



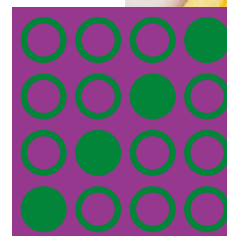
Lambeth's

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) Annual Report 2024

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"I'm proud to introduce this year's annual report on Lambeth's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme - a vital part of how we support children and young people during school holidays.

In 2024, Lambeth Council delivered another ambitious HAF programme, providing over £1.3 million of support across the spring, summer and winter holidays. This investment helped fund free, nutritious meals and high-quality, enriching activities for young people aged 4 to 16 - focused on those eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM). We also offered additional places for those needing extra support, including children with SEND, care-experienced young people, and those at risk of social isolation.

Across the year, more than 50,000 places were available, offering access to sports, creative arts, cookery, performance, and more. These activities support wellbeing and boost confidence, social connections, and access to new opportunities. With additional support from Lambeth Council, we were also able to extend provision, including helping clubs and communities impacted by periods of disruption over the summer and to provide additional food and snacks.

This programme is part of a wider commitment to ensure that no child misses out because of family circumstances, especially when rising living costs continue to put pressure on households. Summer holidays are often a time when costs go up for families and structured activities harder to access-programmes like HAF help reduce inequality, tackle food insecurity and support families with affordable childcare.

The success of this year's programme is thanks to the dedication of our providers, volunteers and council teams, who have worked together to ensure that children and young people across Lambeth can enjoy safe, healthy and positive holiday experiences."

Councillor Ben Kind
Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families



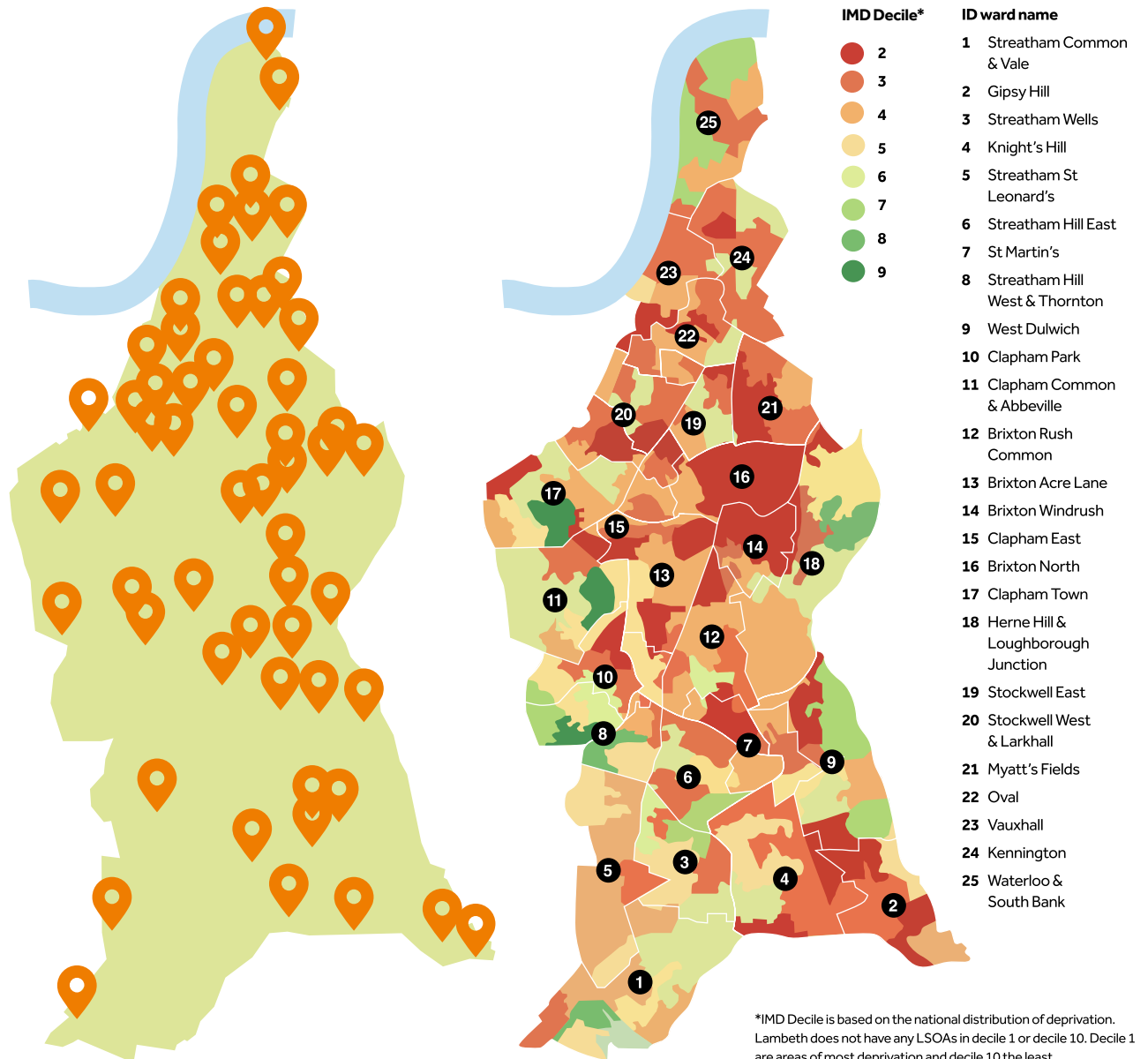
Background

School holidays can create significant pressure for families due to higher expenses, such as food and childcare, coupled with reduced incomes. This can result in a holiday experience gap for some children and young people, with less access to organised out-of-school activities and healthy meals, being less physically active, and at greater risk of social isolation. Free holiday clubs address these challenges, and evidence suggests that they can positively impact on the physical and mental well-being of young people.

In 2024, Lambeth Council received £1,334,050 from the Department for Education to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme during the spring, summer and winter holidays. The programme offers support to families on lower incomes and gives children and young people in Lambeth the opportunity to access healthy meals and fun, enriching activities during the school holidays.

During 2024, 13,412 children and young people were eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals in Lambeth. Our HAF programme funded free places in holiday clubs that are located in areas of high need and we work closely with clubs to ensure that eligible children are accessing free places.

Map of Lambeth's HAF clubs vs areas of high need in Lambeth:



2024 HAF Holiday Clubs

(not all providers delivered across all 3 holiday periods)

198 Contemporary Arts and Learning	Peace Service)	Lerato Community Initiative	St Martin's Community Centre
A2ndvoice CIC	Code 7 Ltd	Lifelong Family Links	St. Matthew's Project
Activities 4 U	Coin Street Centre Trust	Lilford Area Residents Association	STEP NOW
AllStars Activity CIC	Community Education Foundation & Lyncx (CEF Lyncx)	Lollard St Adventure Playground	STREAMZ
Angell Delight	Cottington Close Sports Kids Camp	Longfield Hall Trust	Streatham Youth and Community Trust
Art4Space	Dwayne Simpson Foundation CIC	Loughborough community centre	Stewarts Road APG
Ashdon Jazz Academy	East African Association	Loughborough Junction Group for Grove Adventure Playground	The Boury Academy CIC
Autism Voice Limited	Eritrean Muslim Community Association UK	Moving Matters	The Creators House
Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Exceed Reading Stars LTD	MTVH	The Hebe Foundation
Be Enriched	Free to Be Kids	ML Community Enterprise Ltd	The Soul Shack LDN CIC
BiG (Besty's Inspirational Guidance) C.I.C	Fulham Football Club Foundation	Oasis Hub Waterloo	Triangle Adventure Playground Association
BIG UP Communities	High Trees Community Development Trust	Oasisplay	Tulse Hill Estate Tenants and Residents Association
BIGKID Foundation	JJROB LDN CIC	Omnibus Theatre	UINCAP
Black Prince Trust	Kennington Park Community Centre	OurParks LTD	UK Latin Community CIC
Bright Centres	Kinetika Bloco	Parallel Youth Enterprise	Upper Norwood Library Trust
Brixton Community Based - Brixton Youth Theatre	Lambeth Somali Community Association	Pinnacle Group	Vauxhall City Farm
Brixton Wings	Lambeth Tigers Foundation	Rathbone Society	Whippersnappers
Carers Hub		Slade Gardens Community Play Association CIO	Young People Matter
CHIPS (Christian International		South London Topcats	

SPRING

Lambeth's Spring of Food and Fun (1 - 12 April)



Spring HAF breakdown	Description
Number of clubs operating	61
Number of places funded	10,206
Number of individual children and young people who attended	2,205
Number of primary school aged children	1,480
Number of secondary school aged children	725
Number of healthy meals provided	10,880
Examples of enriching activities provided	Multisports including basketball, tennis, cricket, rugby, football, dance and drama workshops, music and rapping workshops, arts and crafts, cooking workshops, trips to the park, museums, ice skating and trampoline parks, cultural and outdoor recreation activities, teambuilding, Easter egg hunts, activities that enhance problem-solving skills and conflict management.

Highlights of Spring HAF:

- 7,200 pieces of fruit and sanitary protection items to help alleviate period poverty
- 450 Take and Make boxes were supplied by The Mayor's Fund for London, providing an additional c.1,800 meals. The Felix Project delivered surplus food to several of Lambeth's HAF clubs
- During Spring HAF, we piloted a partnership with Lambeth's Health and Well-being bus team. The bus visited 7 HAF hubs, engaging with c.150 young people and their families. Information was provided about health checks, healthy eating, vaccinations, diabetes, and prostate cancer. These visits also raised awareness of the bus. Parents who wanted support to improve their English were signposted to ESOL classes. The team delivered activities for children and young people focussed on healthy eating and mental health.

*Appendix 1 provides an overview of funding levels received by holiday clubs

SUMMER

Lambeth's Summer of Food and Fun (29 July - 30 Aug)



Summer HAF breakdown	Description
Number of clubs operating	74
Number of places funded	37,025
Number of individual children and young people who attended	4,044
Number of primary school aged children	2,610
Number of secondary school aged children	1,434
Number of healthy meals provided	53,490
Examples of enriching activities provided	Basketball, yoga, tennis, dodgeball, football (including an inter-APG football tournament), musical theatre, dance, IT skills, film production, DJing, podcasting, cookery, arts and crafts, enterprise skills, bicycle repair workshops, circus skills, gardening, local community days, drama workshops, wellness and nutrition activities, literacy skills, "Play in a week" programmes, Olympic Games-themed activities, BMXing, woodwork, sustainability and nature-based programmes, capoeira, dance, acrobatics, instrument playing.

Highlights of Summer HAF:

- An array of trips including visits to Lidos, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the Cutty Sark, Planetarium, Maritime Museum, visits to the seaside, residential programmes, swimming lessons, lidos, cinema trips, museums and theatre trips (including Hamilton)
- Over 10,000 pieces of fruit, 3,000 aluminium water bottles, sanitary products and breakfast food items centrally funded by Lambeth
- The Felix Project delivered 26,000kg (26 tonnes) of free surplus food to HAF providers during the 5-week holiday period (an additional 5,000 kg was delivered to other community organisations in Lambeth).

WINTER

Lambeth's Winter of Food and Fun (23 Dec - 3 Jan)



Winter HAF breakdown	Description
Number of clubs operating	28
Number of places funded	3,378
Number of individual children and young people who attended	1,074
Number of primary school aged children	815
Number of secondary school aged children	259
Number of healthy meals provided	3,800
Examples of enriching activities provided	Multisports, basketball, football, dance and drama workshops, festive arts and crafts, trips to museums, ice skating and trampoline parks, cooking workshops, 1-2-1 and group mentoring, outdoor fun at adventure playgrounds including big swings, aerial walkways, the giant trampoline and half pipe skate ramp. Cultural activities and team-building activities that enhance problem-solving skills and conflict management.

Highlights of Winter HAF:

- Over 3,000 pieces of fruit, sanitary products and breakfast food items. Surplus food was delivered by The Felix Project
- Several clubs received Christmas gifts for the children from local charities and retailers
- Our pantomime (please see below) provided the opportunity to engage with eligible children and young people who had not attended a HAF programme previously



Panto time!

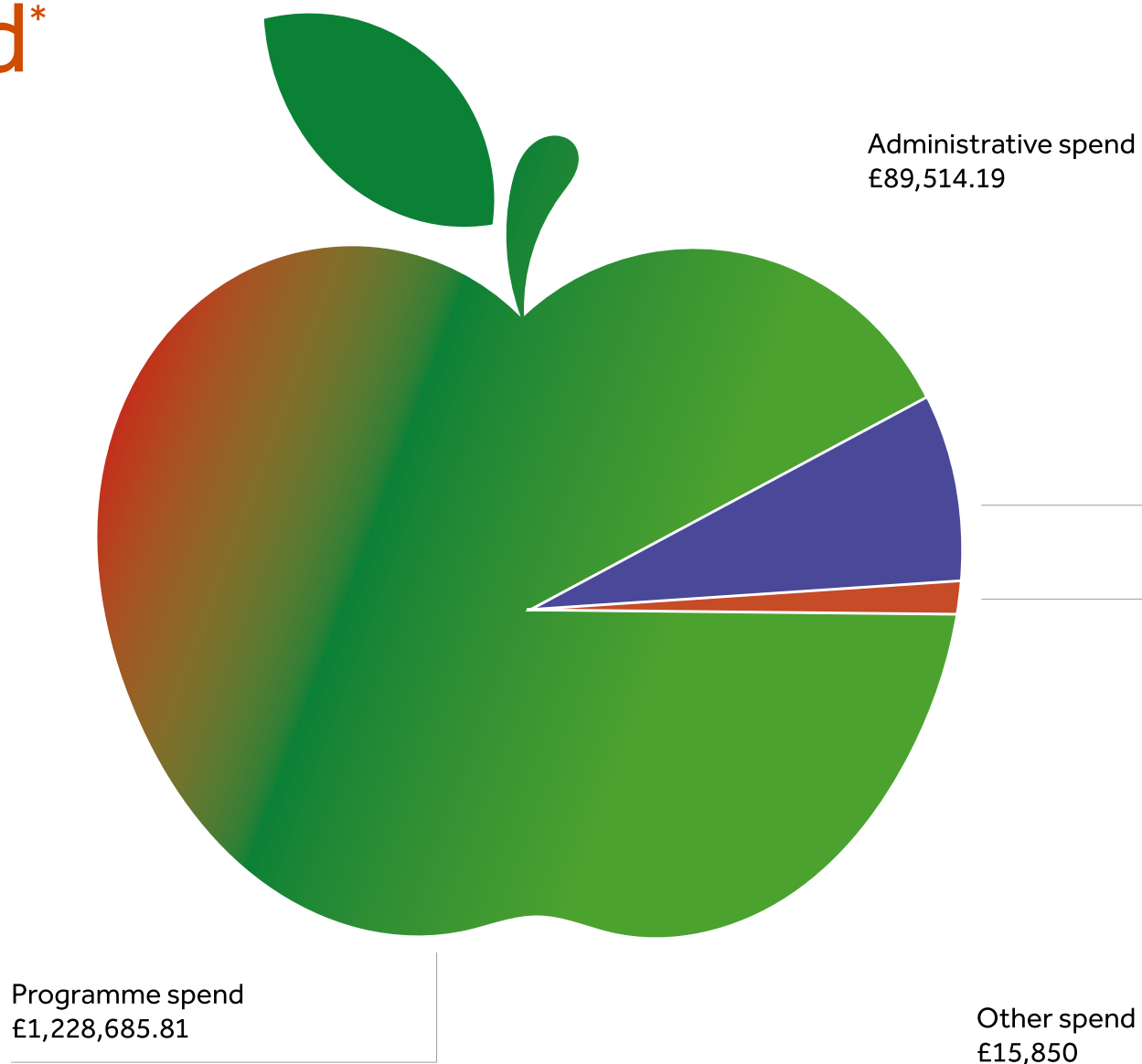
During the Winter HAF we commissioned a Lambeth-based theatre company/HAF provider, to put on 3 performances of 'Christmas in the Castle'. Based across 2 sites, over 300 children attended and were also provided with either a hot or cold meal.

The children really enjoyed the performance and for some of them, it was the first time they had seen a pantomime.



Total HAF spend*

- **Programme spend – £1,228,685.81** (grants to holiday clubs, meals, additional SEND funding, pieces of fruit, sanitary products, promoting the programme)
- **Administrative spend – £89,514.19** (project management and staffing costs)
- **Other spend – £15,850** (costs associated with centralised booking system)
- **Total HAF spend** (for April 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) **£1,334,050**
- *An additional **£52,000** was allocated from Lambeth's Youth and Play budget to fund an additional 8,000 free places for non-eligible children and young people.



Meals and nutrition education

Meals



Approximately 68,000 healthy, tasty meals were provided across the 3 holiday periods. All young people received at least one healthy meal per funded session.



We partnered with Dealmakers to provide extra fresh fruit for snacks or lunches to all HAF-funded young people and distributed in the region of 20,000 pieces throughout the year.



Many of our holiday clubs received surplus food from The Felix Project to help provide healthy lunches at holiday clubs or to give to families to support them through the cost-of-living crisis. Some received Felix Meals, which are freshly prepared meals produced from surplus food in The Felix Project's kitchen in East London.

Nutrition education

During the Summer holiday, Lambeth worked with Veg Power who have partnered with Aardman Animation to create a fun-filled nutrition education experience for HAF programmes to get kids eating more vegetables.

The programme introduces children to a variety of vegetables and the importance of eating the colours of the rainbow.

The programme features the popular children's character Shaun the Sheep. All of their work is backed by their experience in nutrition, behavioural change and fun, and commitment to support cultural, economic and neuro diversity.



Take and Make boxes

Lambeth's HAF team worked with the Mayor's Fund for London who provided free Take and Make boxes. These are nutritional, 'low cook', vegetable-based high-quality recipe-kit boxes for young people and their families. All recipes were designed to be made with limited kitchen utensils to ensure cooking at home is as inclusive as possible. Every box contains instructions and skill training cards plus online video tutorials to build confidence in cooks of all ages.



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Approximately £99,000 was allocated from Lambeth's HAF budget towards supporting children with SEND. This funding was awarded to both SEND-focused providers and Universal providers, to ensure that children and young people with additional needs could access these clubs. This additional funding supported 1449 young people and paid for specialist staff and equipment and, in some cases, transport costs.

We work closely with our SEND colleagues and Lambeth's Parent Forum to continue to improve HAF's SEND offer.

Signposting

As part of the programme, Lambeth's HAF clubs provided information, signposting or referrals to other services and support, that would benefit the young people and their families who access their provision.

The HAF team worked closely with Lambeth's cost-of-living crisis team and signposted families to emergency support, advice on saving energy, support for parents and guardians, housing and homelessness, benefits and financial support, family support and work, education and training.

We also provided signposting to emotional wellbeing and mental health support services across Lambeth for children and young people.

HAF Advisory Group

Lambeth Young Advisors

Lambeth Youth Council

Integrated Children's Commissioning and Youth Services

Community Safety and Resilience

Cabinet Member for Safer Communities

Resident Engagement

Communications

Families Information Service and Early Years

SEND



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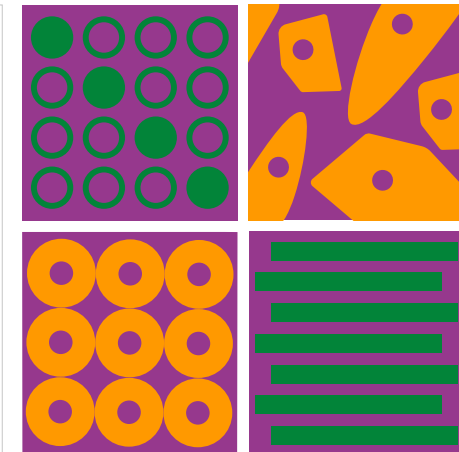
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Promoting the programme

We promoted our HAF programme via

- Postcards and posters printed and delivered to settings in Lambeth, including GP surgeries, VCS organisations, pharmacies, day centres, leisure and sport centres, and all libraries
- Posters put up on estate notice boards
- Letters shared with schools and given to families on Free School Meals
- HAF webpage on Lambeth Council's website
- Tenant Resident Associations (TRA) newsletters
- Local publications including Lambeth Talk
- Advertising on Facebook
- Launched new branding with the aim to appeal to the older eligible age group i.e 12-16 years



Testimonials from young people and parents

"My children had a fantastic time. They felt safe and well supported. During the summer of far-right riots, I was not worried about my children's safety and well-being. They were occupied so the effects of it were minimised as life continued as normal. Without this, as visibly Muslim individuals, I think their experience of would have been far more hurtful and scarring. There's also no way as a single parent that I would have been able to afford the visits for them and this has been a culturally enriching experience. Thank you for everything you have done-it's made such a difference for them, for me and for the community"

"I don't get dance lessons in school. In this project, I'm most proud of learning 3 dances in a short time"

"This was my son's second year at camp, and he enjoyed it fully. Majority of the staff remembered him from last year which meant a lot to him. He had so much fun and made new friends. He is already talking about going next year, I really do hope this is possible as it is something productive for him to do in the holidays which has contributed to building his independence and self-confidence"

"I enjoyed playing and learning new things and skills and dances. I enjoyed staying for the day and making new friends"

"I like this project because it doesn't matter what background you are from, you can perform. In Bloco, you have more freedom than at school and it is more fun"

"XXX enjoyed the time of his life during the holidays and gave me continuous daily feedback. Being with other children from a variety of backgrounds gave him a sense of continuity of enjoyable school life contrary to being the only child at home with limited possibility of relating to children of his age in his immediate community. He enjoyed the Chelsea-led football sessions, handicraft sessions and trips. He never stops talking about the trips to the cave and the canoeing session on the river and the fact that he overcame his fears on the canoe activity. He is determined to share his experiences with his mates when the school re-opens and confident that some will like to enrol too for next year's camp"

Appendix Awards to Providers:

Level of award	Name of provider
Under £5,000	198 Contemporary Arts and Learning • Be Enriched • BIGKID Foundation • Carers Hub • Fulham Football Club Foundation • Kinetika Bloco • Lerato Community Initiative • Lifelong Family Links • Moving Matters • Oasis Hub Waterloo • Omnibus Theatre • St Martin's Community Centre • The Creator's House • The Hebe Foundation • Vauxhall City Farm • Whippersnappers
£5,000-10,000	Art4Space • Ashdon Jazz • Bright Centres • Brixton Community Based- Brixton Youth Theatre • Brixton Wings • CHIPS (Christian International Peace Service) • Code 7 Ltd • Coin Street Centre Trust • Cottington Close Kids Sports Camp • Free To Be Kids • High Trees Development Trust • JJOB LDN CIC • Longfield Hall Trust • STEP NOW • STREAMZ • The Soul Shack LDN CIC
£10,001-£25,000	A2nd Voice • Angell Delight • Autism Voice • Bankside Open Spaces Trust • Besty's Inspirational Guidance • Big Up Communities Black Prince Trust • Dwayne Simpson Foundation • Exceed Reading Stars • Kennington Park Community Centre • Lambeth Somali Community Association • Lambeth Tigers Foundation • Lilford Area Residents Association • Loughborough Community Centre • Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing • Marcus Lipton Community Enterprise • Oasisplay (Bolton Crescent) • Oasisplay (Nature Garden) • Our Parks Ltd • Parallel Youth Enterprise • Slade Gardens Community Play • Association CIO • South London Topcats • Streatham Youth and Community Trust • Stewart's Road Adventure Playground • The Boury Academy CIC • Tulse Hill Estate Tenants and Residents Association • UK Latin Community (Brixton) • UK Latin Community (Clapham) • UK Latin Community (Vauxhall) • Upper Norwood Library Trust • Young People Matter
£25,001-50,000	Activities4U • All Stars Activities CIC • East African Association • Eritrean Muslim Community Association • Lollard Street Adventure Playground • Loughborough Junction Action Group • Oasisplay Adventure Playground • Pinnacle Group • Rathbone Society • St Matthew's Project • Triangle Adventure Playground Association
£50,001- £75,000	Community Education Foundation and Lyncx (CEF Lyncx)