



CAMDEN GIVING

# FUTURE CHANGEMAKERS YEAR 3 REPORT 2021-2022



# INTRODUCTION

The Future Changemakers (FCM) Fund was created in response to a series of tragic events that occurred in February 2018, when three young men were stabbed in Camden, two of them fatally. Since then, young people in Camden have faced rising violence, poverty and cuts to the youth services that protect them.

In 2021 our third Future Changemaker panel, made up of local young people aged 16-25, worked to decide on how best to address issues young people in Camden, meeting on a weekly basis to decide which vital youth services to fund.

Now that a year has passed, we want to provide you with news of the impact these decisions have made, and more information on how the successful organisations have used the funding.

## 2021 SNAPSHOT

# 10

PANELLISTS RECRUITED

# 13

ORGANISATIONS FUNDED

# £121,112

TOTAL FUNDING GIVEN



THE PANEL IN THE MIDST OF  
DECISION MAKING

# WHO WAS FUNDED

## **BURI ACADEMY**

Buri Academy was set up to provide opportunities for marginalised communities and underprivileged children.

## **DIGINNOVA FOUNDATION**

Diginnova Foundation offers young people, from disadvantaged backgrounds, a one on one mentoring program across the areas of business, marketing, accounting and social media management.

## **FITZROVIA YOUTH IN ACTION**

Fitzrovia Youth in Action empowers young people to create positive change in their community and in their lives.

## **KINGS CROSS BRUNSWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The King's Cross Brunswick Neighbourhood Association is a voluntary organisation with three community centres, working to improve quality life for residents in the local area.

## **YOUR REVOLUTION**

Your Revolution runs audio engineering and production course for young people to learn the skills and knowledge to nurture their career.

## **STORE**

STORE is an association of architects, designers and architects that works to support young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds into creative university degrees including architecture, art, design and engineering.

## **SKILLS EXCHANGE PROJECT**

Skills Exchange Project supports young people to make use of their existing skills as well as developing new skills, so they can be in a stronger position to face the job market.

## **C4WS HOMELESS PROJECT**

C4WS homeless project exists to support those without a home to rebuild their lives.

# WHO WAS FUNDED CONT.

## ST PANCRAS TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

St Pancras Tenants and Residents Association enables and supports vulnerable communities on the estate and in the local area.

## HEAD HELD HIGH

Head Held High works to improve the wellbeing, mental health and education of young people through delivering motivational workshops.

## SURVIVORS CAN SHINE

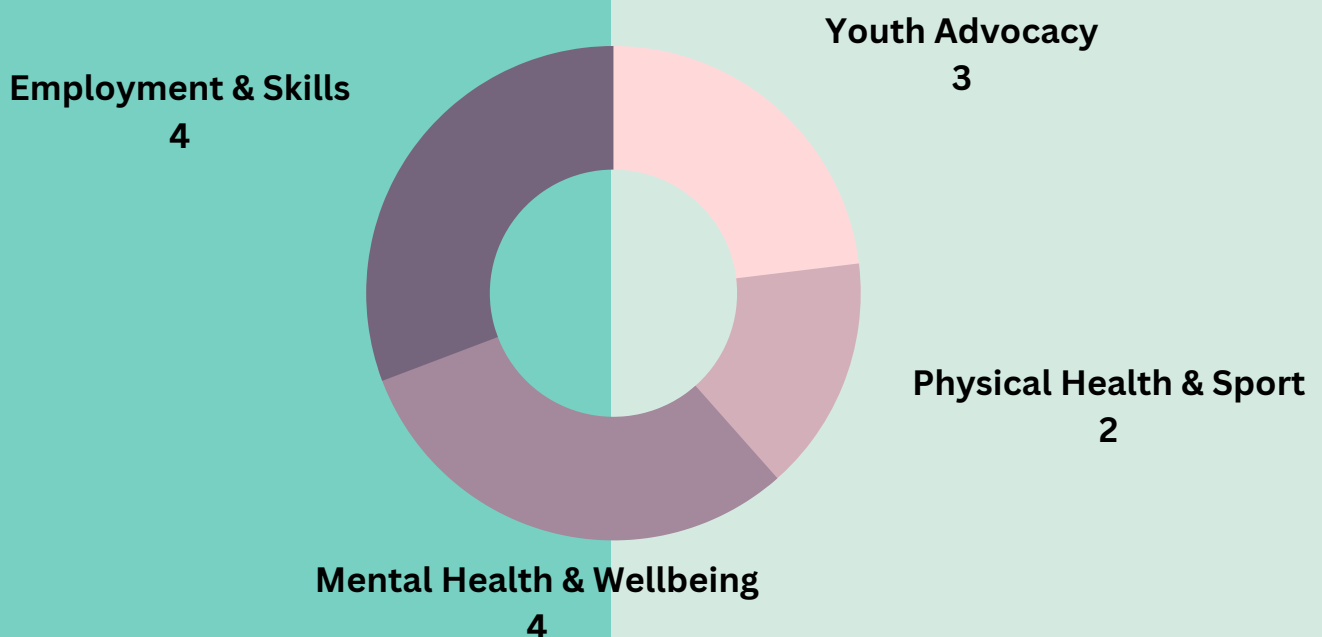
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## EAT CLUB

Eat Club is a charity which exists to improve young people's relationship with food. Their youth cooking courses are designed to improve the relationship people have with food to address the underlying barriers to healthy eating and improve health and wellbeing.

## SOBRIETY FILMS UK

Sobriety Films UK is a social enterprise that uses film to raise awareness of recovery and champion recovery for those that need healing from addiction, mental ill health and trauma.



# SPOTLIGHT ON: FITZTROVIA YOUTH IN ACTION

Fitzrovia Youth in Action (FYA) aims to empower young people in Camden to make changes for themselves, their peers, and their community.

FYA applied to the FCM fund to run its very successful Peer Education Project, which adopts a model where young people educate one another around key issues such as mental health, and drugs and alcohol through creating a film. The ten peer educators took part in accredited training in drugs, alcohol and mental health awareness, and then decided which issue they wanted to focus on. They also received specialist training from film and music tutors.

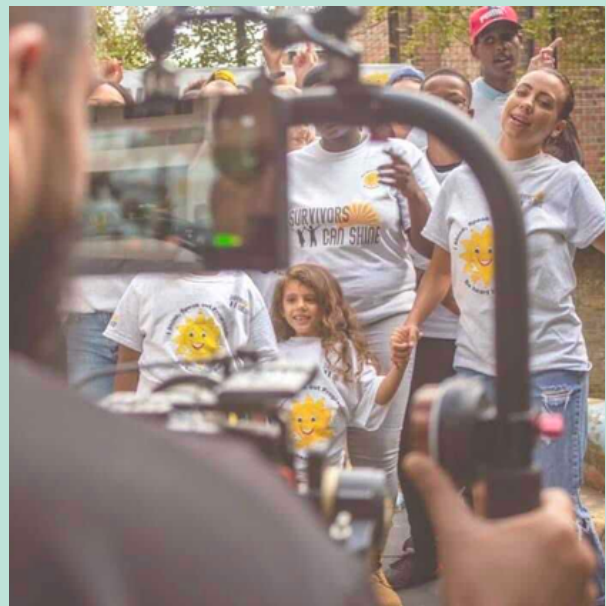
Each young person achieved 2 to 3 three AQA accredited certification awards. You can watch some of the films [here](#).

## SURVIVORS CAN SHINE

Survivors Can Shine (SCS) works to bring communities together and change perceptions around abuse.

Rosa de Guero, founder of SCS, applied for funding to launch the Ambassadors for Change Programme, a programme which enables survivors of abuse to become positive role models in their communities and take a central position in the delivery of SCS's work.

The FCM funding enabled SCS to launch the programme, including an inaugural Change-Maker Day, which showcased visual arts and a 'I Shine, Speak Out' stage with live performances.



**One Ambassador for Change described her experience in the programme:**  
“I am honoured to be an ambassador for change. It’s an honour to be part of an organisation that gives young people a voice and a sense of community in speaking out against abuse, or any trauma they may have endured.”

# OTHER WAYS FUNDING WAS USED

## STAND UP COMEDY COURSE

HEAD HELD HIGH



## BESPOKE ONLINE FILM MAKING

SOBRIETY FILMS UK

## JOBS CLUB

C4WS

## ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS PROGRAMME

DIGINNOVA

## AUDIO ENGINEERING & PRODUCTION SUPPORT

YOUR REVOLUTION



## YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

EAT CLUB

## EMPLOYABILITY MENTORING

SKILLS EXCHANGE  
PROJECT



## DESIGN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

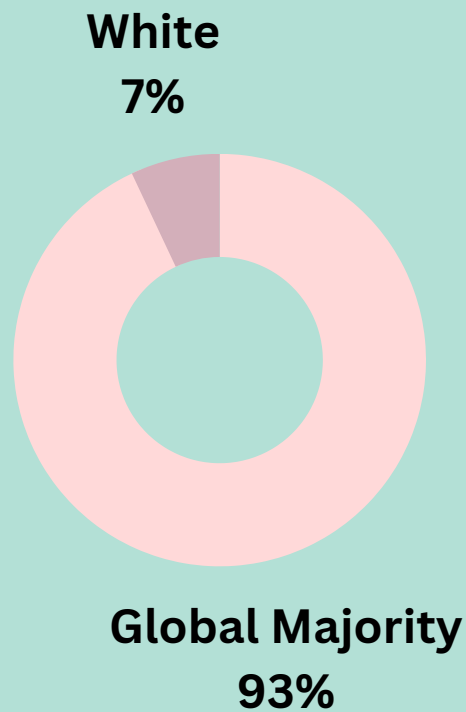
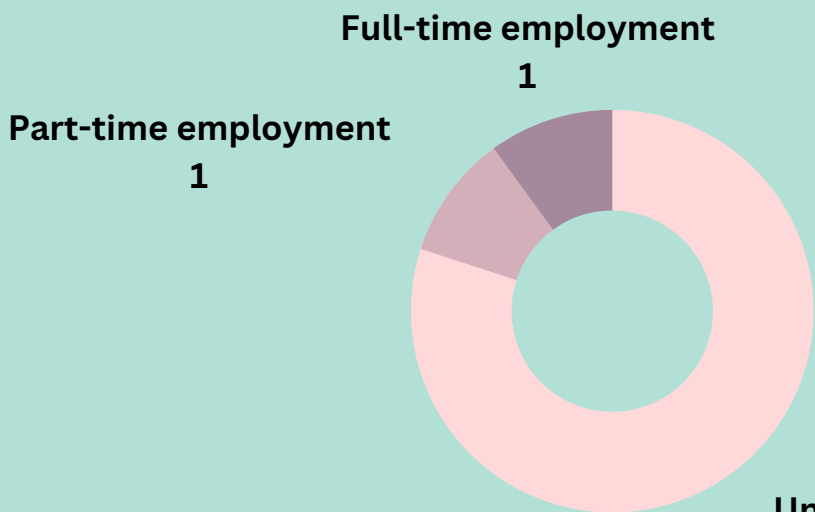
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# PANELLIST EXPERIENCE & DEMOGRAPHICS

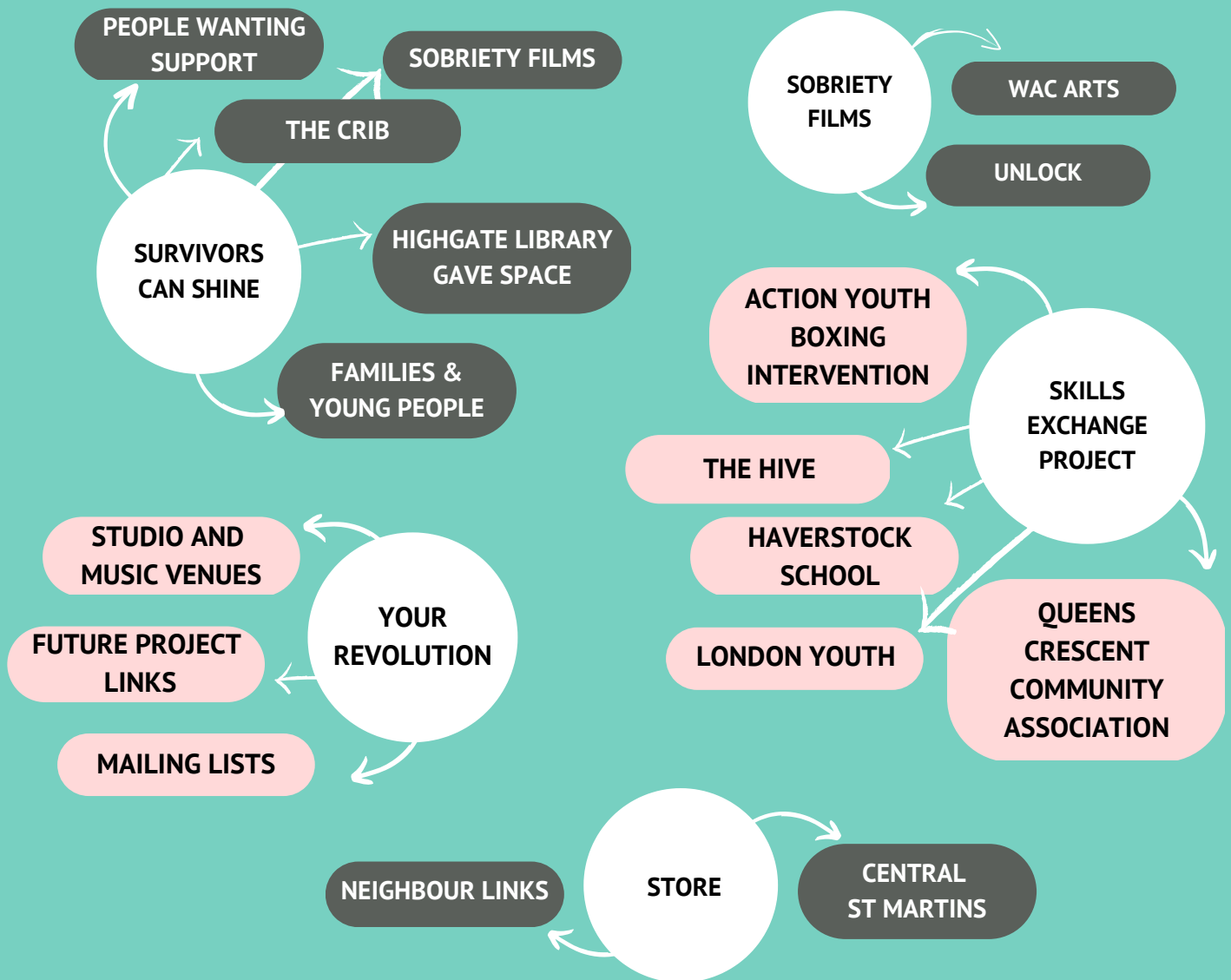
“ The biggest challenge I’ve seen amongst my age group and dealt with myself is trying to maintain good mental health... I hope through Camden Giving’s Future Changemakers Programme that institutions will recognise how inspiring young people can be ”

“ One of the many reasons I wanted to be a Future Changemaker was to have a positive impact, not just for major change, but to tackle problems we face in our day-to-day life. I would like for everyone to be safe and have as many opportunities as they can ”

**50%**  
Female



# CONNECTIONS



At Camden Giving we take building connections seriously, meeting on a weekly basis as a team to see how we can draw together the different communities we are lucky enough to work with. Through bringing together Future Changemaker panellists, grassroots organisations, and corporates based in Camden, amazing things can happen. This page is to share some of connections that were made thanks to the Future Changemaker fund.



# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?

## COFFEE AND CHATS REPORTING

Both panellists and grantees loved the inauguration of 'coffee and chat' style reporting- giving them a chance to meaningfully connect in person and discuss the impact of the grant funding.

## STAFF BURN OUT

From these conversations, our panellists found that lots of the projects supported were facing challenges around burn out and staff wellbeing.



"Just a little note to say I really enjoyed the way we reported- it was a joy to meet and chat. We definitely could have spoken for longer- their feedback was so lovely to hear."



# THE IMPACT OF THESE INSIGHTS

## COFFEE AND CHATS WILL CONTINUE

After the success of this model, we will continue to report in this way, ensuring the impact of the work is captured via rich discussions and conversations.

## WELLBEING GRANTS

For FCM Year 4, we will provide wellbeing grants in addition to the main grant, so grantees are able to better protect both their own and their team's wellbeing.

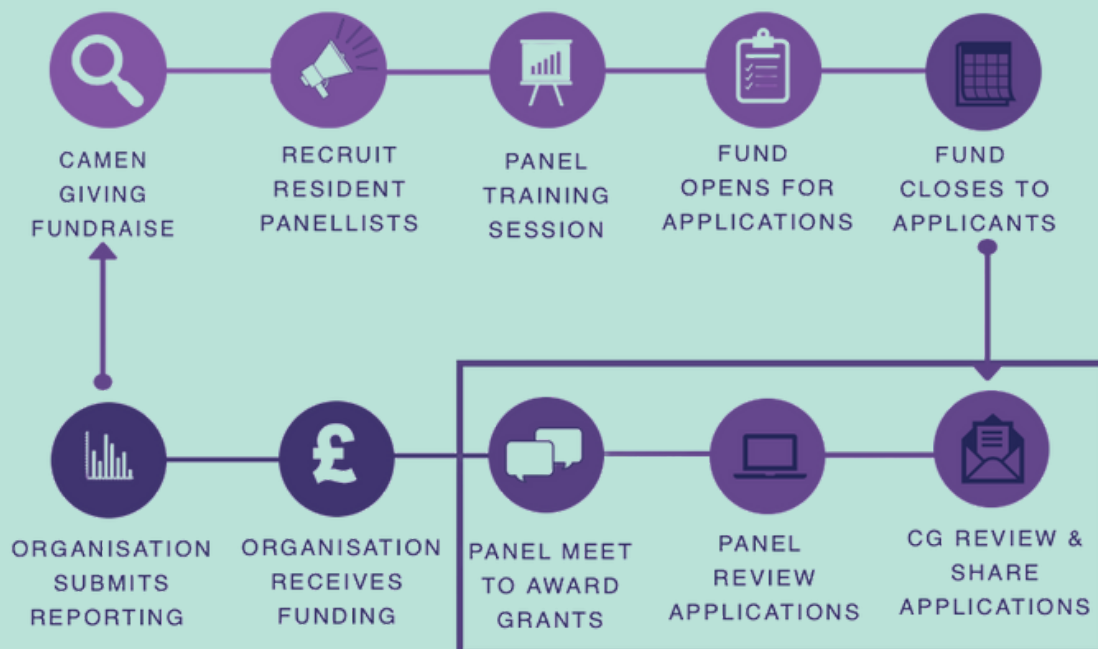


A KCBNA SESSION IN ACTION

# A NOTE ON PARTICIPATORY GIVING

We've seen the power of participatory grant-making in practice, it's changing the way that people in Camden see themselves as agents of change. [This](#) video sums up how we operate and why we think participatory giving is important.

Currently 0.3% of grants given in Camden are awarded via participatory grant-making and we want to see that change in our borough and beyond. We've made our resources public [here](#) and you can pay our grant-makers to support your participatory work [here](#).



We also want to say a huge thank you to those we've partnered with to make this model work.



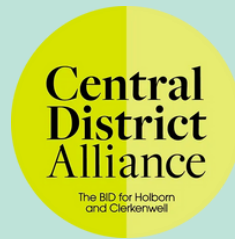
# THANK YOU

We wouldn't be able to facilitate this incredible work without the support of businesses in Camden who are willing to step up and be good neighbours.

Thank you all so much, not only for your financial contributions, but also for being so wonderful to work with.



**phf** Paul Hamlyn  
Foundation



An inaugural consultation into Camden's youth sector is being carried out by the newly incepted Future Changemaker Alumni. This exciting piece of work fosters the relationship built with these Future Changemakers and puts them directly (literally) in front of the youth sector to reassess its needs and increase understanding for Camden Giving as a funder.

It is a priority for Camden Giving to expand funding the Future Changemakers programme in 2023 for three core reasons:

- Youth services remain severely underfunded and have low reserves.
- A bigger fund would allow for more innovation and collaborative work between groups that receive funding, allowing them to provide multiple services for young people and their families.
- The smaller We Make Camden Kit grants are planting some incredible seeds but if these organisations are to flourish and grow we need to be able to sustain them through the Future Changemakers Fund.

As a Funder it is our mission to be here to meet the growing need in 2023; and we must hold true and promote the notion that "we all have something to give".