



DALSTON COMMUNITY FIRST

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A total of £33,910 Neighbourhood Match Fund is on offer to local community groups with ideas to help improve Dalston Ward in Hackney East London. Groups are invited to submit applications when the five year programme opens on February 13th 2012 for grants of between £250 - £2,500.

The Neighbourhood Match Fund is part of the Governments £80m fund to encourage people in deprived communities to give their time and expertise to local projects, to raise money and help make their local area a better place to live.

The fund is being managed by a Dalston Community First, a new group made up of local people and administered by the Community Development Foundation. The long established local charity The Trinity Centre (Dalston) provides the group with administrative support. The priorities for the first round of funding are:

Bring different communities within the ward closer together through events and Volunteering.

Increase support for older people living alone in the home and in the community.

Reduce the number of families living in poverty through skilled work opportunities.

Reduce incidents of drug offences and violent crime through drug awareness, personal safety and anti-violence programmes.

Panel member Councillor Michelle Gregory says "I hope that local groups are able to submit bids for new projects"

Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin the main Contact for the Group said "Dalston is a Ward with a myriad of challenges for its residents. The area is undergoing substantial planning and social changes that local people need to influence through engagement. We hope this small pot of money can help facilitate that."

Glenis O'Connor, Chair of the Trinity Centre (Dalston) charity says, "The Centre has been at the heart of the local community in Dalston for over 17 years. It has helped hundreds of groups establish, during that time. We are happy to be supporting Dalston Community First in its efforts to improve the area and empower local residents."

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Notes to editors

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The grant is given by the Office For Civil Society grant. The Dalston Community First grant details can be accessed via the Dalston Community first Web site
<http://dalstoncommunityfirst.wordpress.com/>

Information about the Trinity Centre (Dalston) can be accessed via
<http://www.thetrinitycentredalston.org.uk/>