

islington giving

Impact Report 2024



A member of the Stuart Low Trust enjoying a Spring activity

A note from Deborah Higgins, Chair of Islington Giving



This year celebrates 15 years of Islington Giving and all we stand for – community, connection and the power of partnership.

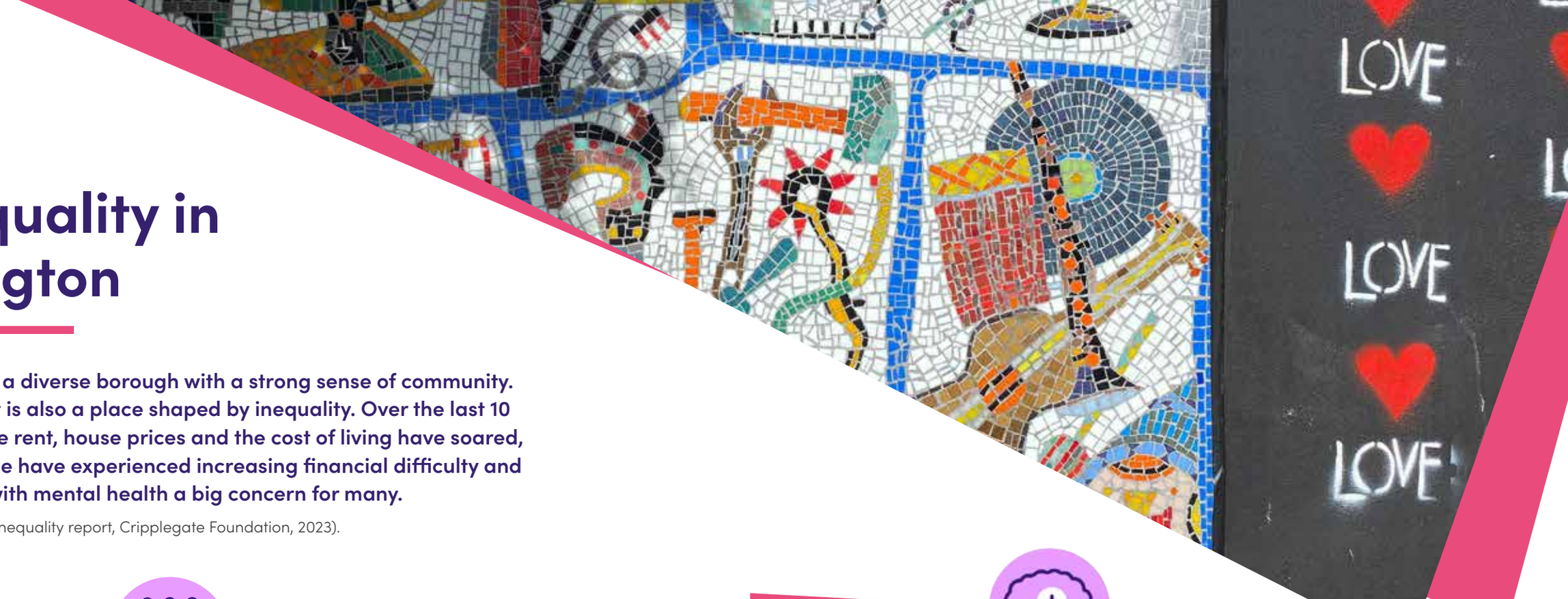
In response to entrenched inequality in Islington, in 2010 a coalition of individuals, businesses and funders imagined how working in partnership, combining resources and building connections could change Islington for the better. It was the first of its kind – a model of community-led, place-based giving that went on to inspire the London’s Giving movement, reaching 24 boroughs to date.

Over the years we have established some incredible partnerships, raised and given out over £11m and pioneered resident-led participatory grant making to shift power into the hands of local people. Amplifying the voices of residents, creating platforms for local people to directly influence their area and mobilising the work of the incredible community organisations in our borough have always been priorities for us – and there is so much to celebrate in our 15th year. The real point in reflecting as we reach this milestone, however, is to look forward with renewed energy and continued determination to create lasting change.

Our resident-led research shows that people feel there are ‘two Islingtons’ – it’s one of the most unequal places in the UK, with huge challenges around mental health and over a third of children living in poverty. The voluntary sector is facing extreme pressure in the face of increasing demand and reduced funding.

Islington is also a vibrant and diverse place, where people want to be good neighbours to each other. We hear from people involved in Islington Giving – our funded groups, resident grant makers, donors and partners – that they are amazed by the community they discover on their doorstep when they step outside of their own environment. By working together, we can do more to shift the dial towards an Islington where everyone can live a good life.

I want to express my huge thanks to all our supporters and partners for all you do and for being part of our journey. I hope you will stay with us in the years to come. And if you live or work in Islington and you are not already part of Islington Giving**, please do join us.** You, too, could be amazed by the difference you can make.



Inequality in Islington

Islington is a diverse borough with a strong sense of community. However, it is also a place shaped by inequality. Over the last 10 years, while rent, house prices and the cost of living have soared, local people have experienced increasing financial difficulty and isolation, with mental health a big concern for many.

(Challenging Inequality report, Cripplegate Foundation, 2023).

104
people live on each football pitch-sized area of land in Islington – the second most densely populated local authority area in England and Wales.

38%
of children are growing up in poverty, one of the highest rates in the country.

34%
of older people in Islington live in income deprived households.

13%
of land in Islington is public green space – the smallest amount of green space per person in the country.

20,000
people in Islington are living with depression. We have one of the highest levels of mental ill health in London.

16%
of the population in Islington are Disabled, the highest rate in London.

Through our community-led research, working with over 100 residents through our resident-led grant making programmes, and partnering with hundreds of community projects each year, we know that local people have the desire and drive to continue building on the strengths they see within Islington already. Local people have told us that they want more opportunities to come together, build Islington's culture and to be supported to find solutions from the bottom up.

Sources: ONS; Trust for London; State of Equalities in Islington, Islington Council

15 years of

islington giving

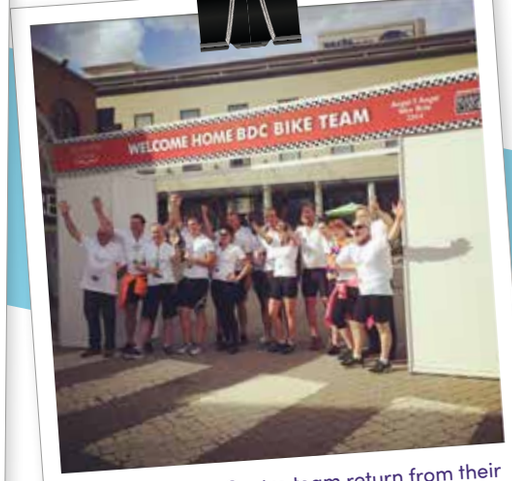
Over the past 15 years, we have worked with amazing local people, partners and organisations to make a difference locally. Here are just a few snapshots...



The Islington Giving campaign is launched with a target of raising £3m, 2010



Evaluation launch at Frederick's during Islington Giving week, 2013



Business Design Centre team return from their fundraising bike ride from Angel of the North to Angel Islington, 2014



The Parent House Celebrate their 16th birthday, 2016



Launch of Help on Your Doorstep's first Good Neighbour's scheme, 2017



The first group of Islington Giving Young Grant Makers, 2018



Saturday Social dance performance with All Change, 2019



Islington Giving launches a crisis appeal in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, raising over £400,000, 2020



A team complete 13 miles around Islington for the Walk the Line fundraiser, 2021



Spotlight on Arsenal Girls Kicks programme for Mental Health Awareness Week, 2022



Young Grant Maker Co-Leads at the City Bridge Foundation City Giving Day, 2023



Islington Giving's Community Panel



BIG Alliance team challenge
Photo by Kate Tereshchenko



The Parent House
24th birthday

Highlights of 2024

Working with our partners, Islington Giving aims to respond to local need, increase access to opportunities, build community connections and reduce isolation. We do this through raising funds, making grants – a large proportion of which are decided on by local people – sharing resources and learning with our peers.

Raising funds

Supporting projects that respond to local need and create a greater sense of community in Islington

- Over £919,000 was raised to support the local community, thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners, trusts and foundations and local people.
- We announced a generous grant from Google.org to support people experiencing food insecurity in Islington, with a focus on supporting the transition to sustainable models such as food pantries. The donation marks over £1m of support from Google.org over the past three years to fund community projects via Islington Giving and Camden Giving.
- Local people and businesses came together to combat loneliness and isolation through our winter appeal, raising £25,900.

Increasing access to opportunities and services

Helping people in Islington live a good life

- 60 inspiring community projects were brought to life through the Make it Happen fund, a 65% increase from 2023. See page 26.
- 2,924 volunteers donated their skills and time to support 89 community partners through The BIG Alliance, established with Macquarie and the East London Business Alliance (ELBA). 130 students in local schools received 1,400 hours of mentoring at local workplaces through The BIG Alliance Mentoring Works programme.
- 19 young people completed paid placements at 18 local businesses through the Young Jobs programme, funded by the Macquarie Group Foundation.
  - ▶ Raj, a student at City and Islington College, spent eight weeks with dMFK Architects via the Young Jobs programme. The experience – facilitated by Local Village Network – gave him insight into different careers within architecture and confidence to pursue a similar role professionally.

Reducing isolation and creating community connections

Increasing people's connection to each other, their community, local services and support

- Our Supporting Families programme, developed in response to information that parents and carers shared with us about their needs, has supported projects that build social networks for families under pressure over the last seven years. During this time, we have funded ongoing projects with Parent House, Kinship Care, Islington and Camden Homestart and Mother to Mother, run by Islington Mind.
- Help on Your Doorstep, a core partner of Islington Giving, reached 4,000 people in 2024, building community connections and belonging on local estates. This includes 2,000 people reached though three Good Neighbours Schemes – community development projects jointly funded by Islington Giving, Peabody, Clarion, Islington Council and the North Central London Integrated Care Board.
- In partnership with Arsenal Foundation, we funded James's Place for the first time, who work with men at risk of suicide.

Sharing decision-making power with local people

Distributing power more equally and supporting residents to develop skills to influence decision-making

- Islington residents made decisions on almost 50% of our grant funding.
- Working with The Mercers' Company, we piloted our first Carers' Panel, which brought together unpaid carers to shape funding priorities and make decisions on how funds should be spent locally.
- Our first mixed-age resident-led funding panel, the Community Panel, funded nine projects that support local people to learn new skills in a welcoming environment. See page 24.
- Former resident grant makers took part in further opportunities in the community through our growing Alumni Programme. See page 28.
- Two former resident grant makers joined the Islington Giving staff team, to lead our Make it Happen fund and Alumni Programme.

Sharing learning

To support and positively influence our public and voluntary sector peers

- In partnership with Google and Camden Giving we hosted four capacity building events at Google, each attended by 80-150 community sector colleagues. Community Leaders shared insights on topics from mental health to marketing, and workshops offered training around AI and more.
- We shared insights from seven years of resident-led grant making programmes in our "People, Power, Place" report and brought together resident grant makers and funders to discuss the benefits, challenges and future opportunities of participatory grant making.
- We shared learnings with the London's Giving network, working with the new Resource Hub, funded by City Bridge Foundation to support the growth of place-based giving across London and beyond.

"We dance, we move, we have fun. It's a good time, we enjoy ourselves. At home we don't see people but when we come here we talk, we laugh – it's good for our lives."

Danny, Reminiscence at Park Theatre – Music and Drama therapy for North Londoners with Dementia



Islington Giving's Food Fund grantee, Hillside Clubhouse



Business Charity Awards



Allie's Art Club



Men's Grub Club at Cook for Good

Over 14,000* people accessed projects funded by Islington Giving in 2024

*Some people will have attended multiple projects.



2024 in numbers

£919,000
raised to support the Islington community

167
grants awarded or active

Including 60 Make it Happen grants

£1.1m
awarded to local projects

131
organisations supported

Since 2010

£11.2m
raised to support the Islington community

£1.3m
distributed through resident-led panels

569
grants awarded

113
local people involved in resident-led panels

226
organisations supported

9479
people reached through resident funded projects



B Creative young women's project at Apple Store – photo by Danny Treacy



Inspire Young Parents on stage at Sadler's Wells



Rub-A-Dub at Sadler's Wells – photo by Em Fitzgerald

15 years of islington connections

All Change

All Change brings artists and communities together through arts projects, which include photography, poetry, theatre, music and more. Projects provide the space to connect through creativity and collaboration and are open to wide range of people – including young parents, older people, people seeking sanctuary and young women.

Islington Giving has funded All Change since 2011, including through a long term partnership with the Arsenal Foundation.

"The "All" in "All Change" refers to all people and all art forms. The change refers to the impact of our work and people making change in their own lives."

Suzanne Lee,
Artistic Director at All Change

Emma's Journey

"I first found All Change when I was 13. They did a collaboration with my local youth hub, a photography project, which was part of B Creative, an arts activism project for young women by young women. One of the youth leaders suggested I took part. I'm so glad I did – I loved it. I discovered what you can get from creativity and ended up getting my Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts awards.

When I was 21, I became a Young Creative on the project, getting paid to co-design future programmes. I learnt a lot doing this, including working with limited time and budgets, and got to use my own experience and the perspective of my peers to create new projects for young people in Islington.

I'm now employed by All Change full-time as a Community Producer, supporting on all our programmes. Creative projects bring different people in the community together in ways they might otherwise not have the opportunity to do. Before All Change, I didn't really know what I might do and thought I might never get a meaningful job.

"Suzanne and All Change's support and encouragement have made such a difference in my life."

Finding Young Grant Makers

"It was through All Change that I found out about Islington Giving's Young Grant Makers programme. Covid had impacted me a lot and I felt very isolated like a lot of other young people. Being part of Young Grant Makers made me feel like I was doing something positive. Talking about what was important to us, how we could make things better, and making decisions on what to fund made me feel like I was actually contributing to society at that time. It helped to build my confidence professionally, interviewing organisations and being taken seriously as a young person.

There are so many amazing people and projects fighting to support people in Islington but they need support and visibility to be able to continue, because they make all the difference in our community."

Fully Focused

Fully Focused is one of the UK's leading, youth-driven production companies, and founders of Million Youth Media Training Academy and MYM online platforms. Working with young people from underrepresented communities, they provide training, access to kit and paid work opportunities, breaking down barriers and inspiring young creatives.

Islington Giving has funded Fully Focused since 2016, supporting the development of their services, including increased support for local young people with complex needs.

"The support we have received from Islington Giving has been pivotal to our growth, sustainability and confidence. Their long term, core funding has enabled us to become a better employer; offer long term support; improve our services – and much more."

Rosa Powloski,
Operations & Strategy at
Fully Focused Productions



Million Youth Media Training Academy



Isaac's journey

Isaac Bokoko is now the Co-director of NCProductions. Fully Focused has supported Isaac's journey since he started out as a resident artist at their Archway space. Education wasn't always easy for Isaac who was later diagnosed with ADHD. With no foot in the door, he struggled to pursue his dream of working in film and TV. Through his work with Fully Focused he was able to learn new skills on live projects to gain the professional credits and experience he needed.

In 2020, age 19, Isaac was one of three young artists awarded a residency at the Bomb Factory Art Foundation.

His films, often focusing on community, portray the diverse experiences of his upbringing in North London.

Isaac has since established himself in the industry, contributing to projects with the BBC, Apple TV+, and Netflix. Isaac was also honoured with Arsenal's No More Red Shirt award for his outstanding community contributions.

In 2024 Isaac received an Islington Giving Make it Happen grant to deliver his own workshops to young people.

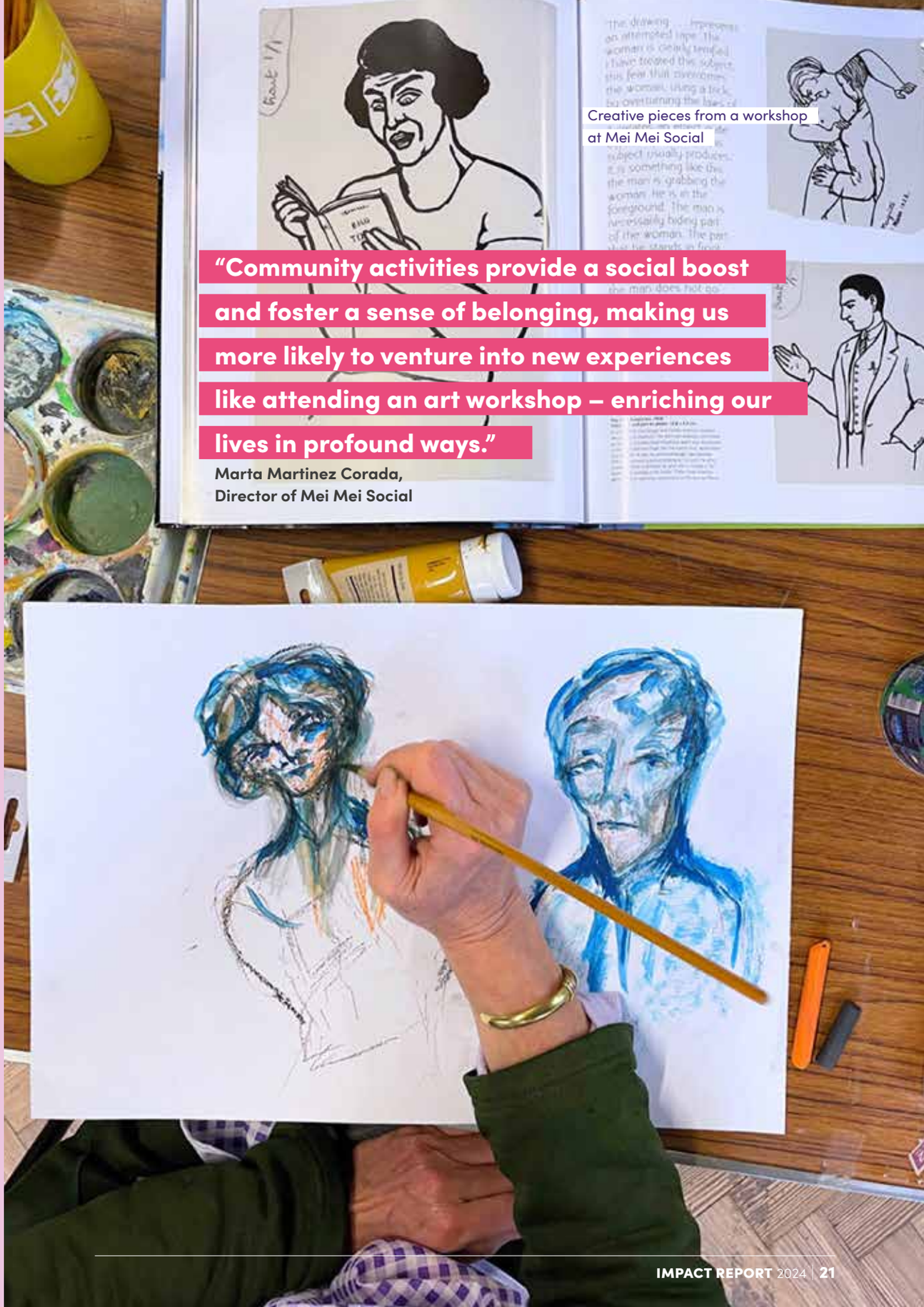
Creating a greater Sense of community



Map illustration by Siôn Ap Tomos

- Catalyst
- Community Panel
- Food Fund
- Disability Fund
- Golden Grant Makers
- Mind the Gap
- Young Grant Makers
- Young Jobs Programme
- Main Grants
- Make it Happen Fund

1. The Maya Centre
2. Islington Council – No Recourse to Public Funds Team
3. City and Islington College
4. Action Youth Boxing Intervention
5. Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation (MEWSo)
6. Islington Bangladesh Association
7. The Parent House
8. Maa Shanti
9. My Financial Harmony CIC
10. Sunnyside Community Gardens
11. Remark! Community
12. Stuart Low Trust
13. Almeida Theatre
14. Peoples Place Community Partnership CIC
15. The Margins Project (Union Chapel)
16. St Luke's Parochial Trust
17. Hillside Clubhouse
18. Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust
19. Mildmay Community Partnership
20. Sacred Heart Church Foodbank
21. Hilldrop Community Centre
22. Hive Food Bank
23. Chabad Lubavitch of Islington
24. St Jude and St Paul's PCC
25. Hanley Crouch Community Association
26. Miracles
27. Arc Collective CIC
28. Bags of Taste
29. Cook for Good
30. Times Amateur Boxing Club
31. Bookbanks
32. WeSwim
33. Angel Shed Theatre Company
34. The Toy Project
35. Little Angel Theatre
36. All Change Arts Limited
37. Cubitt Artists
38. Community Language Support Services
39. Park Theatre
40. Help on Your Doorstep
41. Homsey Lane Estate Community Association
42. Connaught Opera
43. MRS Independent Living
44. Manor Gardens Welfare Trust
45. Cut Moose
46. Choices CIC
47. Mei Mei Social CIC
48. KMEWO
49. Brandon Centre
50. Street Storage
51. Stonewall Housing
52. Islington Mind
53. The Manna
54. Hoarding UK
55. Street Talk
56. YourStance
57. Ambitious Academy Social Enterprise CIC
58. Friends of the Rose Bowl
59. St Mary's Islington Community Partnership: Mary's Youth Club
60. Daylight Theatre Foundation
61. Islington Council
62. Creative Opps
63. Local Village Network
64. Wipers Youth CIC
65. Body & Soul
66. The BIG Alliance
67. Fully Focused
68. Kinship
69. Home-Start Camden and Islington
70. James' Place



Creative pieces from a workshop at Mei Mei Social

"Community activities provide a social boost and foster a sense of belonging, making us more likely to venture into new experiences like attending an art workshop – enriching our lives in profound ways."

Marta Martinez Corada, Director of Mei Mei Social







Shifting power to local people

2024 marked seven years since our first resident-led grant making programme. In this time, 113 residents, aged from 16 to over 80, have made decisions about how our funding should be spent.

Residents have distributed a total of £1.3m to 89 projects supporting people in Islington, via 64 local organisations. The funded projects have reached a combined total of 9,500 people in Islington.*

By making decisions about where our funding is spent, drawing from local knowledge and lived experience of the issues facing our community, local people help ensure the money we raise reaches projects that have a big impact.

*Some people may have accessed more than one project.

Residents who take part in our participatory grant programmes gain new skills, connect with other residents, learn more about the services and projects on offer in their borough, and build confidence to drive further positive change in their community.

In 2024 we published the "People, Power, Place" report to review the last seven years of our resident-led grant making. We brought together funders, former panelists and community groups at local organisation Body & Soul, to hold open discussions about the benefits, challenges and future of participatory funding models.

"I believe it is important to have local people's voices in decision making. They know best what is going on in their community and what will make the biggest impact for their community."
Grant Applicant

"I loved it. I loved being able to make things happen."
Resident Grant Making Panel Participant

Read the full People, Power, Place report

In addition, in 2024 we:

- Ran our first Community Panel, with an intergenerational group aged 18-80+.
- Ran our first Carers' Panel, funded by The Mercers' Company, to award funding to projects supporting unpaid carers in the borough.
- Welcomed two former panelists to the Islington Giving staff team.
- Welcomed two former panelists to the Islington Giving Grants Committee.
- Grew our Alumni network thanks to funding from City Bridge Foundation, including social and networking events, training workshops, and connecting Alumni with further opportunities in the borough.
- Invited former panelists to again support decision-making for our Make it Happen Fund.

Sarah's Journey

Sarah is a lifelong Islington resident and a carer for her adult son. She first joined Islington Giving as part of our Carers' Panel, drawing from her knowledge and lived experience to make decisions about how funding should be spent in the borough to support carers.

"Being part of the panel was a transformative experience for me. It was uplifting to learn more about the organisations providing life-changing support to other carers in the borough. Making decisions about funding based on our own knowledge and experiences of being in the same shoes, made me feel like I could give back to my community. I felt empowered that I could make a difference, and it has rebuilt my confidence in an employment setting – something that I had lost being out of work."

Sarah is now employed by Islington Giving to run our Make it Happen programme and has shaped our ongoing work to support unpaid carers.





Spotlight on

Community Panel

Islington Giving's first intergenerational Community Panel saw 13 Islington residents aged between 18 – 80+ come together to decide on £150,000 of funding for local projects.

Previously, panels have been defined by age (Young Grant Makers, Golden Grant Makers) or thematic areas (Carers Panel, Family Panel). Bringing together an intentionally intergenerational panel provided an opportunity for a group of residents with diverse life experiences to understand their shared priorities for their community. They considered what people need at different stages of life and used data collected from residents who attended outreach sessions at local projects to shape their call.

The panel wanted the funding to:

- Support local people to learn skills
- Provide a community environment
- Provide an accessible and welcoming atmosphere

The impact for panelists

Of the panelists who felt they had little ability to make change in their local area prior to the panel, 100% reported an increased sense of power following the programme.

77%
of panelists reported an increased awareness of local projects and understanding of the local voluntary sector

100%
reported a better understanding of the grant-making process

We were aware that there are certain groups of residents who have been underrepresented on previous panels, such as disabled people, so we conducted information sessions with community partners supporting these residents.

Patricia

Patricia is a retired resident who has experienced a stroke. Before starting, she was worried about participating and having anything to offer. The process of coming back into a work-like environment, committing to the programme and of having her voice heard were hugely beneficial in rebuilding her confidence.

"I miss the Tuesday meetings – I hope my little contribution has helped make other lives a bit better and given hope to residents of Islington who need help. A lot of what I gained from the experience was down to the staff who made me feel at ease and confident – and that what I thought was just as important as the rest of the panel."

"I am so proud of myself for pushing myself forward to help Islington community residents"

Read the full report



Make it Happen grantee, Allie's Art Club

Spotlight on

Make it Happen

Supporting local people to bring ideas to life that contribute towards a healthier, happier, and more connected community.

Groups of three residents or small community groups can apply for £500 through the Make it Happen fund, to support a project or take action on an issue in their area. Several groups have gone on to develop their project with further grants from Islington Giving or Cripplegate Foundation.

2024

Total distributed
£28,875

Number of applications
72

Number of projects funded
60

2022-2024

Total distributed
£62,000

Total number of applications
149

Total number of projects funded
128

Demand for the fund has grown significantly and our dedicated Make it Happen Co-ordinator started in Spring 2024. In 2024 the funding awarded was a 65% increase from 2023.

The 'yes' fund

The Make it Happen decision-making panel is made up of a mix of representatives from housing association partners, Islington Giving staff and residents.

Thanks to the flexible nature of the Make it Happen fund, the success rate of applications has remained consistently high, averaging 83%. This is why it's known as the 'yes' fund!



Scoliosis care packages

Roshana, who is 15 and has scoliosis, wanted to help others with the same condition by putting together care packages for young people in hospital. With the funding, she created 35 care packages which were very popular. Roshana also set up a WhatsApp group to help young people connect and support each other and a website for people to access information on the condition and apply for her care packages. In recognition of all her hard work, Roshana recently won an award from Black Girl Fest.



Paddleboarding play

Local resident, Nicola, believes in the mental health benefits of paddleboarding as a way to get fit, try something new and meet new people. Her project consisted of running 'dry' workshops at two community centres before heading out on the water at Islington Boat Club. "We had such fun at all the sessions. One group, who have challenges including low confidence, physical pain and poor mental health, had the most brilliant time learning to paddleboard. They enjoyed some respite from their difficult situations and were keen to come out again."



Free Ice Cream on the Canal

Local resident Adam had the idea of a free ice cream stand on Regent's Canal. His aim was to help to reduce isolation and loneliness by encouraging neighbours to stop and have a chat. "We saw smiles all around and many people got chatting to strangers they otherwise wouldn't talk to. Several neighbours came out of their homes to say hello and meet others, and one person burst into (happy!) tears, saying that this was the best thing that had happened to them all week. This small act of kindness and connection brought joy to a difficult week."

"The hyper-local focus means that a small grant can have a really big impact. Some brilliant ideas have been brought to life, making use of local spaces – and it helps us reach more residents with our funding"

Feedback from Clarion, Make it Happen Funding Partner



As reported by...
Islington Giving Alumni

This year some of our participatory grant making Alumni took part in a project to tell stories of the impact of funded groups, from their perspectives. Following visual storytelling and writing workshops run by Media Trust, Alumni went out to visit projects to experience them firsthand.

We are looking forward to building on this project in 2025, sharing stories of community impact, told by local people.

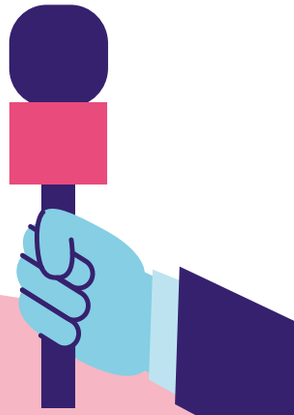
YourStance

By Jarah, Young Grant Makers Alum

"YourStance received funding through Young Grant Makers to fund their vital work surrounding youth violence. "Zero Responders" provides young people with essential medical knowledge and practical skills in case of an emergency. A few months into the project, I got the opportunity to observe some of their impactful work.

Led by experienced healthcare professionals, the workshops enable participants to gain invaluable hands-on experience in a positive and welcoming environment, learning vital skills such as CPR and bleed control methods.

The YourStance workshop was truly remarkable and has undoubtedly surpassed their initial goals, fostering incredible connections through laughter, collaboration, and learning about serious matters. It was an amazing demonstration that important and hard-to-discuss topics can be explored in a way that feels less daunting. I look forward to seeing more of their inspiring work!"



Walking Art – Cut Moose

By Lydia, Islington Giving Alum and Co-founder of Allie's Art Club

"Walking Art is an initiative that supports local people's mental health through mindful art and movement. Led by artist Helen Ainsworth, Walking Art provides free regular sessions for people of all ages and backgrounds to make drawings while walking and observing their surroundings.

Wanting to experience the sessions for myself, I joined Helen and several other participants at the Hilldrop Community Centre. Welcomed by friendly staff members and a spread of tea and biscuits, I felt immediately comfortable in the warm, social space. Helen explained the activities for the afternoon, encouraging us to trust our creative instincts as we roamed around and noted objects of interest in our sketchbooks.

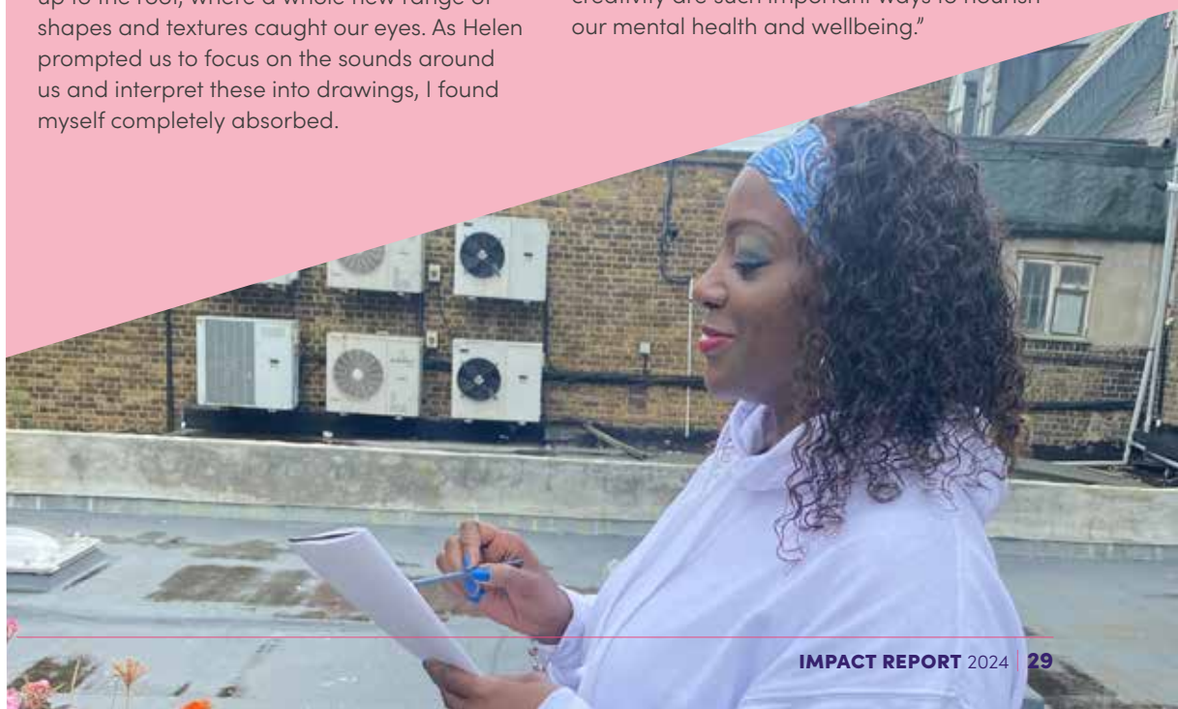
Once we'd explored the centre, we headed up to the roof, where a whole new range of shapes and textures caught our eyes. As Helen prompted us to focus on the sounds around us and interpret these into drawings, I found myself completely absorbed.

I was no longer swept away by the daily stresses of life. Instead, I was immersed in the rustle of leaves in the wind, the chugging of a nearby boiler and the whoosh of cars on the streets below.

'We play, it's an exploration... everybody's contribution is valid.'

Helen Ainsworth, Artistic Director, Cut Moose

After experiencing Walking Art, I'm not surprised Helen has witnessed participants' confidence and sense of social connection grow! Opportunities to be part of a supportive social group where we can explore, experiment and practice mindfulness through play and creativity are such important ways to nourish our mental health and wellbeing."



The power of partnership

Our Coalition Partners

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

"Partnering with Islington Giving through our Neighbourhood Fund has enabled us to have significant impact within our immediate area, helping us learn how to be a good neighbour and encourage others to do the same. Building meaningful local relationships ensures our combined resources help local people when and how they need it."

Abdou Sidibe, Director of Grants

Cloudesley

"Cloudesley is proud to have been a coalition partner of Islington Giving since its early days, seeing it grow from strength to strength. It has led the way for a whole 'giving' movement and is a great example of how residents, the voluntary sector, funders, businesses and the council can work collaboratively to increase access, make connections and reduce isolation."

Sharon White, Trustee

City Bridge Foundation

"We are delighted to be a long-term partner of Islington Giving in its work bringing together the different people who live, work and study in Islington. Its work goes beyond grant making – amplifying residents voices, shifting power and catalysing collaboration across the borough. This is made possible by its strong local knowledge and close relationships with residents, the community sector, local businesses and the council."

Sam Grimmett-Batt, Funding Director

Cripplegate Foundation

"Islington Giving was established by Cripplegate Foundation and our founding coalition partners to explore collaborative, community-led approaches to tackle poverty and inequality in the borough. We've developed innovative approaches – from long-term programmes that respond to a specific need, to catalyzing the power held by local people. 15 years on, we continue working in coalition towards our shared vision of an Islington where everyone has what they need to live a good life."

Sarah Lee, Chair

The Morris Charitable Trust and the Business Design Centre

"Business Design Centre was a founding member of Islington Giving back in 2010. The approach taken to involving coalition partners allows for businesses like ours to become deeply involved in seeing true impact at work across our Borough. We have been proud to fundraise, provide marketing support and collaborate on many initiatives – raising awareness of the incredible way Islington Giving takes care of so many across our community. They represent the gold standard for place-based giving."

Kate Vandenberg,
Marketing & Communications Director

Macquarie Group Foundation

"Collaborating – for over 12 years – with a trusted local organisation means we can effectively address the needs of communities. Islington Giving's openness to co-creating, testing and learning alongside a large corporate has led to unique interventions, such as establishing the BIG Alliance to broker business partnerships to provide financial support, pro-bono skills and expertise sharing with local community organisations."

Rachel Engel, Managing Director EMEA

Peabody

"It has been a pleasure to work alongside Islington Giving as a Coalition Partner, as well as match funding Help on Your Doorstep's Good Neighbours Scheme and more recently partnering to develop the Make it Happen Fund. Islington Giving's commitment to giving local people the opportunity to lead and drive forward the ideas they have for their communities aligns with Peabody's own values."

Sahil Khan, Director of Community Strategy, Partnerships and Funding

A big thank you!

The work we do is only possible thanks to our partners, volunteers and donors. We are grateful to everyone who has given funding, resources, time and skills to support the Islington community.

Our Coalition Partners

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Children and adults engaging in a Make-Do Play session
Photo by Steve Bainbridge







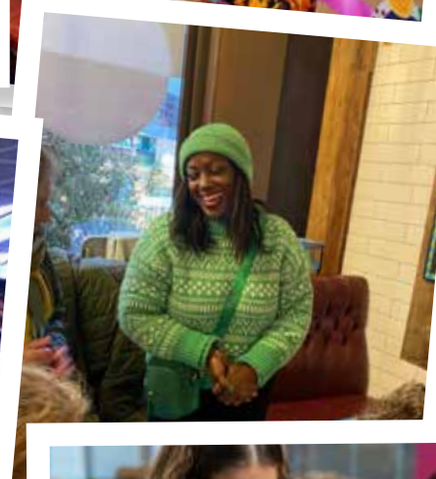
















Pulling together to fight loneliness

For the 2024 festive season, Islington Giving, Angel Islington Business Improvement District (BID), the Business Design Centre (BDC) and Angel Central Shopping Centre pulled together for a good cause: to fight loneliness and isolation in our community.

With the support of our sponsor, Tishman Speyer, we created Angel Crackers. 100% of the proceeds funded incredible local organisations offering points of connection, support, and joy for vulnerable residents.

A whole-community effort

Over 80 volunteers from local businesses joined us over two days to construct 2000 individual crackers and 300 boxes! The space for our cracker workshops and refreshments were generously provided by the BDC.

A wide range of local businesses and residents snapped up crackers for their festive celebrations and made generous donations to our winter appeal.

The results

£8,334
Raised through Angel Crackers

£25,914
Total raised in Winter Appeal

We are grateful to everyone who bought a cracker, organised a team of volunteers, sponsored the project, hosted a festive event, contributed time and energy and donated generously!

"Seeing everyone pull together in this way to support the community is fantastic – and will make a huge difference to the lives of hundreds of people in Islington."

Ben Stephenson,
CEO Angel Islington BID

"The charity's innovative way of involving local residents in deciding how to allocate funds is inspiring. Needs are identified at the grass roots and priorities debated, giving a sense of ownership. This is reassuring for a potential donor."

RH, donor to Islington Giving

"Having been involved with Islington Giving from its beginnings, I've been amazed how much it's grown to become a major contributor to the life of the Islington community. So many local people have been involved in deciding how the money's spent."

Rob Hull, Former Islington Giving Chair and long-term supporter

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