

2019

Our Communities & People

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Introduction



Supporting our Community

Investing in long term relationships is key to our buildings being an intrinsic part of their communities. Since 2013 our Community Fund has not only facilitated financial investment but has also supported effective long lasting communication with our local communities. Volunteering plays a vital part in our being able to give back to the wider community and to truly understand just how important the groups we support really are to their neighbourhoods. Our building teams and occupiers believe just as much as we do in the value that being part of the community brings and, as you will see in the coming pages, how they have played their part throughout 2019 to achieve this.

Our Community Fund

Since 2013 the fundamental aim that has underpinned our Community Fund is to support the grass roots projects that matter to our local communities, whether that be environmental improvements, health & wellbeing activities, music & culture or care for the disadvantaged and marginalised. 2019 saw our Fitzrovia Fund transform into the Fitzrovia & West End Community Fund reflecting its expansion into new local areas around our Brunel Building and Soho Place, resulting in a greater community base. The Tech Belt Fund's evolution since its inception in 2016 means that it has now proudly supported 50 projects. In total during 2019 £115,000 was awarded to 19 projects across the two funds.

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COMMUNITY FUND

£690,000

Invested in the
Fund to date

96

Projects supported
since 2013

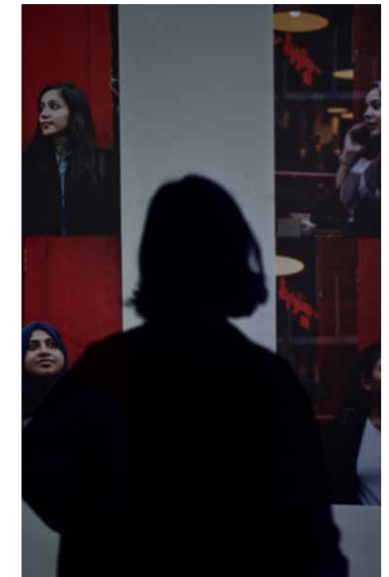


← Fitzrovia & West End Fund 2019 – Fitzrovia Youth in Action's community Christmas lunch

→ Tech Belt Fund spring 2019 – Stuart Low Trust community garden project at Culpeper Gardens



→ Fitzrovia & West End Fund 2019 – St Mary Magdalene Primary School library bus project



↑ Tech Belt Fund spring 2019 – Coney Ltd "We Are Shadows" project

Our sponsorships and donations

We place great value on our partnerships and the support we give to communities impacted by our projects. Our Sponsorships and Donations Committee meets regularly throughout the year to review all requests for support, however big or small. For 2019 our key areas were homelessness, health & wellbeing, education and arts & culture, with a particular focus on mental health and homelessness.

In 2019 a total of £280,000 was given to charities and groups in the wider community such as COSMIC, KIDS, National Holocaust Centre, Cardboard Citizens, and Hospital Rooms.

A further £10,000 was given specifically to charities that were nominated by Derwent staff as causes close to their heart:



£1.7m

Sponsorships and donations since 2013

→ 2019 was the first year of our sponsoring the Royal Academy's inaugural awards programme which highlights the work of emerging architects across the world.



← Works donated by artists:
Left to right:
Antony Gormley
Ian Davenport
Lisa Wright

→ We sponsored Cardboard Citizens' second Art on the Mind art exhibition and auction which raised around £70,000 to support their work with people experiencing and at risk of homelessness.



Our volunteering

Our community work is a key aspect of our sustainability programme and we actively encourage our staff to take part in volunteering initiatives that arise throughout the year whether that be a group we are connected with through our Community Fund or a group closer to home.

Staff have freely given their time, expertise and energy to a wide range of activities and groups such as schools, career carousels, garden maintenance days, beach cleans, lunch clubs for the elderly and soup kitchens.

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Organisations we
volunteered for in 2019

151

Hours given



↑
Beach clean along
the River Thames
in conjunction with
Paper Round



↑
Our longstanding
commitment to
the Soup Kitchen
remains strong

"A really worthwhile cause. I will definitely
sign up again!"

(A Derwent London member of staff referring to the the Soup Kitchen)

Our buildings in their communities

We recognise how vital it is for us as a business to widen our reach and facilitate employment pathways for future generations, therefore this has been an integral aspect of outreach for us.

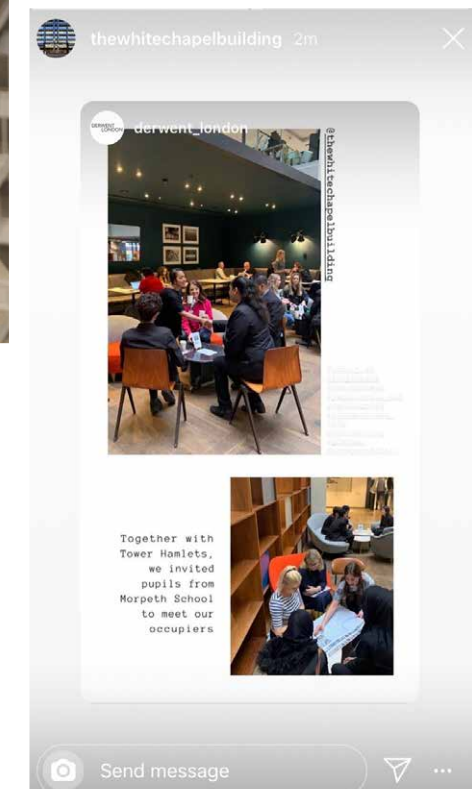
Our building teams have opened their doors and welcomed primary schools in, they have invited secondary schools to our buildings to meet not only us but the architects and construction companies who are instrumental to our buildings, and we hosted our first ever careers carousel in collaboration with our occupiers.



↑
Youth engagement
day at Tea Building



↑
Marylebone Boys School
at Brunel Building



→
Morpeth School
careers carousel at
The White Chapel
Building

Overview



Time to Talk Day at The White Chapel Building, Feb 2019

2019 was yet another busy year for us. Broadening the reach of our Fitzrovia & West End Community Fund has brought with it new introductions and brand new opportunities to connect.

Education was a key focus area for our charitable giving and to this end we pledged to establish a scholarship for a student in financial need enrolling on the new Architecture MSci programme at University College London in the new academic year.

Our building teams and occupiers across the portfolio have come together to fundraise for good causes and to take part in such initiatives as Mental Health Awareness Week.

We look forward to building on this in 2020 and sharing it with you in our next Community Highlights publication.

Community Fund

2019 – Fitzrovia & West End

All Souls Clubhouse – lunch club and coffee mornings for the elderly
Doorstep Library Network – literacy support for families
Fitzrovia Youth in Action – community Christmas dinner
Mission Remission – support group for cancer survivors
Soup Kitchen at American International Church – welcome service at soup kitchen
St Mary Magdalene School – library bus project
West London Mission – employment programme for the homeless

Spring 2019 – Tech Belt

Coney Ltd – storytelling and digital programming course with Mulberry School
KIDS – playground water play rejuvenation
Peer UK – zine-making workshops
St Hilda's East Community Centre – Boys Space project
The Spitz Charitable Trust – one to one music sessions at Bridgeside Lodge
The Stuart Low Trust – therapeutic gardening club at Culpeper Community Garden

Autumn 2019 – Tech Belt

The Parent House – parent outreach volunteer programme
Young Actors Theatre – performing arts classes for disadvantaged young people
A New Direction – employment programme for disadvantaged children and young people
The Literacy Pirates – literacy project for school children
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation – art and film project for children
Society Links – education support programme for young people

Other charities and organisations supported in 2019

Donations

Norwood
Junior Norwood
Royal Academy of Music
Teenage Cancer Trust
North London Hospice
Fitzrovia Youth in Action
Muscular Dystrophy
Hospital Rooms
Coppafeel
Sir Simon Milton Foundation
Coram
Orchid
St Johns Hospice
COSMIC
KIDS
St Hilda's East Community Centre
Aldgate Lantern Parade
Mary on the Green
Springfield Festival
Land Aid
The Story of Christmas
Seymour Place Community Hub
Shelter from the Storm
National Holocaust Centre
Staff Christmas Charities

Sponsorships

Chickenshed
Art on the Mind
Architects Benevolent Society
Open City
New London Architecture
Architecture Foundation
Civic Trust
BCO NextGen Awards
Royal Academy
Whitechapel Gallery
Open House rooftops
Westminster West End Live
Westminster Pop Up Business School
New Architecture Writers

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