

IRF Funding News & Awards

Community Energy Fund

Applications for Islington Community Energy Fund Round Three

Round Three of the Islington Community Energy Fund will launch on Tuesday 28 August 2018. Round Three will allow organisations that submitted feasibility studies for Round One to bid for capital projects, as well as general capital projects.

The Community Energy Fund aims to help community groups develop and deliver energy projects which will benefit Islington residents. Islington Council wants to find ways to spread the word about energy efficiency to residents and to encourage and support them to use less energy.

Any constituted groups with charitable aims across Islington who would like to carry out an energy-related project can apply for funding.

Funds are available through two streams:

Stream 2a allows organisations with energy projects at an advanced stage of development to submit bids

Stream 2b will be available to projects funded through Stream 1 in Rounds 1 and 2

For further information, or to request an application pack, please email energy.advice@islington.gov.uk.

All applications must be returned by 5pm on Friday 19 October 2018.

Please download the application for the stream you are applying for here:

Stream 2a Application Form

Stream 2b Application Form

Complete applications, with supporting documents, should be sent via email to energy.advice@islington.gov.uk with the subject line 'ICEF [insert the name of your organisation]'

or by post to WRC, Energy Policy and Advice Team, 1 Cottage Rd, London, N7 8TP.

More information

For more information on how to complete the application, please download the application guide here: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/-/media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/energyservices/information/adviceandinformation/20182019/20180828icefapplicatioanguideround31.pdf?la=en&hash=59A9D53EDEF044B8191A2C3C4C5D5F449F1F7C2>

Cripplegate Foundation - Islington Community Chest

Grants are available to groups based in Islington for a wide range of projects that support Islington residents.

Islington Community Chest is provided by through a partnership between Islington Council and the Cripplegate Foundation, which also administers the scheme. Grants are available to voluntary organisations that work with Islington residents, particularly those who are experiencing poverty and/or isolation. The funding aims to support projects that will:

- Advise and support residents.
- Raise educational achievement and improve skills and employability.
- Reduce isolation and increase people's involvement in the local community.
- Improve mental and physical health.
- Improve the local environment and contribute to safer communities

The deadlines for applications in 2018/19 are:

7 May 2018.

24 September 2018.

21 January 2019.

Key Criteria

Applications are accepted from organisations that support people who live, or who are in full time education, in the Borough of Islington. This includes: unregistered community groups, registered charities, social enterprises, companies limited by guarantee, Community Interest Companies and other not-for-profit organisations.

To be eligible, applicants must:

Have an annual income of less than £100,000. Priority will be given to organisations with a turnover of less than £50,000 a year.

Have a management committee of at least three unrelated people.

Have a governing document or constitution.

Have a bank account.

Be working with Islington residents.

Priority is given to organisations working with people in Islington who are experiencing poverty and/or isolation.

For more information please visit <https://www.cripplegate.org/support-funding/funding-organisations/islington-councils-community-chest>

Digital Inclusion Fund

Grants are available to charities and not-for-profit organisations in England working on initiatives designing, researching or delivering digital inclusion programmes with a focus on older and/or disabled people, in a new, creative and innovative way.

Grants of between £50,000 and £200,000 are available. Funding is for 12 months from January to December 2019.

The Digital Inclusion Fund, administered by Citizens Online with funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is a new fund that has been launched with the aims of helping older (aged 55 years and older) and disabled people in England to acquire digital skills. Recent research into internet usage across the UK has shown that within these groups, the numbers who go online or can access the internet are lower than average.

The Fund offers grants to support charities and non-for-profit organisations that are designing, researching or delivering creative and innovative programmes to tackle this digital exclusion. Innovative projects are expected to include the teaching of basic skills such as booking GP appointments online, using apps to communicate with friends and family, and making the most of search engines.

Funding can also be used to test and learn from the new approaches. The projects supported may also have scope to scale up and deliver a wider impact.

Applications should be submitted via the online application form available through the Citizens Online website. The first section of the form is a pre-screening questionnaire to check applicants' eligibility.

Applications will be accepted from 10 September (midday) until 1 October 2018 (midday).

Successful applicants will be notified no later than 12 November 2018.

Contact Citizens Online for further information. <https://www.citizenonline.org.uk/digital-inclusion-fund/>

MECC - Training courses now available to book until December 2018

Make every contact count - book free training now

Join the hundreds of people who have already done their Making Every Contact Count (MECC) training and have started to make a real difference to residents' lives through their daily conversations with them. MECC training helps you support residents with their housing, employment, debt, health and wellbeing needs through simple signposting and advice techniques. MECC is easy to implement and the accredited training will also help you enhance your career.

Frontline workers across Camden and Islington are pulling together to improve the wellbeing of local people. Making Every Contact Count is about putting local people first. Wherever we work we can help people make positive changes to their lives.

We're offering a free half-day training course, covering:

- Opportunities to have helpful conversations
- Communication skills to raise an issue, open up a conversation and assess a person's readiness to change
- Behaviour change techniques (including basic motivational interviewing techniques);
- Delivering brief advice and brief interventions
- Signposting and helpful online resources

New courses available:

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Tuesday 9th October 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: Committee Room 3, 1st Floor, Islington Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Tuesday 30th October 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: Committee Room 3, 1st Floor, Islington Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Wednesday 21st November 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 5pm

Venue: Alex Jack Room, Camden Training and Development Centre, Crowndale Centre,
218-220 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Monday 3rd December 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 5pm

Venue: Conference Room, Camden Training and Development Centre, Crowndale Centre,
218-220 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Tuesday 4th December 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: Committee Room 3, 1st Floor, Islington Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD

Course: MECC skills practice training

Date: Tuesday 11th December 2018

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: Committee Room 2, 1st Floor, Islington Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD

Courses are popular and fill up quickly so book a place as soon as you can. They are available locally and are free for anyone working with residents in Camden and Islington.

Book now at: www.camdenmecc.org.uk or www.islingtonmecc.org.uk

For more information about MECC and the programme in Camden & Islington check out the MECC website.

If you need any help booking a course or logging in please contact us at

meccsupport@smgateway.co.uk

Vacancy at BTEG

Head of BAME Connectivity Programme

We are recruiting for the above position.

The post will suit someone with

- at least three years' experience of project management and partnership working on community and economic development
- experience of working with the voluntary and community sector and the black minority ethnic sector
- at least 2 years' experience of delivering training
- an understanding of the voluntary and community sector and the black & minority ethnic sector within London

For full details on the vacancy and how to apply click here.

<https://www.bteg.co.uk/content/head-bame-connectivity-programme>

Vacancies at Manor Gardens Welfare Trust

Manor Gardens have some exciting job opportunities for two Lead Project Worker positions arising within their Health Advocacy Service for the Dahlia Project and Camden Blossoms. This service incorporates a number of projects focused on supporting the physical and mental health of people in particular communities.

For further details and how to apply: <http://manorgardenscentre.org/about-us/jobs-and-volunteering/>