

A call for project proposals by Islington Giving's Young Grant-Makers



Application Guidelines:

We are a group of 12 Young People who live in Islington, who have come together this year to make decisions about how Islington Giving's funding for young people is spent. We want to fund projects that will provide long term solutions and impacts to some of the challenges young people face. We believe it is important for young people to gain skills to be productive and make progressive and active steps in their self-development.

There are so many issues facing us as young people – we've spoken about youth services; the lack of continuity of programmes and projects, and how difficult it can be to know what is available for young people in Islington. We discussed the transitional stages in young people's lives – from school to further education, from childhood to adulthood - and ways young people can be supported in these stages. We recognise that Islington is a diverse and multicultural borough and want more support for young people with migrant parents. We feel that there aren't enough job opportunities, and there is not enough support to help young people with their financial independence as they transition into adulthood. The impacts of social media and content addictions and the need for more opportunities away from harmful use of phones and technology were also key points of discussion in our sessions.

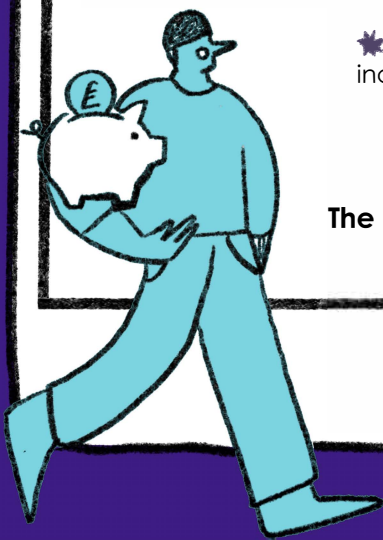
We recognise that there are many amazing opportunities and projects in Islington, but these may not be accessible to everyone who needs them. We would like more to be done to ensure young people are aware of the opportunities available to them, and that projects are inclusive.

What we want to fund:

As a result of our discussions, we believe it is important that young people have access to varied forms of learning that will contribute to their self-improvement. We want to see a clear link between the project being delivered now and future outcomes for the young people who are involved. It is important to us that the activities we take part in feel like a productive use of time. As a result, we would like to invite applications from projects that help young people in Islington to learn new skills. We are interested in projects that help young people gain at least one of the following:

- ★ Skills that help young people manage their mental and physical health now and for their future (this could include a creative or sports activity to help manage mood)
- ★ Skills that could benefit young people in gaining employment (for example, CV workshops, mentoring, interview skills or opportunities that would lead to qualifications or experience)
- ★ Skills that help young people manage their financial independence such as gaining an understanding of debt, interest rates, bills, budgeting etc.

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What we are looking for (essential criteria):

- ★ Projects that are free
- ★ Projects that support young people aged 16+
- ★ Projects that have a tangible and measurable outcome
- ★ Projects that benefit the young person beyond the life of the project
- ★ Projects that are inclusive; to us this means they should be open and welcoming to everyone regardless of their background, special educational needs, neurodiversity, ability, ethnicity, nationality, LGBTQIA+, level of English, and so on
- ★ Projects that ensure all staff are qualified and ensure safeguarding (e.g. all staff are DBS checked)
- ★ Projects that promote the opportunity so Young People in Islington know what is on offer

What we would like to see (desired criteria):

- ★ Projects that find interesting ways to engage young people in gaining skills that could lead to improved employability, health and financial independence.
- ★ Projects that give young people a voice (i.e. projects that seek and implement input from young people on the project and how it is being run)
- ★ Projects that support young people with migrant parents
- ★ Projects that subsidise travel expenses for young people

Guidance:

- The total amount of funding we have available is £120,000. Our maximum grant is likely to be £20,000 and organisations can request this total funding over multiple years (eg. A maximum of £20,000 over one year, £10,000 a year for 2 years, £6600 for 3 years, etc).

- Please be aware that demand for funds is usually high, therefore we ask that you carefully consider whether your proposal is likely to meet the criteria before applying. If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to contact us for clarification at grants@cripplegate.org.uk.

- The answers on your application form will be assessed by young people aged 16-24. Please therefore avoid use of jargon and acronyms to make the language understandable to all.

- We will be shortlisting applications in December and January, interviewing shortlisted groups in February and announcing final decisions in March 2024.

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