Young Grant Makers Programme – Islington Giving



About Islington Giving:

Islington Giving is a coalition of local people, businesses and organisations working together to raise funds, support communities and projects and connect with each other in Islington. At Islington Giving, we believe in sharing power more equally with residents. This is where our resident-led programmes like Young Grant Makers comes in!

Young Grant-Makers is a five-month resident-led programme that gives young people (aged 16-24) the power to choose how money is spent on youth projects and services in Islington (e.g. homelessness, knife crime, etc.). Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings from 5-7pm from October 2026 to February 2027 with a break for the December school holiday. The role is a part-time, five-month contract, working 2+ hours per week at £14.80. You will receive support and training to build new skills and learn about funding services.

Job Description

Position	Young Grant Maker
Length of contract	5 months
Hours	2 hours a week, plus a few additional hours for reading time in December and January to prepare for sessions.
Pay	£14.80 per hour (London Living Wage)
Location	13 Elliott's Place, Islington, N1 8HX
Availability	Every Tuesday from 5-7pm between 6th October 2026 to 23rd February 2027, except for 24th and 31st December.
Responsible to	Young Grant Makers' Programme Leader
Purpose	To work as a team with other young Islington residents to decide what is important to young people in Islington, to assess community groups who are interested in applying and deciding how £130000 of Islington Giving's funds are spent.
Closing Date for Applications	22nd September 2026, 1pm
Start date	Taster session 6th October with role to start on 13th October.

Principal Tasks & Responsibilities

- Attend a weekly two-hour meeting in which you will receive support and training to become a Young Grant Maker.
- As a team, decide what is important to young people in Islington, and what services or activities you would want to fund.
- To create content to raise awareness of the programme and the available funding.
- To read applications and interview those who apply for funding.
- To decide how the money is spent and award funding to the successful groups.
- To visit funders and previously funded programmes to grow networking skills.

Expectations:

- Commit to attend a weekly two-hour meeting, taking place on Tuesday evenings at our office in Angel.
- Reach out to the Programme leader should you require additional support.
- Work as a team; listening and being open to discuss and challenge.
- Bring ideas for what is important to you and other young people in Islington, and what you would want to change.
- Support and assist in any necessary fundraising and publicity.
- Act in a professional manner while representing Islington Giving i.e. arrive on time, give reasonable notice if you cannot attend any meetings, treat others with respect.
- Frequently check and respond to emails for communication from the programme leaders

Person Specification

Essential

- Willingness and ability to work as part of a group.
- Ability to think about and discuss what affects your local community.
- Computer skills, specifically with email.
- Understanding of your community's needs.
- Right to work in the UK (you will need to have a National Insurance Number).
- Be 16-24 years old as of 1st October 2026.

Note: If you require additional support or equipment to make the above possible, please discuss this with us. We want to make this role as accessible as possible.

How to Apply

There are two ways to apply:

1. Fill out this short form; or
2. Send us an email with a video, audio or written answers to the following questions to Jarah Begum at Jarah.begum@islingtongiving@org.uk

1. What has been your favourite memory living in Islington?

2. What issues are facing young people in Islington?

3. Thinking about your personal experience, what is something you would've liked available in Islington to overcome a challenge you've faced?

4. Why do you want to be part of a programme that gives young people power to shape their local area?

5. Information about you, as follows:

- full name
- date of birth
- phone number
- email address
- Postcode
- parent/carer name and contact details (if you're under 18 only)
- any dietary or access requirements

We want to make the programme as inclusive and accessible as possible; we can discuss any support (e.g. reimbursement for travel, childcare, documents in preferred language, hearing loop, large font, etc.) you may need at any point during the recruitment process. For information, our office has lift access and accessible, gender-neutral toilets.

If you have any questions and/or would like support or to have an informal chat about the role and the recruitment process, please email Jarah Begum at Jarah.begum@islingtongiving.org.uk or call 07949410327. We look forward to hearing from you.

We value diversity, equality, and inclusivity. Applications are especially welcomed from underrepresented backgrounds, including but not limited to gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability, and religion.