

# Collaborative funding to support resident-led change



Camden Giving works with Camden Council to deliver the 'We Make Camden Kit', a fund providing money and support to Camden residents and community groups who have great ideas for their communities

Residents and community groups can apply for up to £2,000 to deliver their projects and receive support to make their ideas a success. Decisions on who receives funding are made by a panel of Camden residents from across the borough. So far, around half of the successful projects are not run by charities, but "brilliant people cracking on with doing things to make Camden better". It's funded everything from wellbeing sessions for parents and babies at a local café, to bike projects, to football coaching for young people.

For Camden Council, working in partnership with Camden Giving enables them to support resident-led change to make the borough a better place. "Our residents are the best people to make change", explains Josef Thomas, from London borough of Camden. "They have the best networks, we value lived experience, and their community knowledge informs how the council can best support them, or simply move out the way. The council has an important role to enable and empower citizen-led social action through accessing resources and removing blockers. Working alongside Camden Giving's expertise and the citizens panels gives us the best route to do that."

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