



CAMDEN GIVING

# FUTURE CHANGEMAKERS INTERIM REPORT YEAR 4 2022-2023



# 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.

The FCM Fund brings together 16–25-year-olds living in Camden to make decisions on which youth services to fund, putting power into the hands of those who understand the challenges best.

With three successful years of FCM behind us, we know that more needs to be done. The most recent survey of Londoners showed a drop in how many young people feel they have a voice. It is now more important than ever to give young people the power to make decisions around funding.

## WELLBEING GRANTS

This year FCM grantees were able to apply for £1000 worth of additional funding to support with staff wellbeing and mental health. Grantees applied to use the funding for a number of things including training, team building days and extra one-to-one support. We were deliberately non prescriptive about how the funding should be used- wellbeing can look different from person to person. Grantees who were awarded this extra funding have been indicated below with a heart icon.

## 2022 SNAPSHOT

# 11

PANELLISTS RECRUITED

# 16

ORGANISATIONS FUNDED

# 154,587.10

TOTAL FUNDING GIVEN



**BATUALA ALEXANDER, GRANTEE & FOUNDER OF CREATORS HOUSE**

# WHO WAS FUNDED

## **YOU BE YOU LEARNING**

You Be You works with schools, teachers and parents to embed diversity and inclusion through lessons, role model videos and fun educational home activity boxes.

## **CREATORS HOUSE**

Creators House empowers young people from underserved backgrounds and connecting them to opportunities within the creative industry.

## **LOCAL VILLAGE NETWORK**

Local Village Network supports young people aged 14-24 with mentoring and signposts them to 2000+ opportunities through its app and website.

## **SOMALI YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE CENTRE**

Somali Youth Development Resource Centre provides youth activities, workshops, information sessions, training, and social and leisure activities.

## **URBAN OUTDOORS LONDON**

Urban Outdoors aims to create nature encounters and unique outdoor experiences in wild spaces.

## **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.

## **LONDON INFINITY ELITE**

London Infinity Elite works to provide cheerleading training whilst also provide employment support.

## **CORAM'S FIELDS**

Coram's Fields is a children's only park and playground and is open all year round for children under 16 years old. It also provides valuable services for all young people.

## **OLD DIORAMA ARTS CENTRE**

Old Diorama Arts Centre is a creation centre: a shared home for the live arts, creative industries and local community to make, explore and meet.

## **SURVIVORS CAN SHINE**

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

# WHO WAS FUNDED CONT.

## SMALL GREEN SHOOTS

Small Green Shoots is a youth-led charity offering an alternative to the conventional system for education, training and entry into the jobs market.

## ACTION YOUTH BOXING INTERVENTION

Action Youth Boxing Intervention breaks the cycle of offending and violence through providing boxing programmes and coaching support.

## CAMDEN UNITED FC

A football club set up in Camden by the youth, for the youth, to use football as a means to tackle violence & knife crime.

## FITZROVIA YOUTH IN ACTION

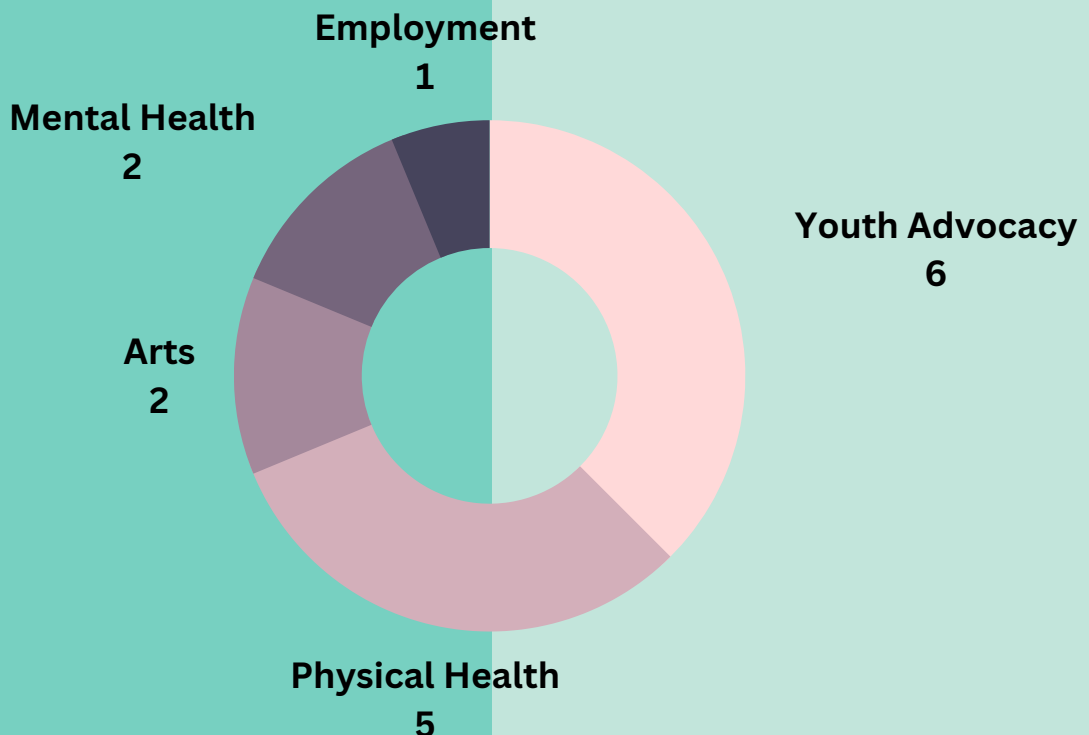
Fitzrovia Youth in Action empowers young people to create positive change in their community and in their lives.

## NW5 COMMUNITY PLAY PROJECT

NW5 Community Play Project is a small independent community run play project for children and their families in Kentish Town.

## PRO TOUCH SOCCER ACADEMY

Pro Touch Soccer Academy provides sports opportunities for disadvantaged children, young people and their families within diverse Camden communities.

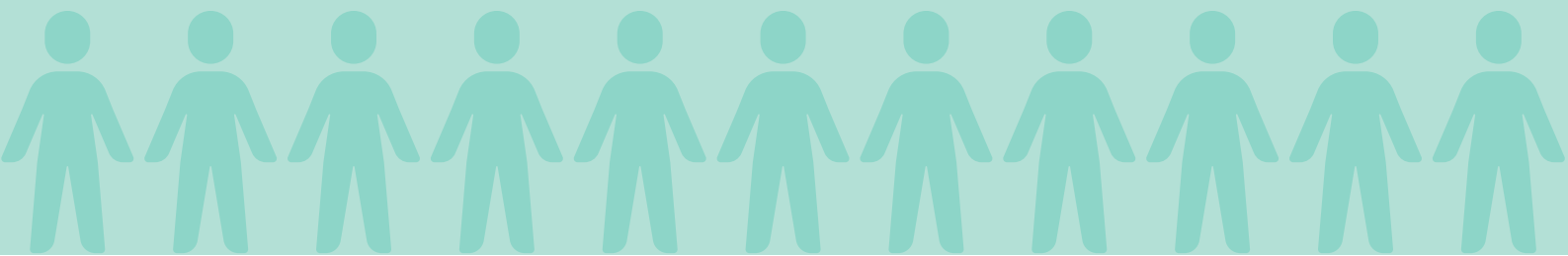
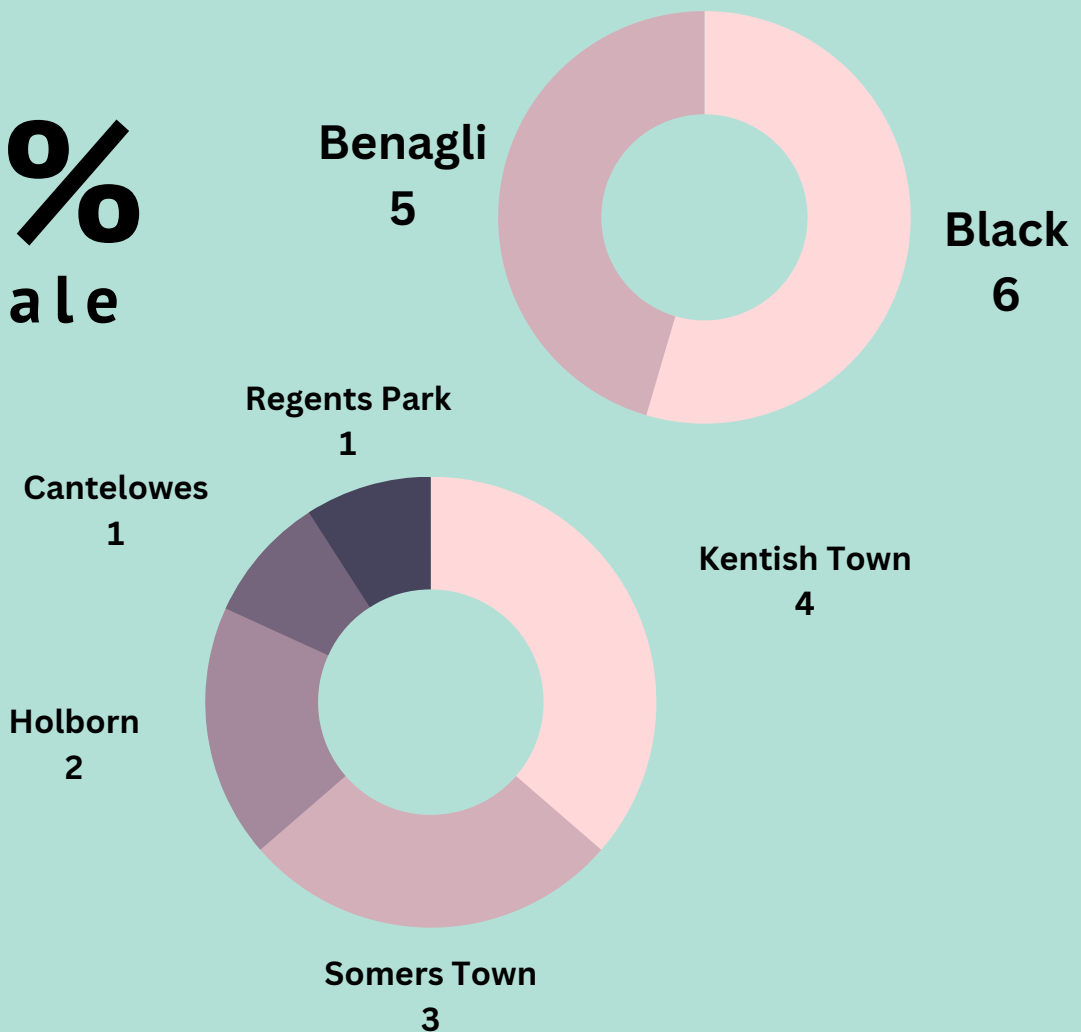


# PANELLIST EXPERIENCE & DEMOGRAPHICS

“ Being involved with CG has made me feel like I am a valued member of the community and also made me realise that my voice and experiences do matter ”

“ I appreciate AutoTrader for allowing us to use their space and think big business should continue working with deprived areas ”

**55%**  
Female



# WHAT'S NEXT

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.

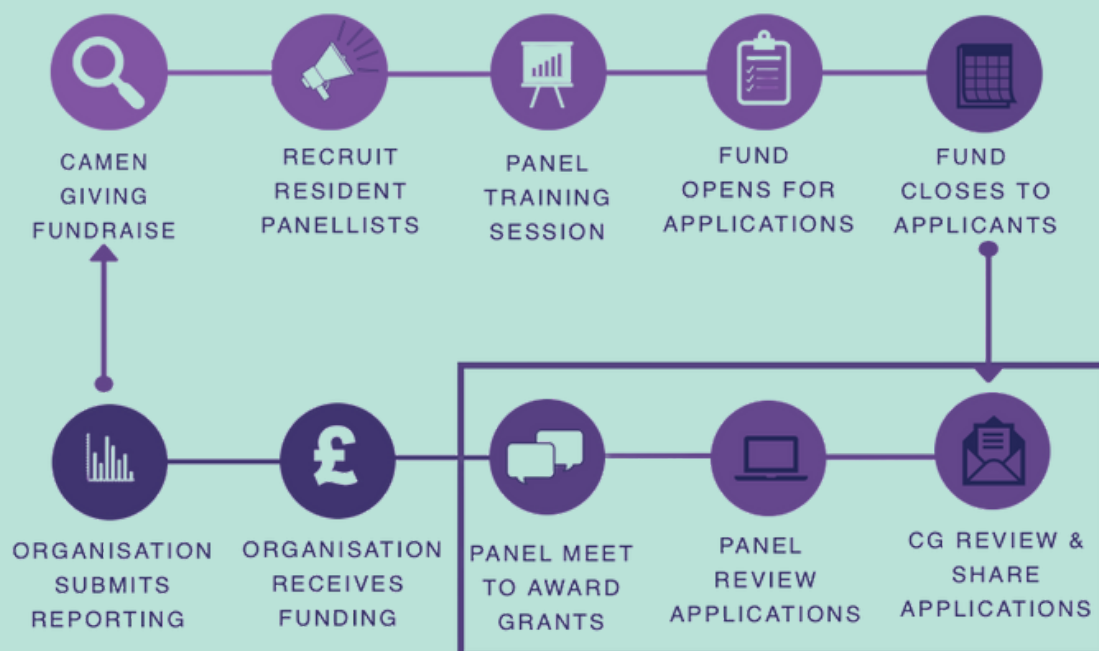
As a Funder it is our mission to be here to meet the growing need in 2023; and we must hold true and promote the notion that "we all have something to give".



# 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

More time is needed for us to bring you news of how the funding has impacted the organisations mentioned in this report, and what it has enabled them to do. We will be in touch with a year's time with stories of their work.

We wouldn't be able to facilitate this incredible work without the support of businesses and organisations 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.

