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ORGANISATION	WHAT WE DO	WHAT WE WANT TO EXPLORE
<p><u>The Dot Collective</u></p>	<p>We provide professional theatre for, and create theatre with, those living in care and with dementia. We employ professional writers, actors, musicians and other theatre makers to engage and create with our charity beneficiaries.</p>	<p>We are looking to explore new ways in which we can bring theatre to and create theatre with those living in care under COVID-19 restrictions. We want to develop sustainable ways of offering creative stimulation to our beneficiaries including workshops and performances.</p>
<p><u>Caxton Youth Organisation</u></p>	<p>Established in 1948, the Caxton Youth Organisation works to advance the personal development of young people with disabilities between the ages of 11 and 25 in the City of Westminster, through youth work. 73% of our current membership are on the autistic spectrum and/or have communication difficulties.</p>	<p>The challenge we're facing is strategic: how to be as youth-led as possible. How can we ensure our members direct the focus of the charity and guide decision-making at every level? We don't put young people in tokenistic positions where they don't have any real power to change anything, and risk alienating our members.</p>

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<p>575 Wandsworth Road, National Trust</p>	<p>The National Trust is committed to looking after special places for everyone, for ever – including opening up access and addressing unequal access to history, beauty and nature. 575 Wandsworth Road is a modest terraced house on a busy London road, belonging to Kenyan-born novelist, poet and British Civil Servant Khadambi Asalache (1935–2006), who over twenty years turned his home into a work of art, now a key part of Black British history in south west London that represents the power of the human endeavour.</p>	<p>We want to open up access to 575 Wandsworth Road in a sustainable way, unlocking its potential to connect, inspire and empower others so that it can play a meaningful role in the lives of local people – especially where there has traditionally been unequal access. In the context of a global pandemic and Black Lives Matter, we want to create a safe space for self-expression and unlock potential, for example exploring the links between creativity and wellbeing and building social connectivity/reducing social isolation.</p>
<p>ARCS</p>	<p>The ARCS charity was set up by Lambeth parents to support children, parents, carers and professionals affected by Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other neurological conditions.</p>	<p>For young people with ADHD and their families the transition between primary and secondary school is one of the most precarious periods of their lives – and the resulting anxieties, disengagement and even exclusion have serious consequences. We want to equip young people and their families with the tools to successfully navigate the Year 6/7 transition process in partnership with their teachers, SENCOs and health professionals, in order to make the best possible start at secondary school.</p>

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<u>Girls United FA</u>	<p>We seek to empower girls all around the world through sport and football. We want girls to have equal access to opportunities and we endeavour to provide them with the necessary skills and abilities to do so. We promote gender equality and we are bridging the gap between sport and education.</p>	<p>We are constantly trying to tackle inactivity among girls and fight gender and racial inequality. We hope to provide girls with safe spaces to participate in sport and to enable them to chase their dreams, on and off the pitch.</p>
<u>Neurodiversity Learning CIC</u>	<p>We support young people with special educational needs to increase their social skills and reduce their levels of anxiety through art.</p>	<p>We want to support young people with special educational needs into employment by empowering them to run sessions and be role models. We aim to equip the young people they support with a toolbox of creative techniques to reduce their anxiety and increase their social skills through creative activities.</p>
<u>Policy Centre for African Peoples (PCAP)</u>	<p>PCAP works to enable African and disadvantaged individuals to improve their lives through education and engagement. To fulfil this mission, PCAP delivers projects in the areas of education, leadership development and social engagement.</p>	<p>We want to enable people from lower socio-economic groups and ethnic minority communities, who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, to improve their health and wellbeing, overcome their COVID-19 trauma, and avoid loneliness. Ideally, the project will achieve these outcomes through wellbeing, wellness and befriending activities.</p>

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<u>Millennium Community Services CIC</u>	<p>We are a grassroots volunteer organisation that specialises in digital assistive technology. We run Southwyck Community Hall in Brixton as a digital skills outreach centre (which we have transitioned into a food depot for vulnerable people in our community). Our ethos is to build better diversity, accessibility and technology, in order to develop a more diverse, inclusive and equitable diverse community.</p>	<p>We want to supply tailored, intensive, empathetic support for disabled and elderly users of our digital assistive technology services, understanding the barriers they face and walking them through any challenges. We are passionate about providing the best quality services for all, while enabling and empowering volunteers to grow and develop.</p>
<u>Restorative Justice for All</u>	<p>RJ4All aims to provide evidence-based, psycho-social interventions that work with rather than for local communities, to build a sustainable alternative to the established criminal and social justice systems. Our user-led initiatives redirect the trajectory of people at risk of being drawn into violence, while empowering individuals to lead in getting the justice that they seek.</p>	<p>The criminal justice system and current models of social justice have considerable limitations that impact disadvantaged groups and young people, whose poor experience and perception of justice are leading to social divisions. We want to offer an alternative, based on the principles of power-sharing, individual empowerment and responsibility, to disadvantaged groups, particularly young people aged 14–25.</p>
<u>The Remakery</u>	<p>The Remakery was born in 2012 out of a disused car park, located between Coldharbour and Vassall wards in the London Borough of Lambeth. We are a not-for-profit community of creatives, local residents and enterprises breathing new life into things destined for landfill and offering space to make and work.</p>	<p>We are interested in expanding community remaking and increasing the volume of materials diverted from waste, in particular supporting creatives and community disproportionately affected by Covid-19. We also want to explore existing reuse projects and investigate a range of new closed loop making projects.</p>

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<p><u>The Jo Cox Foundation</u></p>	<p>The Jo Cox Foundation was established in 2016 by the friends and family of the late Jo Cox MP. The Foundation exists to build a positive legacy for Jo and to create something positive from the tragedy that was her murder. Our vision is for a kinder, more compassionate society where every individual has a sense of belonging and where we recognise that we have more in common than that which divides us.</p>	<p>Before her death, Jo Cox set up a cross-parliamentary Loneliness Commission, with the vision of turbo-charging the public understanding of and policy response to the loneliness crisis. We have continued to prioritise Jo's focus on loneliness. The Covid crisis has exacerbated feelings of loneliness for many, and evidence shows the impact is especially acute among young people aged 18–25. We'd like to develop practical ways we can help tackle loneliness among young people through our campaigns.</p>
<p><u>Power2</u></p>	<p>Power2 believes there is no greater cost to society than unfulfilled potential. We unleash the power of young people to improve their lives and the lives of others through programmes designed to elevate wellbeing, confidence and academic engagement. Our programmes target young people facing multiple disadvantages at key transition points in their lives and tackle the root causes of poor outcomes for at-risk young people, helping them to gain the self-esteem, life skills and qualifications required to live emotionally healthy lives and thrive at school.</p>	<p>The issue we want to tackle is social isolation among the elderly. COVID-19 has been challenging for all, but the impact on those who do not have a support system is immeasurable. We will use this project to develop intergenerational relationships within the local community by partnering young people with local elderly residents. The project will allow participants to develop new and positive relationships while creating support networks, sharing skills and much more.</p>

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<u>Urban Growth Learning Gardens CIC</u>	<p>Urban Growth Learning Gardens is a social enterprise that improves Londoners' wellbeing by collaborating with them to create and maintain beautiful, biodiverse spaces.</p>	<p>Some issues we'd like to explore are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating accessible and inclusive green spaces in some of the most deprived areas of London • Community engagement in urban greening, especially young people, hard to reach families and BAME communities • Measuring the impact of urban green spaces on people's wellbeing and on wildlife.
<u>The Soul Shack London CIC</u>	<p>A youth and community-led social enterprise that works with young people and communities affected by violence, the criminal justice system, school exclusions and food poverty. We do this through training peer mentors to run cooking, gardening and peer-led educational workshops, as well as through food and plant/seed drives.</p>	<p>The main issue we are hoping to address with our team is food poverty: access to food as well as education on what is healthy and sourcing affordable food. We run a food bank in Lambeth that offers ingredients and cooked food for those without access to or the ability to cook, as well as seeds and plants. We also hope to find a suitable venue and open our own pantry to sell reduced price food to local people.</p>
<u>ClearCommunityWeb</u>	<p>We develop digital skills in older people, vulnerable adults and carers, through classes, workshops and our Community Tech Support, providing critical digital assistance remotely and in person. We believe the 'tech challenge' is as much about confidence and wellbeing as technology, and that shared experience and peer support are building blocks to confidence.</p>	<p>We are interested in scaling our 'Community Tech Support' across Lambeth and Southwark, while maintaining quality, engaging with harder to reach people to build confidence and building a robust and safeguarded service that is fundable.</p>

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Cape Verdean Association UK	We promote social inclusion and support in accessing services to those socially excluded, in particular African Portuguese speaking Cape Verdeans who suffer significant social & health inequalities due to language, economic & cultural barriers. We support those in disadvantaged positions with food and basic essentials; health & wellbeing activities; social & cultural engagement events; interpreting & translating; and accessing services.	We are exploring a Youth Group Leaders project with a focus on inclusion, motivation and raising youth leaders/role models to support young people and their families to improve their quality of life and overcome inequalities. Working with the community we will mobilise young people living in extreme poverty, offering them the chance to transform lives, become role models, generate positive transformations in their communities and create opportunities to escape situations of vulnerability.
Age UK Westminster	We exist to promote the wellbeing of older people in the City of Westminster and to help them lead independent, fulfilling lives for as long as possible.	Particular issues for our communities are loneliness and isolation, digital inclusion and physical inactivity. We are also keen to engage more with our local BAME communities.
Southside	SRA (Southside Rehabilitation Ltd) provides a recovery and employment preparation service for people who have experienced serious mental health problems and who are socially isolated. We run three social enterprises – catering, cleaning and printing – and provide basic IT training. Our clients work with supervisors gaining the skills, knowledge and real work experience required to build their confidence and seek employment.	There are two potential areas we'd like to explore. Our clients' lack of digital access, knowledge and skills has become more apparent this year – only 5 of our 67 clients have internet access at home. Many struggle to use a computer and are not very able when it comes to using a smart phone. We also want to expand our cleaning enterprise, which currently services churches, sheltered housing and outside areas, and break into the commercial sector.

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<p><u>The Passage</u></p>	<p>The Passage provides comprehensive services for homeless people, particularly those who have been rough sleeping in Westminster. We aim to provide the resources which encourage, inspire and challenge homeless people to transform their lives. We normally help over 3,000 individuals each year.</p>	<p>We want to build support and interest in our work from educational establishments. There is significant interest in our work from a relatively small number of schools who have been vital in practical fundraising support and encouraging students to commit as future volunteers. We hope to find out how best to engage with schools: the resources they require and how to produce them economically, ways to maintain engagement, and the potential for recruiting and training up a community of young Passage ambassadors. We would also look into possibilities for working with universities and colleges: could students with an interest in education become ambassadors within schools?</p>
<p><u>St. Faith's Centre</u></p>	<p>We provide safe space and services for members of the local community with a focus on building community, tackling isolation and promoting wellbeing including good diet, exercise and company for all. We promote equal access, provision and opportunities. Our clients include adults with learning difficulties, the elderly and families with pre-school children.</p>	<p>A significant issue facing our local communities at the moment is that of isolation among elderly people, so we are keen to explore how to address this.</p>

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<u>In-Deep</u>	We provide friendship and support to isolated older people in the south of Westminster and Lambeth and children with special needs aged 3–25 and their families. We run lunch and dinner clubs, a complementary therapy scheme, an over-50s choir, a befriending service, a shopping service, free music therapy for children with special needs, carers groups and pilates sessions for parents.	Since Covid-19 struck it has highlighted the huge problem of loneliness, isolation and mental health problems in our society. Our befriending service is a response to these being made worse through lockdown. As a grassroots organisation we have seen for example people with dementia getting worse quickly and people with previously manageable depression and anxiety being admitted to psychiatric hospitals. We would like to look at ways to tackle this and improve the quality of life for people isolated across different sections of society.
<u>Borough Food Cooperative</u>	We are a Pantry-model food redistribution hub, offering subsidised groceries to those in need. Through working with charities like FareShare and the Felix Project, we aim to tackle food insecurity and to help increase food citizenship in South London.	By being a part of the King's Civic Challenge, we are hoping to more effectively deliver our service – minimising our food waste output, maximising the amount of goods we are able to provide to our membership, while also better ensuring that our service is reaching those most in need.