

In Our Hands Fund Application Guidelines

About the fund

We are offering community grants of up to **£1,000** for people living in:

- **West Hendon**
- **Burnt Oak**
- **and Colindale.**

The funding is for local people with ideas that bring communities together, start something new, or make their area a better place to live.

These guidelines explain how to apply to the **In Our Hands Fund**.

You do not have to apply on your own — you can ask someone to help you, and this will not affect your application.

If you have any questions or need the information in a different format, please contact participation@artsdepot.co.uk

What can the grant support?

Projects that:

- Bring people together and strengthen relationships between neighbours, groups, and communities
- Create shared cultural or creative experiences in local spaces

- Celebrate local culture, creativity, or heritage
 - Support wellbeing, care, and mutual support
 - Build people's skills or confidence
 - Create joyful, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for people to meet
 - Respond to local needs in imaginative and practical ways
 - Make positive use of underused or overlooked spaces or improve the local built environment.
 - Test out ideas that could grow into longer-term local projects
 - Help people feel more positive, connected, and engaged with their local area
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Who can apply?

You can apply if you:

- Live, work, study, or have a close connection to **West Hendon, Burnt Oak, and Colindale (inclusive of North and South)**
- Are planning a project that will take place in **West Hendon, Burnt Oak, or Colindale (North & South)**
- Have an idea that **benefits local people**
- Can **deliver the project locally** from **August 2026 - March 2027**
- You have a UK bank account - we need this so we can pay you your grant.

What this fund is *not* for:

- Schools, Colleges or Universities
- Organisations with an annual turnover over 10K
- Projects focused on sports or general activity funding
- Projects primarily for children's activities
- Core costs for organisations
- **Access to artsdepot spaces:** While your project may take place locally, we cannot guarantee use of Artsdepot venues or rooms for project activities. Applicants should plan for alternative spaces in their local area.
- **Theatre productions or large-scale performances:** The grant is designed for small-scale community projects, and funding cannot be assumed to cover full theatre productions, ticketed events, or large-scale performances.

More Information

- You **do not need previous funding experience** – first-time applicants are very welcome
- We encourage applications from people who:
 - Experience mental or physical health conditions or disability
 - Are neurodivergent or have learning disabilities
 - Have lived experience of substance use or being a survivor
 - Are from working-class backgrounds
 - Are LGBTQIA+

- Are Black, Asian or from minoritised ethnic communities
 - Are from Romani, Traveller, or Gypsy communities
 - If you are **under 18**, an adult (18+) must apply on your behalf and will receive the grant
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What can I apply for?

- Projects could include:
 - workshops,
 - events,
 - creative activities,
 - food or growing projects,
 - walking groups,
 - storytelling,
 - skill-sharing
 - book clubs
 - community gardens
 - one off event, workshop or activity, or a series of activities
 - or something completely new.
- Funding can support: **training or personal development** if it clearly helps you deliver a project that benefits local people.
- We welcome varied projects, not just arts related ones.

Funding considerations:

- This fund prioritises creative activities and marginalised communities.
- All funded projects must be free for participants.

- Applicants should show how they will ensure accessibility for low-income and marginalised communities, including: venue choice, timing, transport considerations, and cultural inclusion.
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How much can I apply for?

- Grants up to **£1,000** (you don't need to apply for the full amount)
 - Funding can be used for a wide range of things including:
 - materials,
 - space hire,
 - artist or facilitator fees,
 - refreshments
 - access costs,
 - training,
 - and other reasonable project expenses
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Support & Accessibility

If you are interested in applying but would like to know more or need some support or guidance you can:

- **Join a drop-in Zoom session to ask questions or get guidance on your application (please see our website for updates)**
- **Email participation@artsdepot.co.uk with questions or support needs**

Please note: We have a Community Producer (1 person, working part-time), so we may not be able to respond immediately to every request, but we will do our best to help.

Your application doesn't need to be perfect – the online drop in sessions are there to support you.

How to Submit Your Application

You can submit your application using the **Microsoft Forms link** on our website. If you prefer, you can also **ask a friend to support you** with completing and submitting your application.

We recommend **downloading a copy of the application questions** and looking through them in advance, so you can get a sense of what information you'll need.

If you have **access needs** or require the application form in a **different format**, please get in touch with us — we'll do what we can to support you.

What happens if I am successful?

Successful applicants will:

- Receive funding to deliver their project
- Be offered light-touch support during the project
- Participate in completing a short **evaluation** report including:
 - Capturing numbers of participants, demographics, and postcode (if possible)
 - Sharing photos
 - Answering short reflective questions on the project

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