

Lambeth Community Fund

Panel Recruitment
2x Community Representatives

December 2025

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining the panel for the Lambeth Community Fund, managed by The London Community Foundation (LCF).

The Lambeth Community Fund is a charitable venture set up to support the borough today and long into the future, responding to the changing needs of local people over time. It was established in 2008 by the transfer of the trusteeship of the Pedlar's Acre endowment from Lambeth Council. The Lambeth Community Fund is also made up of a number of other endowments including the Portuguese Fund and the Beaufoy Trust Fund. We consolidated all these separate programmes so that community groups can apply to one fund with one set of criteria.

The Lambeth Community Fund focuses on making Lambeth a **healthy, safe and sustainable place** to call home. This focus covers a range of components that an individual needs to live a full and well-rounded life in the borough. We achieve this through the focus on four key themes.

Over the last 17 years, the Fund has supported local grassroots organisations via annual funding, and we are committed to ensuring that funding decisions are made by a diverse panel that understands need in the community. The funding panel is made up of community representatives from across Lambeth and a representative from Lambeth Council, with the process supported by The London Community Foundation.

We are now recruiting for **two Community Representatives from Lambeth** to join the panel for a minimum of one year. Please read this document to find out more about the Fund, the opportunity, and information on how to apply.

About LCF

The London Community Foundation exists to channel funds to local community organisations making a real difference in their community. We are there to offer support and help them get stronger, to be more resilient and more secure, so people can depend on them, feel connected and feel hope.

We connect funding partners, such as local authorities, corporates and high net worth individuals, to vital work in communities they could not otherwise reach, helping them meet their own community commitments to London.

We champion local community organisations, advocate for their vital role in bringing London together, and promote the power of local philanthropy to build connections between communities, and businesses and funders.

Our Vision

A strong and diverse civil society, that tackles disadvantage and creates greater equity in London.

Our Purpose

Through good philanthropy, our knowledge and expertise, we convene donors to invest in charitable organisations working to overcome the issues affecting London.

Our Mission

Our mission is to inspire the Capital's generosity and invest in frontline, civil society organisations to help build strong and connected communities.

Our People

We are committed to growing LCF's representation of London's communities. Our team and Board come from diverse backgrounds bringing a range of skills, experience, and perspective – unified by their ambition for London.

Role Description

2x Community Representatives

About the panel:

Panel members make some of the most difficult decisions around whether to support proposals for funding. LCF present the shortlisted projects to panel and trust the panellists to make funding decisions based on their experience and knowledge of need in the local area. The Lambeth Community Fund panel is made up of at least 4 community representatives from Lambeth, as well as 1 representative from Lambeth Council. A Community Representative is someone who lives in the borough of Lambeth, preferably with lived experience of the issues the Fund addresses.

About the opportunity:

We are recruiting for two new Community Representatives to join the panel for a minimum of one year/one funding round. We will review the panel at the end of the next round of funding, with the possibility of discussing extending existing positions for panellists, to commit to a 3-year tenure.

Responsibilities:

We expect the panel for the next round of funding to take place in April 2026. LCF will send all panel members the panel pack in advance to read and flag any queries. This will contain information on shortlisted projects and funding recommendations. The panel itself will last for approximately 2 hours, with funding decisions made during the meeting. An LCF staff member will chair the panel to support the funding decision process but they do not have voting rights.

The total time commitment in a funding round would be up to 2 full days (16 hours) with most of this time spent reading the panel papers pack in the days prior to the funding panel as well as occasional consultation on the funding round process.

We value the time panel members give to reviewing the proposals and making key decisions regarding grant awards. To that end, Community Representatives can be compensated for their time at a rate of £150 a day up to 2 days.

Skills, knowledge and experience:

Panel members must live in the borough of Lambeth. As part of the Fund criteria, projects must benefit people living, working and/or studying in Lambeth, therefore we think it is important that the panel is representative of this area.

As one of the endowments within this fund, The Beaufoy Trust Fund, is specifically for projects working to help 18-25 year olds into employment, further education or training, we would welcome applicants within this age cohort.

The Fund supports projects that are delivering around specific thematic areas. For the last round, the themes were:

- 1. Resilient Futures** - helping communities to create a clean, vibrant and climate resilient borough. This theme is about environmental focused work that will improve the local area so that people can lead healthier, happier lives.
- 2. Safer Communities** - focusing on work that will improve safety and community connections across the borough. This theme is about community projects that will help everyone feel safe and secure in all places.
- 3. A Place Called Home** - creating the conditions to grow up and age well within the borough. This theme is about projects promoting healthy and active lives, where everyone can contribute to an inclusive economy and have a place to call home.
- 4. A Fair and Equitable Borough** - showing a strong commitment to make Lambeth a borough of equity and justice. This theme is about projects focused on tackling poverty and/or supporting Black, Asian and Multi-ethnic residents, LGBTQ+ residents, disabled residents or women and girls.

We are keen to recruit panel members with experience and understanding of at least one of these thematic areas.

We are committed to ensuring that the panel that is truly reflective of the diverse communities within Lambeth. We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We are particularly keen to hear from people who are currently under-represented in our organisation, including LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, and people from Black, Asian and other minority ethnic communities. We are committed to ensuring that all recruitment decisions are made on the basis of merit.

The role of the panel:

The panel's main aim is to make informed recommendations about grant applications, in the context of the circumstances of each applicant, and in relation to the available budget, incorporating their assessment of local needs or funder priorities.

Recommendations are made by majority. At times, individuals may not agree with those recommendations. However, membership of the panel is conditional upon abiding by the recommendation of the group overall. This applies both within the meeting, and in your external relations.

The panel's role is to bring an understanding of local issues whilst taking a view of the whole community, not to represent their constituency or organisation.

How to apply

To apply to be a panel member for the Lambeth Community Fund, please complete this [quick form](#) which takes approx. **15-30 mins to complete** by **12pm (noon) on Monday 12th January 2025**.

We will review the applications and make decisions against the skills, knowledge and experience criteria. LCF will offer one training session in advance of the panel meeting for all Community Representatives.

Timeline (subject to change):

Mid December 2025 – Mid January 2026: Advertisement

Late January 2026: Appointment

February 2026: Panel training

April 2026: Panel meeting

Please note that being a Community Representative on the panel will not prevent your organisation from applying for funding. Those with conflicts of interest will not be involved in decision making regarding the outcome of their application.

For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Callum Stubbs, Grant Programmes Manager, at Callum.stubbs@londoncf.org.uk or call LCF on +44 20 7582 5117

Thank you and good luck!