

East End

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

News

September 2017

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Hope you've enjoyed a great summer. Since our last newsletter the Grants and Community Engagement Team has been busy delivering our grants programmes, running our elders' coach trips to Eastbourne, Canterbury and Brighton and working on our 2017 Vital Signs report.

We were delighted in May to have won Charity of the Year under the Grantmaking & Fundraising category at the 2017 Charity Awards and we had a fantastic evening hearing about the amazing work that's being done across the country.

Our next submission deadline for funding applications is **12 noon on Monday 2nd October** so don't forget to contact the EECF Grants Team if you're interested in applying to one of our funds.

There's been a lot going on in the local voluntary sector this summer. NCVO launched its flagship report the [2017 Civil Society Almanac](#) highlighting several issues including the effect of local government cuts on small and medium sized charities. Tower Hamlets CVS has produced its own [State of the Sector](#) report based on feedback from local organisations.

In June the [Small Charities Week](#) took place which was a great opportunity to raise the profile of small organisations in the UK. There are still plenty of free resources on their website so be sure to have a look.

Kind regards,

Paige Murphy
Head of Grants and Community Engagement

GRANTS NEWS & EVENTS

OPEN GRANT PROGRAMMES – 12 noon Monday 2nd October

Our next application submission deadline is **12 noon on Monday 2nd October**. To find out what programmes will be open for our next funding round click on your borough below:

- [Tower Hamlets](#)
- [Hackney](#)
- [Newham](#)
- [City of London](#)

Please note that our grant programmes are very oversubscribed and we receive many more applications than we have the capacity to support. But if you are interested in applying, please call 020 7345 4444 and speak to someone in the grants team. We are always happy to discuss your project, provide guidance and advise you on whether EECF is the right funder for you.



EECF Grants

COMIC RELIEF CORE STRENGTH LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

EECF will once again be administering funding on behalf of Comic Relief. The Core Strength Local Communities Fund will support small locally-led groups with an annual income of under £100,000 to help cover core costs and day-to-day operations. Grants are available of £1,000 - £5,000 and priority will be given to groups in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. Please check our [website](#) for more details.



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JOHN LAING CHARITABLE TRUST FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

EECF is delighted to announce the launch of the John Laing Charitable Trust Fund. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to organisations in the City of London, Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets with an annual income of under £300,000 to address the following key issues:

- Homelessness
- Disadvantaged and exploited young people
- Education (ages 3 - 18)
- Community regeneration (including the elderly)

Organisations can apply online through our [website](#).



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YOUTH SOCIAL ACTION FUND RE-OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS

EECF is excited to be re-opening the Youth Social Action Fund. £20,000 is available through the 2nd October deadline to support youth social action projects in the East End.

Organisations can apply for a grant of £1,000 - £5,000 for activities supporting young people aged 10 to 20, and up to 25 for disabled young people that meets the quality principles of great youth social action.

For a copy of the funding guidelines please check our [website](#).



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EECF FUNDING PLUS

DOES YOUR ORGANISATION NEED VOLUNTEERS?

East End Community Foundation helps match volunteers from businesses with local charities through our volunteer brokerage scheme. Since April 2016, we have brokered over 266 local employees to volunteer, and they have completed over 1,092 hours of volunteering across Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham. Corporates are keen to support your work by offering their skills whether you need help with interview practice or clearing your garden!

If you have any volunteer opportunities in the next few months, please e-mail [Tracey Primus](#), Community Engagement Manager.



Volunteer in action

STAR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AWARD – SUMMER 2017



Valero Team

Congratulations and well done to Valero & The Loss Foundation!

We recently brokered a volunteer opportunity between Valero and The Loss Foundation. Valero, one of EECF's corporate members, provided support to The Loss Foundation, a small charity that supports people who have lost a loved one. With no full-time staff the organisation had limited capacity for marketing and PR so one of our Valero volunteers created all their marketing materials for them.

'We needed two leaflets created', said Dr Erin Thompson, Founder & Director, 'one to advertise a fundraiser we have coming up, and another to advertise our bereavement support services. Without the volunteer these flyers would not exist. Having a volunteer through EECF's scheme has emphasised our belief that reaching out to volunteers with expertise that we don't have in our small charity, is a great way to develop our charity's services'.

If you have any opportunities that require volunteers, please e-mail [Tracey Primus](#), Community Engagement Manager, or phone 020 7345 4446.

EECF JOB SHOP

EECF, in partnership with Poplar Harca, runs a drop-in Job Shop at the Cubitt Town Library on the Isle of Dogs every Tuesday from 10- 4pm. Last year we helped 21 people find work and supported over 200 people with job searching. **The Job Shop reopens on the 12th September.** Pay the Job Shop a visit if you would like support with your CV, covering letter or would like help with an upcoming interview.



EECF Job Shop

EECF EXCHANGE PROJECT

EECF's Exchange Project enables people from the local



Exchange Project

community to swap children's clothes, toys, pushchairs and books on a 'library' system. The project has been supporting parents and carers for 10 years, recycling nearly new baby goods that would otherwise be thrown away and providing a constant supply of children's clothing and equipment available for families on low incomes.

If you have any older children's clothes (6-12 years), please consider donating. The Exchange Project runs every Tuesday (term time only) from 9.00am - 12.00pm at the Barkantine Community Centre, E14 and reopens on the 12th September.

Justin Kinghan has been a member at the Exchange Project for over four years.

"I am a nearly full-time house Dad looking after my 2 and 4 year old sons. The Exchange saves us a lot of money and space in our flat. The boys are constantly growing and you never know what toys they will take to, so whenever we are finished with clothes and toys we can bring them straight back to swap! It's also really good getting out of the flat and chatting to friends there and the great staff while the kids play for a bit."

If you have any questions regarding any of these projects, please contact [Tracey Primus](mailto:Tracey.Primus@eastendcf.org), Community Engagement Manager, or phone 020 7345 4446.



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