

East End

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

News

February 2019

Dear Friend

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019 - we hope you've had a great start and, like us, are looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead.

EECF's Grants & Community Engagement Team has a number of activities planned this year including our grants workshops, where you can hear directly from the team about our top funding tips, our volunteer matching programme, where we can connect you with corporate volunteers, and we'll continue to offer support, advice and guidance on our grant programmes. We have already started preparations for our first event; our elders' Tea Dance on Thursday 18th April.

In other news, the National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO) released their 2019 annual analysis summary report - [The Road Ahead](#). The report focuses on how charities should reflect on challenges and identify the opportunities ahead, to respond to the unexpected national political change.

Our first grants workshop is taking place on Tuesday 26th February at 10:00am, so do book a place below if you'd like to meet the team and hear more about our grants programmes in 2019.

Many thanks,

Paige Murphy
Head of Grants and Community Engagement

GRANTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NEWS

2019 APPLICATION DEADLINES

We are pleased to announce our main application deadlines for this year are:

- 12 noon, March 25th
- 12 noon, June 24th
- 12 noon, September 23rd

We also have several different grants programmes running throughout the year which may hold different application deadlines to the dates above. so please check our [website](#) for up-to-date information on which programmes are open.

Please note all our grants programmes are very oversubscribed and we receive many more applications than we have the capacity to support. The EECF Grants Team are on hand to offer guidance on our grants programmes and we are happy to discuss your project and advise on whether EECF is the right funder for you. Generally, EECF will prioritise applications from locally based organisations who have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are directly addressing local issues.



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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR 2019 SUMMER PROJECTS

The application deadline for our Summer grants programmes is 12

noon on Monday 25th March. These include:

[Newham Giving](#) (grants of up to £10,000 for projects in the London borough of Newham)

[London Dock Community Fund](#) (grants of up to £3,000 for projects in the wards of St Katharine's & Wapping and Shadwell in Tower Hamlets)

[Isle of Dogs Summer Programme](#) (grants of up to £3,000 for projects in the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar area in Tower Hamlets)

You can apply on our website but for any questions please contact the EECF Grants Team on [020 7345 4444](tel:02073454444) or email us at grants@eastendcf.org.



[Click here for more information](#)

GRANT WORKSHOP 26th FEBRUARY

If you're interested to hear directly from the EECF Grants Team on what key information to include in funding bids and our top tips (and pitfalls) for applying for grants please join us at our next grants workshop taking place on **Tuesday 26th February, 10am** at Jack Dash House, E14 9YQ.

The Grants Team will deliver a short presentation on writing effective funding bids and there will be time to discuss funding proposals and meet other groups working locally.

To sign up for a free place please [click here](#). We hope to see you there!



[Sign up here](#)

VOLUNTEERING

EECF helps match volunteers from businesses with local charities through our volunteer brokerage scheme.

Last year we matched almost 400 volunteers with local projects, and they completed over 2,000 hours of volunteering across Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham. In August 2018, 20 volunteers from AFME spent the day with service users at Chargeable Lane, an elderly drop in centre. Volunteers helped out in their garden, supported staff to engage users in an art project and took some of the residents out to the park.

Our corporate members are keen to support your work by offering their skills, whether you need help with mock interview practice or clearing your community garden!

If you have any volunteer opportunities in the next few months, please e-mail Tracey Joseph, Community Engagement Manager, at tracey.joseph@eastendcf.org.



CAN YOU HELP A YOUNG PERSON WITH A WORK PLACEMENT?

We are looking for organisations that can offer a 1-week work placement* from Monday 11th to Friday 15th March. Through EECF's pre-employment programme, we support young people to strengthen their soft skills and become work-ready. Participants will be young people from Tower Hamlets, aged 18-25, with little or no work experience.

If you have a specific project or piece of work that will challenge them, and they can see through to the end please email Tracey Joseph tracey.joseph@eastendcf.org

*All travel and lunch expenses will be provided.



GRANTS OF £10,000 TO WORK WITH NEET YOUNG PEOPLE

Lawrence Atwell's Charity is offering grants of up to £10,000 across London and Kent, to support projects working with young people who are not in education, employment or training - to help them move into meaningful work. They are also open to requests for awards over 3-years. To be eligible you must be a registered charity with at least one set of annual accounts, with an income not significantly exceeding £500,000.



THE SKINNERS' COMPANY

The application deadline is the 1st March 2019 - read more about the Fund and how to apply by clicking [here](#).

OTHER COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FREE LEVER ARCH FOLDERS

East End Community Foundation have dozens of second hand but good quality lever arch folders in various colours. You are welcome to come and collect as many as you need. The offer is open till 8th March 2019.

Please contact EECF on 0207 345 4444 to let us know when you wish to visit us or e-mail admin@eastendcf.org.



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