

EARLS COURT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LAUNCHES 180,000 COMMUNITY FUND

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The Earls Court Development Company (ECDC) has today launched the Earls Court Community Fund (ECCF) to support local communities in and around the Earls Court site, with up to £180,000 committed this year.

The aim of the fund is to make a difference to the lives of people in the local area by offering grants to charities and community organisations that provide much-needed projects, services and activities.

Organisations can apply for a grant of up to £15,000 per year and to be eligible, applications must meet at least one of the three priority areas:

- 1. Communities and people:** Projects that build a strong sense of community and provide opportunities to learn new things, meet new people and feel connected with their neighbours.
- 2. Health and wellbeing:** Projects that help to support the mental and physical wellbeing of the local community, which in turn enable them to build resilience and to flourish.
- 3. Young people and training:** Projects that support young people, some of whom have been disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This can include activities that support young people's integration through education, skills development and employability so that they are better placed to access new and existing opportunities.

To ensure that the community can be part of the process of awarding funding, local people will be encouraged to apply to join the selection panel which will review and decide on the applications.

To be eligible for the Fund, a group will need to be a formally constituted not-for-profit organisation either based in the Earls Court Opportunity Area, or directly benefit the lives of those who live, work or study there. For a full list of eligibility criteria, and a map of the Opportunity Area, please visit: earlscourtcommunityfund.com

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Rob Heasman, CEO of ECDC said: *“By launching the Earls Court Community Fund, we hope to play a small part in improving the quality of life of those living nearby, and helping organisations grow and thrive.”*

“We know that some people in the communities around Earls Court have faced tough times over the last few years and the impact of the pandemic has only made things worse. From our early discussions we also know there is some fantastic work already happening, delivering vital support and activities for local residents.”

Applications to the Earls Court Community Fund are now open and will close on 2 August 2021. For more information on the ECCF and who can apply, please follow this link: <https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/earlscourtcf>

Applications to be a Volunteer Member of the Grants Panel that awards funding from the ECCF are also now open until 26 July 2021. Volunteers will help the Fund invest in the most effective proposals whilst ensuring it is transparent, open and fair at all times. We are looking for individuals with a passion for the local community around the Earls Court site and those who can be objective, supportive and willing to express their opinions on the applications for the Fund. For more information, including how to apply, please follow this link: earlscourtcommunityfund.com

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Notes to Editors

About The Earls Court Development Company

The Earls Court Development Company is an Earls Court-based business, responsible for driving the development of the Earls Court masterplan forward on behalf of Earls Court Partnership Limited (ECPL). ECPL is the joint venture between Delancey (on behalf of its client funds including the Dutch pension fund manager, APG) and Transport for London (TfL) that formed in December 2019.

The Earls Court Development Company's ambition is to seek a new visionary masterplan for the site, that stitches the Earls Court back into its local area and sets a new global standard for a sustainable, vibrant mixed-use development. The Earls Court Development Company's vision extends over an area of 40 acres. Following the handing back of the West Kensington and Gibbs Green estates to London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, they will not be included in the masterplan. There is now a clear opportunity for a fresh approach at Earls Court with the former exhibition centre sites cleared ready for development.

Our programme of meanwhile and temporary uses for the land and derelict buildings we inherited will bring life back to parts of the site from this summer. This includes:

- 'London Wonderground', the major new summer festival on the former Earls Court 2 Exhibition Centre site. Underbelly's [London Wonderground](#) at the site of the former Earls Court Exhibition Centre.
- The new temporary space at the Warwick Road Apron which has currently been transformed into a botanical wonderland, known as the 'Pleasure Garden' by artists Baker + Borkowski as part of the K + C Art Festival. ECDC is seeking views from the local community on the future of this space: [Have Your Say Today - ECDC Community Hub - Commonplace](#)
- ECDC is also currently running a consultation on our plans to repurpose the old marketing suite on Aisgill Avenue for local residents to use. To respond to the consultation, please follow this link: [Have Your Say Today - ECDC Community Hub - Commonplace](#)

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