

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year from all the team here at EECF! We hope you managed to have a break over the festive period and like us, are looking forward to an exciting and busy year ahead. We would like to pass on our thanks and gratitude to everyone we worked with in 2017. Your hard work and dedication to empower local people and improve access to opportunities continues to impress us and makes positive change locally.

As many of you know EECF is dedicated to bringing together local people, businesses, charities and public bodies to support community needs and raise awareness of aspirations in the East End. To this end, the Grants & Community Engagement Team will continue our support activities this year with three funding workshops, where you can hear directly from our grants team on how to effectively apply for grants, what we can offer through our volunteer matching programme, where EECF will connect local groups with corporate volunteers, and how we can offer support, advice and guidance on our grants programmes. We have already started preparing for our community activities including our Tea Dance in April, our elder's coach trips over the Summer and we are planning to smash our record of 800 elderly residents supported with a Christmas Food Bag last year.

We are kicking off 2018 with our grants workshop on Monday 5th February and an application deadline on the 5th February for the John Laing Charitable Trust and the Youth Social Action Fund.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2018.

Kind regards,

Paige Murphy
Head of Grants and Community Engagement

GRANTS NEWS & EVENTS

CALL OUT FOR APPLICATIONS -Youth Social Action Fund & John Laing Fund

We are delighted to re-open the Youth Social Action Fund and the John Laing Charitable Trust Fund until **12 noon on Monday 5th February**.

Youth Social Action Fund - grants are available of up to £5,000 to increase the number of young people aged 10 to 20 (and up to 25 for disabled young people) getting involved in youth social action and volunteering in Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and the City of London.

John Laing Charitable Trust Fund - grants are available of up to £1,000 for organisations with an income of under £300,000 for projects addressing homelessness, disadvantaged young people, education and community regeneration (including the elderly) in Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and the City of London.

Please ensure you read through the guidelines or talk to the EECF Grants Team on 020 7345 4444 before applying. To apply for funding please [click here](#).



Fund info

2018 SUMMER PROJECTS

The deadline for applications to deliver Summer projects is **12 noon on Monday 5th March**. We are not holding an expression of interest round this year so if you are looking for funding to deliver summer activities in parts of Tower Hamlets or Newham be sure to get your application in on time. We are supporting positive summer activities for children and young people through three grants programmes:

- [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 or [email us](#).



[Click here for more information](#)

2018 GRANTS PROGRAMME

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

- 12 noon, 5th March
- 12 noon, 18th June
- 12 noon, 24th September

We have a number of different grants programmes running throughout the year so please check our [website](#) for current information on which programmes are open.

Please note 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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GRANTS WORKSHOP 5th 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 **Monday 5th February at 10am** at Jack Dash House, E14 9YQ.

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

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



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THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN VITAL SIGNS

AT the end of 2017, EECF launched our fourth Vital Signs report and we are delighted to share the findings with you. [You can read the report here.](#)

Together with the London School of Economics, EECF researched 10 issues across our communities and combined this with our community consultation to highlight priority needs in the East End.

A massive thank you to everyone who participated in our Vital Signs survey last year, and helped us to promote it. We are delighted to announce the winner of our prize draw, Louise Brandt, who nominated the Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre to receive a £1,000 award - congratulations to both!



[Read the report](#)



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