

OUR COMMUNITIES & PEOPLE 2023

DERWENT
LONDON



INTRODUCTION

Supporting our Community

2023 has been our busiest year yet, what with marking 10 years of our Community Fund and issuing our Social Value Strategic Framework, which sets out our refreshed approach to community engagement as well as how we intend to deliver and measure our efforts.

Our employees have found time to give back by volunteering at a number of activities and fundraising for charities that mean something to them. Our Sponsorships and Donations Committee has also continued its work to support a range of organisations through the year.

The following pages provide further details on a range of our 2023 projects.



OUR COMMUNITY FUND

2023 saw us reach the important milestone of ten years of our Community Fund!

In ten years, we've invested £1 million in grassroots projects across our two Community Funds, which operate across our portfolio in Fitzrovia & the West End and in the Tech Belt. We are still involved with some of those groups that we supported in the early years, which is testament to what this Fund stands for - long-term relationships with those who are dedicated to improving outcomes for others in the community. We look forward to continuing those relationships over the coming years.

In total in 2023, £124,500 was awarded to 18 projects across the two Funds.

£1.1m **164**

Invested in the Fund to date

Projects supported since 2013



St. Mary Magdalene School library bus



All Souls Clubhouse



St. Hilda's East Community Centre



Fitzrovia Community Centre

OUR SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS

£340,000

donated in 2023

Our corporate Sponsorships and Donations Committee continues to add another layer of valued support to local, national and even international charitable causes.

We continue to support the Young Westminster Foundation, and their work in addressing the challenges young people in Westminster face which have been exacerbated by the cost of living crisis. Their initiatives are informed by engaging and listening to young people.

Run Kids Run is a social impact charity with three main goals at its heart; putting fitness on the agenda for children (and their parents!), heightening the sense of community and raising funds to plug any gaps in school funding. We were pleased to support one of their runs in April, which had over 400 runners take part.

In September we were pleased to become a member of Article 25, and together with fellow members, such as other developers, architects, engineers and contractors support community driven sustainable projects to provide hospitals, schools and homes in the global south; a term which refers to Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia (excluding Israel, Japan, and South Korea), and Oceania (excluding Australia and New Zealand).



Young Westminster Foundation



Run Kids Run



Article 25

OUR VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING

Employees have taken part in a number of fundraisers this year: London's Air Ambulance abseil, Royal Parks half marathon in aid of Chickenshed, Beachy Head marathon in aid of Child Bereavement UK and the ever popular Macmillan coffee morning.

Employee volunteering at The Soup Kitchen remains popular and those who take part find it both rewarding and humbling to meet people who are experiencing homelessness.

Employees enjoy making a difference outside of the normal workday and the opportunity to establish a common bond with someone at work they don't necessarily routinely work with.



Royal Parks half marathon



Run in the Dark

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**Thanks to Derwent's support
The Passage will be here to
support and protect those at risk
of homelessness. Not just for
Christmas but for life.
Thank you.**

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The Passage, one of six homeless charities that received funding this Christmas.



Christmas lunch at The Soup Kitchen

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

UCLH Charity

We were incredibly pleased to support UCLH Charity previously, with their ambitions for a staff room for a surgical team that didn't have a proper space to rest in. This new space recognises the importance of staff looking after their own wellbeing, as well as that of their patients.

Plans to further support UCLH Charity in 2024 are underway and we look forward to updating you on this and all our other community initiatives next year.

London's Air Ambulance

At the start of 2023 our Sponsorship and Donations Committee agreed to a four year funding agreement to support this charity. In addition five Derwent London employees took part in an abseiling fundraiser descending from the 17th floor of the home of London's Air Ambulance Charity - The Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel.



UCLH 7th floor staff room

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We'd like to thank @derwentlondon for their generous #donation, which went towards a new @UCLH staff room, creating a rest space for the T7 surgical team. Thank you for recognising the team's #wellbeing and providing them a comfortable space.

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Staff at London's Air Ambulance HQ for a charity abseil

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Fitzrovia and Tech Belt Fund recipients

2023 Fitzrovia & West End

All Souls Serve The City

Senior Care Project Wednesday lunch club

Doorstep Library Network

Edgware and Marylebone shared reading projects

Local Village Network

Amplify Me mentoring programme

Fitzrovia Noir

Core funding to support their community engagement

Creative Women's Hub

Unheard Creative Communities Mentorship & Exhibition programme

Fitzrovia Youth in Action

Core funding for their youth social action programme

The Fitzrovia Trust

Renewal of play equipment for Whitfield Street children's playground

FitzMusic

Fitzrovia Arts Festival

Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association

Healthy minds through arts & crafts project for women in Fitzrovia

2023 Tech Belt

Hoxton Hall

Strictly Hoxton tea and dance sessions for seniors

YOH

Tech Belters Challenge

Papa Academy CIC

Digital skills training for women

Providence Row

Health & wellbeing fairs for the homeless

Rich Mix Cultural Foundation

Flip the Script: Rich Mix Schools film education programme

HealthProm

Core funding

Central Foundation for Boys School

Mini bus hire

Power 2

Teens and Toddlers project

KIDS

Sensory nature garden for Hayward Adventure Playground

Other charities & organisations supported in 2023*

Donations and Sponsorships

Article 25

Bartlett School for Architecture scholarship

CALM

CentrepoinT

Chickenshed

Community Tool Bank

COSMIC

Design Future London

Fitzrovia Community Centre

Knight Frank Day of Giving

LandAid

London's Air Ambulance

Mind

Movember

National Kidney Federation

New London Architecture

Norwood and Junior Norwood

Open City education programme

Place2Be

Providence Row

Reading Real Estate Foundation bursary

Royal Academy of Music

Royal Parks Half Marathon

Run Kids Run

Shop and Donate

Teenage Cancer Trust

The Academy of Real Assets

The British Red Cross

The Civic Trust

The Company of Architects

The Marylebone Project

The Passage

The Soup Kitchen

The Story of Christmas

UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings

University College London Hospital Charity

Variety Club Childrens Charity

Veterans Aid

West End Community Trust

Westminster City Council cost of living food appeal

Westminster Property Association

Westminster Wheels

Whitecross Street Party

YMCA London City & North

Young Camden Foundation

Young Westminster Foundation

* Further donations made under £1,000 but not listed here

Scotland:

Auchinairn Aftercare

Betterbriggs

Bishopbriggs Bowling Club

Campsie Show

EDC Foodbank

EDC FC

GRDA

New Roots

Rookie Rockstars

RSABI

Sense Scotland (RNIB)

Springfield Chorusters

The Cannal Project

