



# Community Sparks

**Putting local people in charge of local funding in Poplar.**



# The Community Sparks programme

The Community Sparks programme is supporting the community in Poplar to identify local solutions to local questions. Alongside capacity building work we are working with the Wakefield & Tetley Foundation to make £20,000 of small grants available to local people and groups in Poplar.

Through a process of co-production with local residents we have identified priorities for grant funding and now we are inviting applications by local people and groups to fund projects supporting the local community in Poplar. All decisions on funding will be made by local people voting on their preferred projects.

## Funding priorities

Applications for small grants will be accepted that meet one or both of the following priorities:

- The community is supported to access the information and services necessary to improve their physical and mental wellbeing.
- Different sections of the community come together and build a greater understanding of each other

In order to apply we are inviting interested people and groups to email us telling us who you are, what you want to do and how it will benefit people in Poplar. We are accepting applications on paper and also through video or audio submissions. If you need any support developing your idea or completing the application please contact us at [ayaann.yusuf@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:ayaann.yusuf@thcvs.org.uk).

## Eligibility

The grants programme is open to both constituted and unconstituted groups. If groups are unconstituted THCVS will offer capacity building support to ensure your group can develop the appropriate governance to be able to receive and use funding.

The grants programme is open to groups that are either based in Poplar or can demonstrate how their work supports the community in Poplar.

## Application Questions

Answers can be either in writing or in audio or video format.

1. Who are you and what is your connection to Poplar?  
250 words or a 3 minute file.
2. What do you want to do? 500 words or a 6 minute file.
3. How will you ensure either or both:
  - The community is supported to access the information and services necessary to improve their physical and mental wellbeing.
  - Different sections of the community come together and build a greater understanding of each other.250 words or a 3 minute file.



## **Decision making process:**

The programme will be launched on Thursday 3rd July. Applications can be received from this date. If you are looking for support on developing your application please email [ayaann.yusuf@thcvs.org.uk](mailto:ayaann.yusuf@thcvs.org.uk).

### **Applications will close on Monday 28th July.**

Applications that meet the criteria will then go through to the community voting day on Tuesday 5th August. Groups will have the opportunity to pitch their idea to the community on this day and community members in Poplar will have the opportunity to vote to fund their preferred projects.

Please submit your application to  
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