also been hard hit by uncertainties around Covid-19. As a result, we recognise that children and young people growing up in Lambeth face real challenges, but we also know that the energy and expertise of our diverse voluntary community sector is a source of major strength for over 67,000 young people that live in our borough.



What is the Lambeth Youth Opportunities Fund?

Lambeth Council and The London Community Foundation have partnered to create the Lambeth Youth Opportunities Fund (LYOF) to provide vital resources and funding to support aspirational programmes aimed at helping young people to be safe, resilient, healthy and achieve their potential. We want to identify, test and scale the most innovative and effective initiatives to reduce inequality amongst young people in the borough.

In particular, the Lambeth Youth Opportunities Fund will focus on improving the life chances for the most vulnerable young people in our community: children living in poverty, black African and Caribbean children, children with special educational needs and disabilities, children looked after and care leavers.

1 We want to encourage Lambeth's voluntary community groups to explore new approaches to understanding and breaking down the barriers that young people face in their schools, communities and early careers.

2 We want to explore new and effective methods of engagement and collaboration to help young people build positive relationships with their peers and wider community.

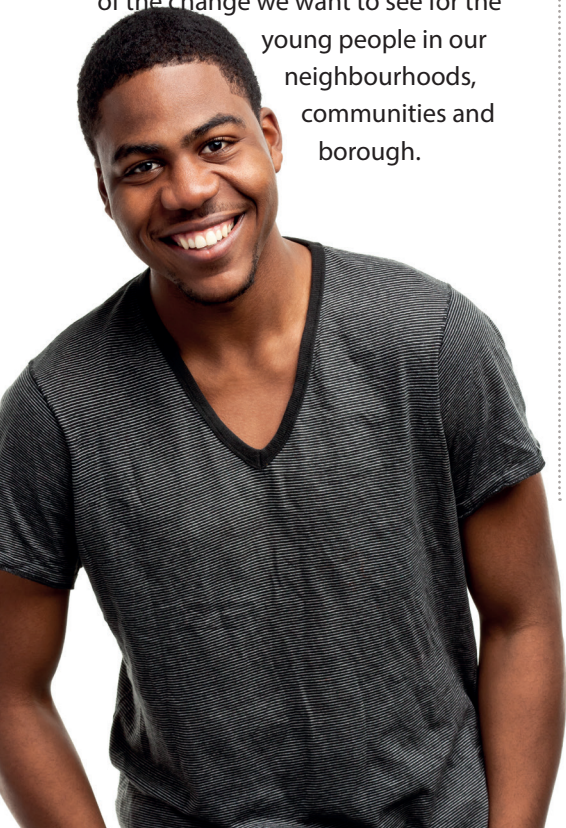
3 We want to develop youth-led opportunities for young people at risk of youth violence and give them a voice in designing their own future.

4 We want to support programmes that promote resilience and advance equality through a wide range of educational, cultural, employability and sport activities reaching different cohorts of young people in the Lambeth.

5 We want to unlock Lambeth's diverse talent pool and make sure young people in the borough have access to the skills development, training and job opportunities they need to thrive and reach their full potential.

Where does funding come from?

Us. All of us. Simply put, the Lambeth Youth Opportunities Fund is an opportunity to bring together Lambeth's residents, local business, philanthropic investors and leading corporates with a presence in the Borough. Whether it's a family's £20 monthly donation, or a major donor's £100,000 investment, LYOF offers a vehicle to be a collective part of the change we want to see for the young people in our neighbourhoods, communities and borough.



Funding for Change

Who can apply for funding?

The Fund aims to make strategic, multi-year grants, grow and scale the most effective, innovative or targeted community programmes delivered to young people in

Lambeth. Beyond short term funding, these grants have the potential to build capacity and create sustainable mechanisms for community and grass root organisations (who often have the highest levels of insight, access and impact on young people in their local areas) to deliver critical programmes across the Borough. Funding will be aimed at supporting community groups, grass root organisations, charities and trusts located in Lambeth with a maximum annual turnover of £1 million.



One in three

Children in Lambeth are born into poverty

One in three

Black Caribbean pupils are eligible for free school meals

One in three

19 year olds do not have level 3 (A Level) qualifications



(Source) Equality Commission Report and Recommendations 2017



By supporting the Lambeth Youth Opportunities Fund, you are investing in Lambeth's next generation of citizens, entrepreneurs, artists and business leaders.



“

A shining example of what can happen when the community works together.”

Mayor of London in Cosmopolitan Magazine, April 2020

The Loughborough Community Centre

LCC are a small local charity that was established in 1981 in response to the Brixton riots. The centre manages and delivers a range of free activities for families with children 0–16 years out of the Max Roach Centre and has a longstanding and trusted relationship with the local community.

Staff at the LCC understand the sources and symptoms of the disadvantage faced by their local community within the most deprived ward in Lambeth. They get it.

At the start of the pandemic their small team immediately got into

action executing swift and evolving programmes of emergency response projects to support some of the most vulnerable children and young people in their neighbourhood.

Looking back they can proudly say they worked with over 100 families, enlisted young people to become volunteer playworkers in their community, cooked and served an incredible 950 meals served by an army of volunteers (some of which were children!) and delivered 4000 Happy Lunches and play packs to local children and young people who needed it most.

This is what community power looks like in action! **Can you support them?**

We believe in the potential of every young person in Lambeth and want to empower them to make positive change for themselves and their communities. Will you join us?

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