

2020

Our Communities & People

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Time to Talk days at The White Chapel Building E1
Such events offer a range of physical and wellbeing-focused activities for our occupiers ranging from a 'food disco', yoga, consultations on pain and injury to an introduction on mental health awareness.

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Introduction



Literacy Pirates
Young authors' book project
An inspiring new initiative to
spark children's imaginations

Supporting our Community

Investing in long term relationships with community groups has always been key for us, and none more so than in 2020. Our Community Fund continued to support groups in our neighbourhoods. Volunteering continued too, albeit in new ways. Local groups have proved beyond doubt their value to their community in their strength and determination to keep going throughout 2020 and we have been proud to have supported them. The following pages highlight just some of the projects that have taken place. In 2020 our budget for charitable giving increased by 179% to £1.1m, including £186,000 paid for by waiver of 20% of Directors' salaries.

Our Community Fund

For 2020 our Community Fund extended its guidelines in order to consider applications for core funding as well as grass roots projects in recognition of and response to the extra assistance charities and local groups needed during this most extraordinary of years. The result of this was being able to support a variety of initiatives that not only positively impacted communities here and now but also sustained groups until they could safely operate once again. In total during 2020, £97,000 was awarded to 18 projects across the two funds.

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COMMUNITY FUND

£750,000

Invested in the Fund to date

110

Projects supported since 2013



← Tech Belt Fund 2020
Soapbox
Soundscapes

Tech Belt Fund 2020
Literacy Pirates
Young authors' book project



↑ Fitzrovia & West End Fund 2020
Fitzrovia Youth in Action
Warren Street Centre Youth Social Action



↑ Fitzrovia & West End Fund 2020
Mousetrap Theatre Projects
Core funding

Our sponsorships and donations

In 2020 our Sponsorships and Donations Committee continued to focus on mental health and homelessness and funded the refurbishment of a counselling room within The Soup Kitchen in Fitzrovia; which was also a collaborative effort alongside TTP on the build and AHMM as architects on a pro bono basis.

In 2020 a total of £534,000 was given to charities and groups in our wider community. In a direct response to Covid-19 £50,000 was committed to groups helping the most vulnerable such as soup kitchens, homeless outreach and groups supporting the elderly.

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



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Projects supported in 2020 through the Sponsorships & Donations Committee



← **UCL Bartlett School of Architecture**
New MSci 4 year programme with £100,000 commitment starting 2020 over 4 years to support one student for fees and living costs, ensuring greater accessibility to higher education and property-related professions to those from disadvantaged backgrounds.



↑ **Chickenshed**
Our three year partnership with Chickenshed has enabled such projects as Day One Big School.

Royal Academy of Music →

Following our support of the renowned cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason, we will enter into a new 4-year agreement in 2021 to support another student, ensuring that such a prestigious opportunity is open to all, regardless of background.



Our volunteering

Our volunteering programme has always been an integral part of our community engagement and all staff are encouraged to take time out to take part in a project that is connected to our portfolio or nearer to home.

Despite initially fearing that this would have to stop during 2020 we found ourselves busier than ever as local groups turned to technology and continued their services online.

Therefore we were able to take part in a variety of career insight events, CV feedback schemes, phone calls to the elderly, and even one in-person event in the autumn as we took part in the Great British September Clean.

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Organisations we
volunteered for in 2020



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Derwent London take part in the Great
British September Clean

“From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for helping us get through this hard time. Please know, you’ve made our Christmas”

Beneficiary of the ELBA Toy Appeal 2020

Supporting the NHS

It was of utmost importance to us that we provided whatever support we could to the NHS and key workers this year. The extra funds committed via the waived Directors' salaries in 2020 enabled us to support the NHS in a number of ways.

Donations to UCLH Charity and the 1928 Project ensured that hospital staff were provided for in practical terms with commercial fridges to store food donations and gift cards to assist with their food shopping around shift patterns.

We were really pleased to be able to provide 16 furnished flats at 80 Charlotte Street to front line workers at University College Hospital.

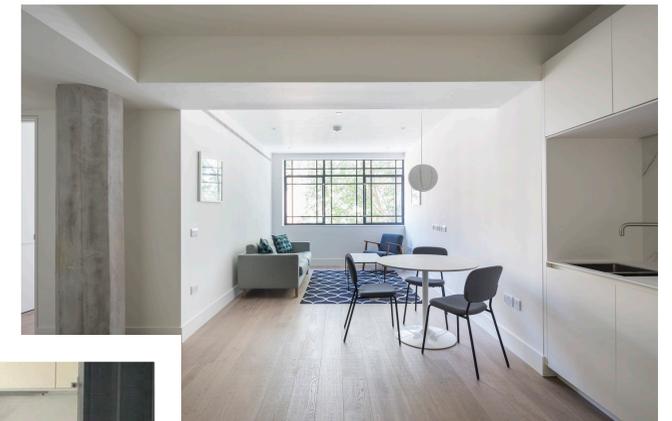
In recognition of the medical school students that stepped forward to volunteer at hospitals, GP surgeries and care homes we supported UCL's Medical Student Support Fund.



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Charlotte Apartments W1



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Final year medical students volunteering as part of the UCLH Covid-19 Response Team



↑
Charlotte Apartments W1

Chris Dann, NHS divisional manager, surgery



Overview



↑
The Spitz - Music and deep healing project at Bridgeside Lodge care home, Islington N1

Photo credit: Hannah Lovell; double bass: Henrik Jensen; piano/voice: Arthur Lea

2020 will be the year that for many will be overshadowed by one thing; Covid-19. However we also need to remember the good; the goodwill of people who came together to support their communities and neighbourhoods, the organisations who remained opened to help the most vulnerable and the incredible efforts of the NHS.

Looking ahead we remain committed to supporting our neighbourhoods and ensuring that our business effects positive change for all.

Community Fund

2020 - Fitzrovia & West End

- Soup Kitchen at the International Church** - Core costs to maintain the service
- Fitzrovia Youth in Action** - Young person's better choices project
- Mission Remission** - Online support group for cancer patients and survivors
- Foodcycle Marylebone** - Tackling food poverty
- Holcroft Court Residents Association** - Greening project on Carburton Street
- All Souls Clubhouse** - Core funding to maintain elderly lunch club service during Covid-19
- Mousetrap Theatre Projects** - Projects for Core funding during Covid-19

Spring 2020 - Tech Belt

- Literacy Pirates** - Young authors' book project
- Foundation for Change** - Women's support group
- Coney Ltd** - Digital upskilling programme for young people
- Soapbox** - Multi-media project co-produced by local young people
- The Spitz Charitable Trust** - Music and deep healing post-Covid for care home residents

Autumn 2020 - Tech Belt

- Providence Row** - Peer mentoring programme for the homeless
- Rich Mix Cultural Foundation - Pic`n` Mix**: Rich Mix schools Film Education Programme
- Kunstraum** - Short film project for young BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities
- KIDS** - Upgrade of outdoor lighting for a playground that supports disabled children and their families
- The Literacy Pirates** - Young Pirates film project 2021
- Calthorpe Community Garden** - Core funding

Other charities and organisations supported in 2020

Donations

- Chickenshed
- Bartlett scholarship Norwood
- Junior Norwood
- Royal Academy of Music
- Young Camden Fund
- West End Community Trust
- Teenage Cancer Trust
- Geffrye Museum of the Home
- Microscope Ball in aid of Muscular Dystrophy
- Architects Benevolent Society
- Shooting Stars Childrens Hospices
- Westminster Pop Up Business School
- XLP computers for kids
- LandAid
- The Soup Kitchen
- The Story of Christmas
- Wytham Hall
- The Passage
- St Mungo's
- The Marylebone Project
- Welcome Trust Covid Zero
- Imperial Health - 1928 project
- UCLH
- Our Frontline
- UCL Medical Student Support Fund
- The Francis Crick Institute
- When you wish upon a star
- St John's Hospice
- Maggie's
- COSMIC at St Mary's
- Will Rutt
- CRUK
- Macmillan
- The Barbican Centre Trust
- St Martin in the Fields
- Rhyl Primary
- Fitzrovia Community Centre
- Urban MBA
- All Change Arts
- Healthwatch Lambeth (Black Thrive)
- Juvenis
- All Souls Clubhouse
- Providence Row
- Mission Remission
- Cardboard Citizens
- West London Mission
- St Hilda's East Community Centre
- St Patrick's Church Soho
- Slade Adventure Playground
- Brixton Soup Kitchen
- Sir Simon Milton Foundation
- Anne Frank Trust

Sponsorships

- Westminster Property Association
- Open City
- New London Architecture
- BCO NextGen Awards
- Civic Trust
- Royal Academy of Arts

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