


About us

Who we are

We are The London Community Foundation, the charity for London's grassroots.

We specialise in supporting community-based organisations focused on helping disadvantaged London.



We believe in a strong and vibrant London

We support those best placed to make an impact locally

We harness ideas and talents in the community to make progress on deep rooted issues that can't be solved elsewhere

Why we exist

London is a diverse city, in which complex social problems persist. We exist to catalyse change at community level.

We believe that communities often characterised as poor and disadvantaged are rich with ideas and assets. When these ideas and assets are maximised, small community groups can make a big difference.



What we do

By shining a light on the key issues faced, and supporting the best ideas to grow, we strengthen and nurture the network of local people solving local problems.

Our approach is issue-led:

- We build knowledge of need and the key challenges affecting disadvantaged London. We lead the way on tough issues we believe can be solved at a local level.
- We shape the agenda, building momentum around the key issues. We direct, advise and coordinate community groups and philanthropists to achieve high-level impact.
- We strengthen and nurture community-based organisations, to build capacity and grow sustainable and efficient operations. We encourage collaboration, providing coordinated support for disadvantaged London.

Our reach

Formed as the London Community Foundation in 2011, our history goes back over 20 years. During that time, we have invested over £70 million into charitable groups across the capital, improving the lives of over 500,000 Londoners.

We have inherited a commitment and a closeness to the grassroots from our predecessors.

We are an independent charity and one of over 1,700 community foundations worldwide. Today, we invest around £6 million annually, giving out around 1,000 grants every year.



Our partnerships



EdenTree

Edentree, an investment management firm, partnered with us in 2017 and focus on supporting youth education and projects tackling human trafficking and modern slavery.

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Grosvenor

We've been working with Grosvenor - one of the world's largest privately owned property businesses - for seven years. Click through to find out more about our partnership.

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Lambeth Council

Lambeth Council is a longstanding partner of LCF, and a key founding donor of the Lambeth Community Fund. Since 2008, over £2.5 million of grants have been awarded.

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Peabody

The Peabody Community Fund was established in 2014 and so far over £350,000 has been awarded grants to 78 charities and community groups, benefiting an estimated 14,000 people.

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Simon & Lynn Dodds

For nearly ten years, we've been working with Simon and Lynn Dodds to fund and strengthen grassroots initiatives designed to support those who may feel cut off or at a disadvantage.

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Sport England

Sport England is a new partner, and established the Sport England Active Communities Fund in 2017. This exciting new Fund aims to get inactive Londoners more active, and in doing so, harness the power of sport to strengthen London communities.

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The Bromley Community Fund

We have been working with Bromley Community Fund for over 10 years, raising and distributing funds to the borough's smaller charities and organisations.

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The Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund

We joined forces with The London Evening Standard in 2010. Each year, the partnership spotlights a different theme, focusing grant making on the biggest issues facing the capital.

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Our work in practice

How we work

Our core operation consists of the following:

Grant-making - we are expert at working with grassroots organisations providing a vital service to local people.

Partnerships - we form dynamic partnerships, spotlighting local issues and triggering community-led interventions.

Fundraising - we work with companies, individuals, trusts & foundations, advising them on which issues to support in order to achieve high level impact.



Grassroots initiatives

We are able to reach causes which are often not known to the general public. By supporting these groups, we are in turn helping our supporters to achieve enormous impact locally.



A six-month construction skills course for homeless people.



A named fund focused on causes important to Mr & Mrs Dodds.



A targeted campaign to tackle food waste and food poverty.



Campaigning in partnership

We work with a wide range of partners to effect change in the community.

In 2016, we orchestrated a city-wide campaign to improve the prospects of those living on London's estates. 'The Estate We're In', delivered in partnership with The London Evening Standard, benefitted 85 groups in 23 boroughs.

Since then, we've partnered with the Standard on Food for London and an emergency appeal for the residents of Grenfell Tower.

