

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND SUMMARY REPORT

## APRIL 2020

**&** CAMDEN  
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## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND - CAMDEN GIVING

Coronavirus is making life much, much worse for the most vulnerable in Camden. This crisis is having a huge impact on people who are homeless, living on a low income, who feel unsafe at home, as well as older and isolated people. The COVID-19 Emergency Fund was created because of the extraordinary demands that charities, social enterprises and community groups are facing as a result of the pandemic. Within 24 hours of launching the fund, we were able to convene a diverse group of 7 Camden residents to sit on an emergency fund panel and decide which applicants would receive funding. Unsurprisingly, we were inundated with applications from organisations so we have decided to continue fundraising in the hopes of opening a second round in June.\*

### PROCESS

Opened Emergency Appeal - 20th March (with an initial target of £50k)

Opened Emergency Fund - 27th March

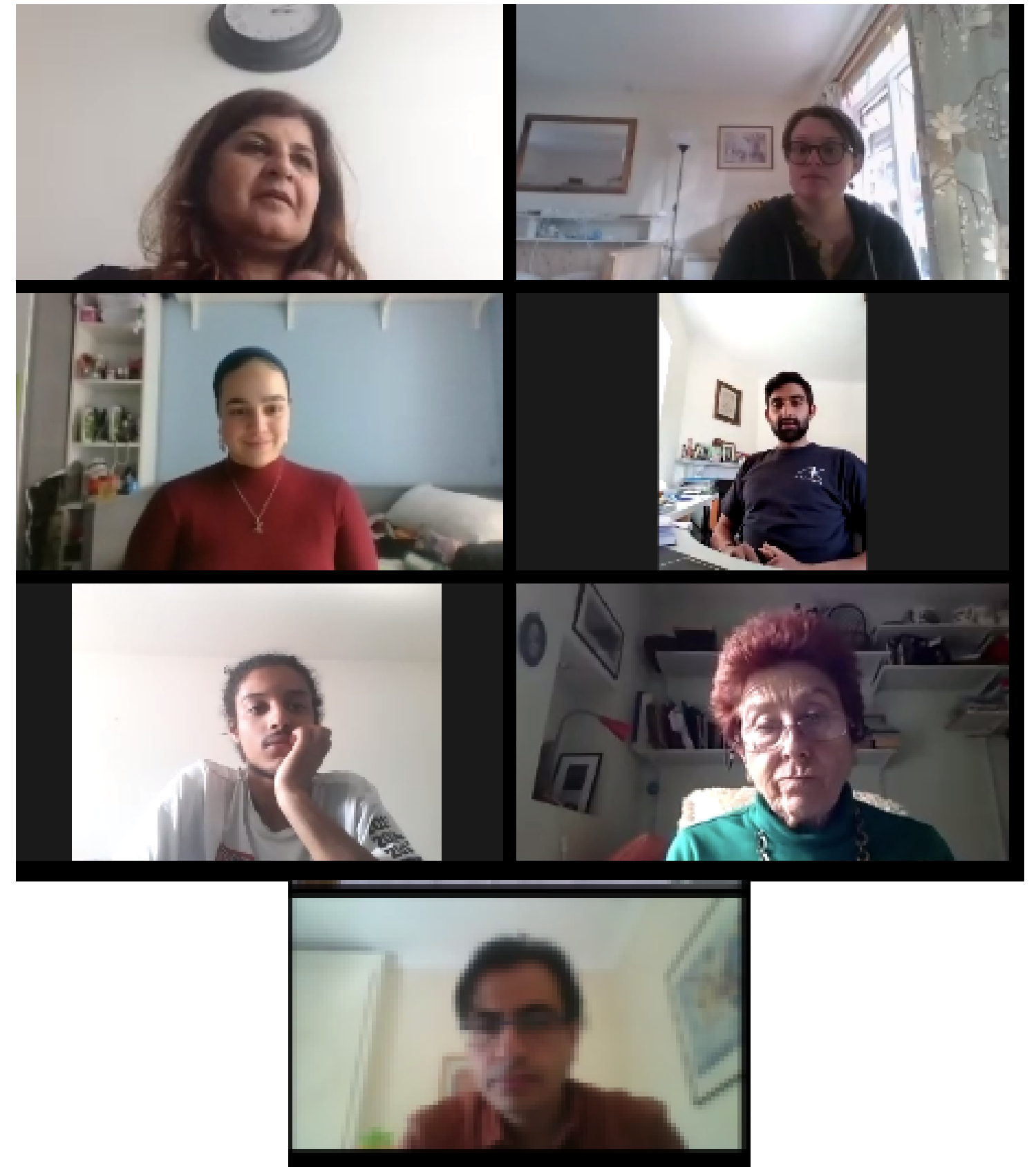
Emergency Fund Deadline - 6th April

Panel Meeting - 8th April

Awarded Grants - 9th April

\*update - since launching the emergency fund appeal in March we have fundraised £273k in total, with £100k from Camden Council.

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND PANELLISTS



## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND - CAMDEN GIVING

In the first 3 months of the UK's coronavirus emergency, Camden Giving estimate that charities serving Camden's communities stand to have an £8million funding deficit, the main reasons for this are:

1. Loss of income from corporate partnerships.
2. Loss of income from individual giving, particularly challenge events.
3. Endowed foundations pausing grant-giving due to reduced income from investments.
4. Significant increase in demand for services and the additional costs of moving services online.
5. Loss of income from renting premises or delivering charged services.

This is a challenging time for all charities, but this crisis looks likely to have a disproportionate impact on medium-sized charities and charities serving Camden's BAME communities. It is very likely that some of these charities will close for good as a result of this crisis and Camden Giving is working to ensure that the those who need these services have some alternative support. During the crisis new community partnerships and networks have developed, Camden quickly had an active mutual aid group for every ward. Schools, faith groups, businesses and newly formed community groups have informally partnered to distribute essentials to those who were known to be at-risk, long before central government published its list of at-risk individuals. Many of these groups have been able to support larger numbers of people with very little resources, sustaining this style of community support is a priority for Camden Giving.

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND - ORGANISATIONS FUNDED

### GRANTS AWARDED IN ROUND 1

#### April 2020 Grant Awards

Total in pot in round 1 (£): 150,000

Total Applied For (£): 390,280

Total Awarded (£): 150,320

Total number of organisations that applied: 62

Total number of organisations funded: 29

| Organisation                                     | Amount Awarded |
|--|----------------|
| Abbey Community Centre                           | £4,875.00      |
| BWA  | £5,955.00      |
| Camden Carers Centre                             | £3,000.00      |
| Clean Break                                      | £6,000.00      |
| Coram's Fields                                   | £6,000.00      |
| Holborn Community Association                    | £6,000.00      |
| Hopscotch Asian Womens Centre                    | £6,000.00      |
| Kentish Town City Farm                           | £2,500.00      |
| Kentish Town Community Centre (KTCC)             | £4,700.00      |
| Khulisa  | £6,000.00      |
| Latin American House                             | £3,000.00      |
| Little Village                                   | £6,000.00      |
| London Irish Centre                              | £6,000.00      |
| North London Cares                               | £5,975.00      |
| NW5 Community Play Project                       | £6,000.00      |
| Opening Door                                     | £6,000.00      |
| RAaW Foundation                                  | £1,450.00      |
| SIR HUBERT VON HERKOMER ARTS FOUNDATION          | £6,000.00      |
| Somers Town Community Association                | £6,000.00      |
| Songhaven  | £6,000.00      |
| Soup Kitchen                                     | £6,000.00      |
| St.Pancras Way Tenants and Residents Association | £5,500.00      |
| STORE Schools & Projects CIC                     | £4,200.00      |
| The Winchester Project                           | £6,000.00      |
| Unity Works Social Enterprises                   | £6,000.00      |
| Urban Community Projects                         | £1,665.00      |
| Urban Outdoors London                            | £5,500.00      |
| Voices of England's Lane                         | £6,000.00      |
| YES Outdoors                                     | £6,000.00      |



# Case Study - Opening Doors London

## WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY DO?

ODL provides services and support to older people aged 50+ from the LGBT+ communities. Started as a Age UK Camden project for the local older LGBT+ community, they remain located within the borough.



## HOW WILL THEY USE THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT?

This will support the move of services from face-to-face to online, phone calls & video calls.

Food support will also be offered to isolated older LGBT residents, plus it will help cover loss of income from corporate supporters.

This emergency grant will allow ODL to reach 230 Camden older LGBT+ residents with the support they need.

They'll support those most at risk of declining physical & mental health, who are isolated and lack access to other support services.

# Case Study - Soup Kitchen London

## WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY DO?

Established in 1986, The Soup Kitchen is a resource for the homeless, elderly, lonely and vulnerable in London. They provide free meals, clothing, toiletries and a sense of belonging to over 100 of their friends each day.



## HOW WILL THEY USE THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT?

This grant will allow them to continue to operate a takeaway service 6 days a week for their homeless friends at breakfast and lunchtime, and make sure that they have hot and nutritious food available to them.

Launched Europe's first on-site mental health drop-in centre within a soup kitchen, to address guests mental health needs. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, their aim is to provide a nutritious meal in a safe and warm environment that welcomes everyone.

# Case Study - Urban Outdoors London

## WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY DO?

A group focussed on raising the poverty of aspiration for families and children deeply affected by the economic fallout of the Coronavirus epidemic through nature and community connection.



## HOW WILL THEY USE THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT?

Funding will support home based nature activities & craft experiences to be posted directly to families.

Many households have no gardens to access nature but families will be supported to use their 1 hour walk to better engage with nature & follow prepared activities.

The project is aiming to reach 150 local families at risk of increased adverse mental health.

The project will support families, who qualify with free-school meal status, those in single parent households and those visiting local food banks.



# Case Study - Voices of England's Lane

## WHO ARE THEY & WHAT DO THEY DO?

In a hostel on England's Lane there are over 100 families living in rooms originally sized for a single student nurse. Many are deprived of basic facilities & The Voices of England's Lane fundraise and get vital support to the families.



## HOW WILL THEY USE THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY GRANT?

Funding will go towards essentials: food, medicine & hygiene products, helping the parents keep their children happy & healthy by getting them toys, clothes & books. Also Wifi to give them a connection to loved ones, & access to vital information and entertainment.

This will benefit 174 people who live in England's Lane hostel, many who've faced homelessness & hardship including single mothers fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking. The families already live in difficult conditions with few facilities, & Covid-19 will impact them greatly.