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# Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Annual review, June 2019

## Introduction

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Islington Council's Community Chest exists to support small organisations that, with local knowledge and reach, make a big difference to local residents. Islington Council's Community Chest provides small organisations with grants of up to £5,000. Priority is given to organisations that have an annual turnover of less than £50,000 and work with people who are experiencing poverty and isolation. There are three application rounds a year supporting a wide range of projects, reaching out to a diverse mix of Islington residents who typically do not access services or who have limited social networks.


Applications for Islington Council's Community Chest are considered by a panel made up of Islington Councillors, Cripplegate Foundation Governors and members of the Islington Community Network.

Groups can apply under five themes that together address local priorities and issues facing Islington residents:

- Advice and support
- Educating and improving skills and employability
- Improving the local environment and making communities safer
- Improving mental and physical health
- Reducing isolation and increasing involvement in the community

Islington Council's Community Chest actively seeks to fund projects that as a whole are inclusive of all people regardless of their age, culture, disabilities, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, race, religion or sexual orientation.

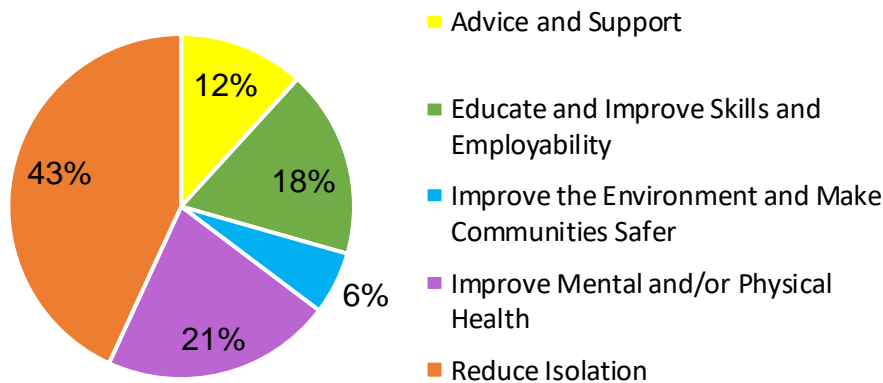
Funded groups are often reliant on local volunteers, people who are dedicated to improving their local communities and reaching out to support people in need.



### Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2018/19

- 76 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2018-19
- 51 community groups (67% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £219,000
- 14 (28%) of the 51 funded groups were new to Islington Council's Community Chest
- 18 (35%) of the 51 funded groups have received 5 or more grants

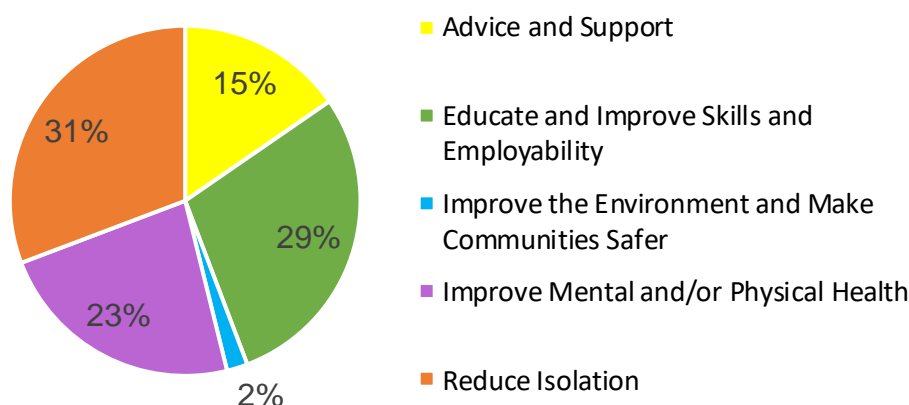
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### Who Islington Council's Community Chest reached in 2017/18

- 81 community groups applied to Islington Council's Community Chest in 2017-18
- 52 community groups (64% of applicants) were awarded funding, totalling grants of over £208,000
- 11 (21%) of the 52 funded groups were new to Islington Council's Community Chest
- 16 (31%) of the 52 funded groups have received 5 or more grants

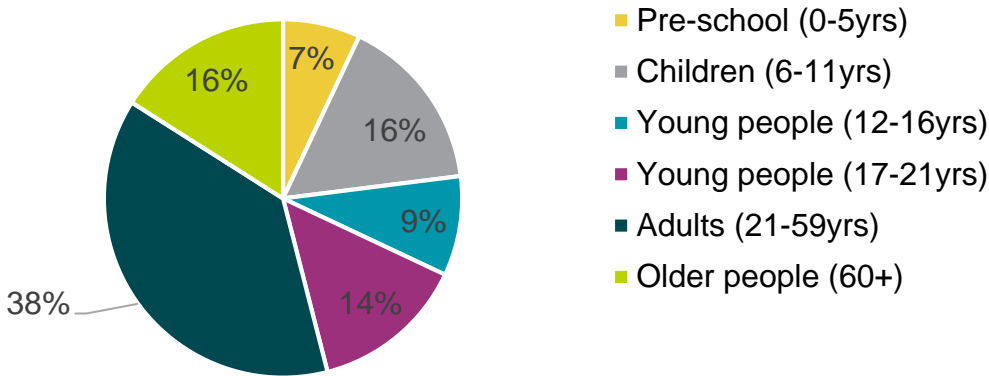
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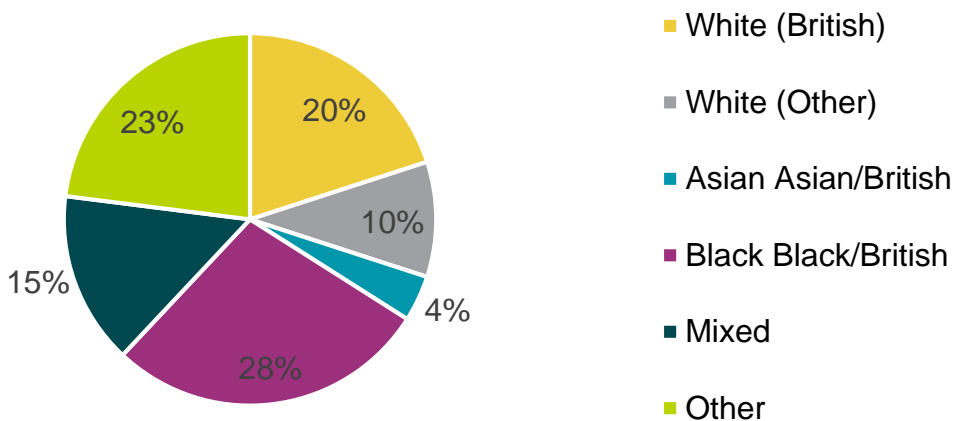
# Facts and figures – who we reached in 2017/18

The charts below provide a breakdown of the age, ethnicity, and gender of all people that have benefited from the support provided as a result of Islington Council’s Community Chest funding over the 2017/18 period. The data is derived from returned monitoring reports so provide an accurate reflection of the work actually undertaken. Two projects that deliver one-off events with high numbers of beneficiaries have been omitted from these breakdowns in order to ensure the picture of reach is as representative as possible across funded projects. The breakdowns are broadly consistent and therefore a good reflection of the wider borough demographics as a whole, demonstrating that the Programme has good reach into all sections of the community.

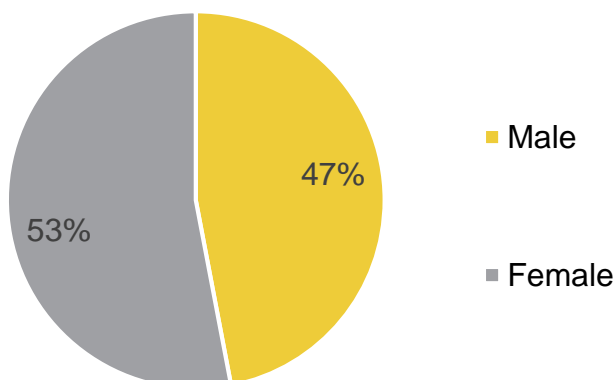
## Breakdown of beneficiaries by age



## Breakdown of beneficiaries by ethnicity



## Breakdown of beneficiaries by gender



# List of grants

## List of grants awarded April 2018–March 2019

Advice and Support			
Round 1 June 2018	Community Language Support Services	Towards core costs/co-ordinator	£10,000
Round 1 June 2018	We Are Family	Towards support and supervision for session facilitators	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	MEWSO	Rebuilding Lives	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	The Unity Project	Casework support and community for people with NRPF	£3,420
Round 3 March 2019	Disability Action	PIP Assessment Support Pilot	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Islington Turkish Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Advice and information service	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 1 June 2018	St. Mellitus Church, Tollington Park	Towards an anti-knife crime project	£2,000
Round 1 June 2018	TheTOYProject	Towards rent for new premises	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Friends of Pooles Park	Naturehood	£3,780

Improve mental and physical health			
Round 1 June 2018	Culpeper Community Garden	Towards facilitated craft and cookery sessions for members with mental health problems	£2,495
Round 1 June 2018	Pro Touch SA	Towards physical and wellbeing activities for young people	£4,320
Round 1 June 2018	SLOW Bereaved Parents Support group	Towards core costs	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	EAGLE Recovery Project	Core activities	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Fit Women Group	Women-Only aerobics, pilates and healthy eating workshops	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	GALBUR FOUNDATION	Hijabi Footy Fun	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Phoenix Pottery	To continue to provide low-cost pottery classes to disadvantaged local people.	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Christ Church Memory Café	Christ Church Memory Cafe	£2,550
Round 3 March 2019	Sarah Agnes Foundation	SAFWellbeing	£4,500
Round 3 March 2019	Islington Panthers Basketball Club	Islington Panthers	£4,000
Round 3 March 2019	Highbury Walkers	Ongoing development for Highbury Walkers	£884

Educate and improve skills and employability			
Round 1 June 2018	Speak Street	Towards English language group sessions	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Sports And Life Skills CIC	Towards a fitness and education programme for young people	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Eat Club	Towards a series of food tuition courses for young people	£4,310
Round 1 June 2018	Rising Stars Support	Towards a martial arts fitness and personal development programme for young people	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Creative Opportunities C.I.C	A space of our own	£4,700
Round 2 November 2018	YES Outdoors	Bicycle Maintenance Workshops	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Go Forward Youth	Share and Care	£4,914
Round 3 March 2019	Kobani Kurdish School	Kobani Kurdish School	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Barrier Breakers	Soft Skills for Employability: workshop series at City & Islington College	£4,922

Reduce isolation and increase community involvement			
Round 1 June 2018	Friends of King Square Gardens	Towards tools for a recently established gardening group	£500
Round 1 June 2018	Federation of Iraqi Refugees	Towards core costs	£4,912
Round 1 June 2018	Healthy Generations	Towards tea dances and sing alongs for elderly residents	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	King Square TRA	Towards tools for the TRA gardening group	£1,500

Round 1 June 2018	Amberleigh	Towards singing and drumming sessions and co-ordination	£5,000
Round 1 June 2018	Talking News Islington (TNI)	Towards production of a monthly talking newspaper for blind residents	£2,000
Round 1 June 2018	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust	Towards canal boat day trips for local community groups	£2,500
Round 2 November 2018	Asian Women Lone Parents Association (AWLPA)	Workshops to increase knowledge on staying safe and improving access to support	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Connaught Opera	Moonlight & Roses - Romantic Musical Memories	£4,200
Round 2 November 2018	Eritrean Youth Club	To continue and further develop of the Football Development Team and the Cultural Group sessions.	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers	Ongoing delivery of services	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Goodinge Community Centre	Families in the Communities	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	Olden Garden Community Project	To maintain the garden	£5,000
Round 2 November 2018	St John's Way Patient Participation Group	SJW PPG Activities for Physical, Mental Health and Social Wellbeing	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Memory Gardens	"HANDS AND SKY PROJECT: MAGICAL JOURNEYS"	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Daylight Theatre Foundation	Play by people with learning disabilities	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	St Lukes Community History Group	St Luke's Community History Group ? core activities	£2,500
Round 3 March 2019	Blackstock Triangle	Blackstock Triangle Gardeners	£2,500
Round 3 March 2019	South Islington Stroke Club	South Islington Stroke Club lunch and activities for stroke survivors and their carers	£3,500
Round 3 March 2019	Asmara Football Club	ASMARA FOOTBALL CLUB	£5,000
Round 3 March 2019	Spitz Charitable Trust	Life Enhancing sessions at Bridgeside Lodge	£3,825
Round 3 March 2019	SEN Family Saturdays	Advance and support SEN	£5,000

### List of grants awarded April 2017–March 2018

Advice and Support			
Round 1 June 2017	Community Language Support Services	To improve the lives of vulnerable refugees	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	MEWSO	Break the Silence Over Domestic Violence!	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Eritrean Community in the UK (ECUK)	Towards a mental health awareness and support project	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Towards debt and depression workshops and counselling support	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Sarah Agnes Foundation	Towards an advice and information project	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	YES Outdoors	Towards an adventure based mentoring scheme	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	Bridging the Gap	Mentoring ex-offenders	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	Asperger London Area Group (ALAG)	Towards costs for an Islington autism hub	£5,000

Improve the local environment and make communities safer			
Round 2 November 2017	Wipers Youth CIC	Towards a community reparation project	£2,110

Improve mental and physical health			
Round 1 June 2017	EAGLE Recovery Project	Addiction recovery self-help group	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	Spitz Charitable Trust	Music for Wellbeing - Going Deeper	£4,000
Round 1 June 2017	Times Amateur Boxing Club	TIMES ABC improvement programme	£1,750
Round 1 June 2017	Asmara Football Club	Running costs (pitch hire)	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Stepping Stone4 (SS4)	Towards a healthy lifestyle project	£2,000
Round 2 November 2017	Maison Verte-UK	Towards recruitment, training and support for nursery volunteers	£2,175
Round 3 March 2018	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bods	Towards holistic lifestyle, fitness and motivational courses	£3,850
Round 3 March 2018	Bags of Taste	Towards dietary behaviour change courses	£4,952
Round 3 March 2018	BIRD	Towards rent for studio space	£5,000

Round 3 March 2018	Aflah	Towards workshops and activities promoting women's health and education	£3,500
Round 3 March 2018	South Islington Stroke Club	Towards lunch and activity sessions for stroke survivors and their carers	£4,000
Round 3 March 2018	The Hive Food Bank	Towards non-perishable food supplies	£4,800

### Educate and improve skills and employability

Round 1 June 2017	Kurdish Children & Youth Centre	Towards costs of a supplementary school	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	Minority Matters	Towards costs of a supplementary school	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	Sports And Life Skills CIC	Towards sports and educational activities	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Creative Opportunities C.I.C.	Towards costs for a mentoring pilot	£4,800
Round 2 November 2017	House of AMAU	Towards three prose and poetry workshops	£700
Round 2 November 2017	Performing Production CIC	Towards a film making course	£3,120
Round 2 November 2017	F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players	Towards running costs for dance and drama	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Hyde Village Community & Social Association	Towards costs of a children's drama club	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Friends of Gillespie PTA	Towards a summer science fair	£400
Round 2 November 2017	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Towards a women's sewing project	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	Urban MBA	Towards a business education programme	£4,000
Round 3 March 2018	Spear Islington Trust	Towards a youth employment programme	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	Turkish & Kurdish Children's Group	Towards costs of a supplementary school	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	STORE Schools & Projects C.I.C.	Scholarships for an architecture summer school	£2,000
Round 3 March 2018	Islington Panthers Basketball Club	Towards coaching costs	£5,000

### Reduce isolation and increase community involvement

Round 1 June 2017	The Culture Collective	FEAST - Finsbury Park Festival of the Environment Arts and Sustainable Technology	£2,000
Round 1 June 2017	Angel Shed	Towards an inclusive children's theatre	£4,935
Round 1 June 2017	Healthy Generations	Reducing Isolation - Increasing Health Project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	Packington Line Dancing	Tutor and hall hire	£2,400
Round 1 June 2017	Federation of Iraqi Refugees	Support and integration for Islington's Iraqi and Kurdish residents	£4,800
Round 1 June 2017	Amberleigh	Performing arts project	£5,000
Round 1 June 2017	Angel Canal Festival	Towards cost for annual festival	£4,000
Round 1 June 2017	Eritrean Youth Club	Towards football team costs	£2,500
Round 2 November 2017	Life Chances	Towards tackling isolation amongst older Ethiopians	£1,902
Round 2 November 2017	St John's Way Patient Participation Group	Towards activities aimed at improving physical, mental health and social wellbeing	£5,000
Round 2 November 2017	Friends of Pooles Park	Towards a community gardening project	£3,903
Round 2 November 2017	St Luke's Community History Group	Towards the costs of the St Luke's Community History Group	£2,500
Round 2 November 2017	Olden Garden Community Project	Towards costs of sessional gardeners	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	The Sunday Club	Lunch and social club for homeless people	£5,000
Round 3 March 2018	Sunnyside Community Gardens	Under 5s drop in outdoor play sessions	£2,800
Round 3 March 2018	The Bomb Factory Art Foundation	Towards artist workshops with The Bridge School	£3,520

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