

OUR COMMUNITIES & PEOPLE 2024

INTRODUCTION

Supporting our Community

2024 was an important year for Derwent London; our 40th anniversary to be exact. It has given us the opportunity to take stock and look back at what we have achieved for, and with, our local communities. Whether that be through the social value our regeneration activity has created (including S.106 agreements), or giving back to the city we love and the causes we're close to through donations, volunteering and fundraising.

From our earliest partnerships with Teenage Cancer Trust and Chickenshed in the early 2000's, through to our Community Fund created in 2013 as well as our dedicated Sponsorship & Donations Committee supporting charities throughout the year, we are proud to say we still have ongoing relationships with many of those early groups and still wish to share our success with them.

The following pages provide further details on our 2024 community engagement.

Front cover image:
Community Fund recipient –
Hoxton Hall



Community Fund recipient – Dende Collective, Jane Lowe

OUR COMMUNITY FUND

Our Fund continues to support projects that will bring benefits to the local community in areas in which we operate, in particular focusing on local community events, increasing employment opportunities for local people, health and well-being, public space improvements, arts & culture and educational projects.

This year's recipients demonstrated a real commitment to supporting local communities with inspiring projects and purpose, and as always we look forward to hearing what these projects achieve over the coming months.

In total in 2024, £112,206 was awarded to 16 projects across the two Funds.



Tech Belt Community Fund recipient – Arts For All



Tech Belt Community Fund recipient – The Spitz © Hannah Lovell

£1.2m 180

Invested in the Fund to date

Projects supported since 2013

OUR SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS

Our corporate Sponsorships and Donations Committee continues to add another layer of valued support to more established charities in the wider community.

A primary focus for the Committee in recent years has been supporting groups tackling homelessness and we entered into a 3 year funding agreement with the charity Providence Row for their Welcome Area and Resource Hub. Over the years they have supported thousands of people to de-risk their lives and start pathways to recovery and we are pleased to assist them over the coming years.

An important sponsorship this year for us was to support The Portman Estate's charity garden party in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The event saw stakeholders, partners and sponsors join together to raise money to fund specialist nurses and provide support for children with complex medical needs across the UK.

We weren't the only ones celebrating a milestone this year. Chickenshed celebrated their 50th anniversary and we were delighted to support and attend their Wonder Gala, an event which captured the energy and joy which is in everything Chickenshed does for young people through its theatre related work.

£340,000

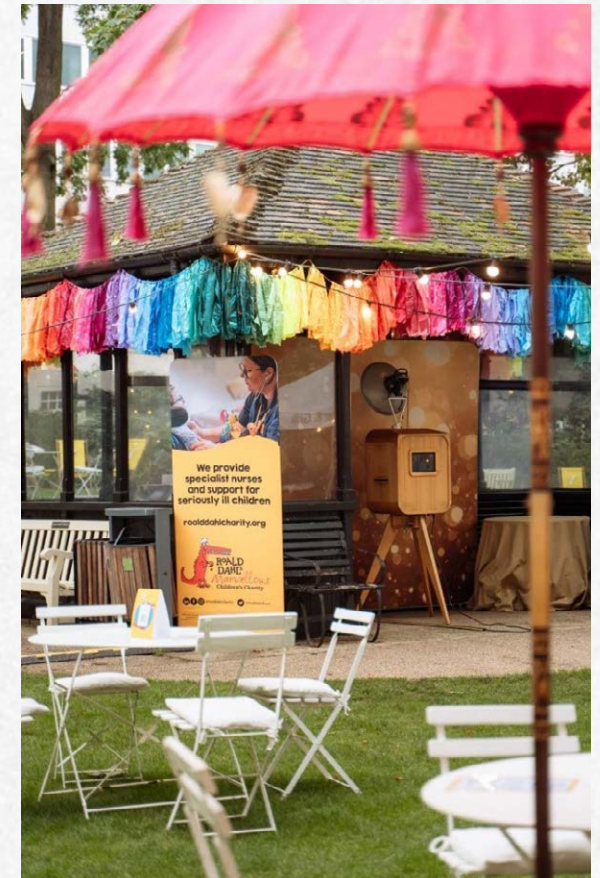
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Chickenshed Wonder Gala



Providence Row



Portman Estates Garden Party

OUR VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING

For a number of years we have supported The Story of Christmas, which is the property and construction industries' annual Christmas charity concert. This year we went one step further and took part in their Ambassador programme and hosted a pub quiz styled fundraising event at our DL/78 Lounge, which raised further funds thanks to the generosity of our leasing agent network.

Volunteering is a perfect way to meet new people and experience life from a different angle. This year a number of Derwent London employees met with young people taking part in Resurgo's Spear programme, which gives them the opportunity to develop networking and communication skills while exploring professional environments.

“

Thank you for hosting a brilliant afternoon. The group loved the visit, the different components and loved the rooftop view! Thanks to the volunteers, you were all absolutely brilliant and provided great feedback for the trainees.

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Resurgo



Resurgo's Spear programme



The Story of Christmas pub quiz fundraiser

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Where possible we like to use our buildings to benefit our communities. Our incredible White Collar Factory building has been at the heart of not one but two amazing fundraisers this year.

We had the pleasure of hosting UCLH Charity's inaugural abseil fundraiser, with occupiers across the portfolio signing up to take part. We were thrilled to learn that a staggering £50,000 was raised!

2024 also saw the return of the ever popular roof top half marathon. Occupier teams came together to raise money for their chosen charities and to celebrate their sporting efforts.

“

A huge THANK YOU ... for your amazing support for UCLH through hosting our very first charity abseil event. My team has expressed how great the Derwent team at the WCF building have been in helping us to get this huge endeavour underway.

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Head of Charitable Giving, UCLH Charity



Roof top half marathon and team medals



UCLH Charity inaugural abseil fundraiser

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Community Fund recipients

2024 Fitzrovia & West End

All Souls Serve the City
Senior Care project

Dende Collective
Church Street Masquerade

Volta International
Bright Lights London

Foodcycle Marylebone
Foodcycle at St Paul's Church

Fitzrovia Youth in Action
Sunday sport drop ins at The Warren

Fitz Music
Fitz Fest

Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association
Healthy minds through arts & crafts for women in Fitzrovia

Georges Sokol
Piano festival

2024 Tech Belt

The Spitz Charitable Trust
Live music for well being

SoapBox
STEAM Online

FCV Dorcas
Core funding

Hoxton Hall
Strictly Hoxton tea and dance for seniors

Urban MBA
Core funding

Bounce Legacy CIC
Bounce film school

Streets of Growth
Pathfinder career mentoring

Arts for All
The Rainbow Club

Other charities & organisations supported in 2024*

Donations and Sponsorships

Article 25
Breast Cancer Now
Chickenshed
Civic Trust Awards
Comic Relief
COSMIC
Fitzrovia Community Centre
Global Returns Project
Home Kitchen
Kate Spade On Purpose
LandAid
London's Air Ambulance
London Property Alliance
Mosaic LGBT+ Trust
New London Architecture
NLA sponsorship
Open City
Peel Hunt cycle fundraiser
Portman Estate Charity Garden Party
Providence Row
Reading Real Estate Foundation bursary
Resurgo
Run Islington Run
Shop & Donate
Single Homeless Project
St Mungo's
The Academy of Real Assets
The Architecture Foundation
The Emperor Foundation in aid of Papyrus
The Green Chronicle
The Happold Foundation
The Story of Christmas
The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects

UCLH Charity
West End Community Trust
West End Office Agents Society
Whizz Kidz
Young Camden Foundation

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

Scotland:

Auchinairn After School Club
Autistic Society
Babes in The Wood
Bishopbriggs Bowling Club
Campsie Show 2024
Christmas Tractor Run
East Dunbartonshire Foodbank
MyName5Doddie
RDA
RSBI
Scottish Society For The Blind
Social Bite
The Springfield Chorus

We ended the year with a joyful gathering of our incredible network of Community Fund recipients, charity organisations and occupiers, whose work makes a meaningful difference everyday.

