

Press release
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Derwent London launches 5th anniversary of Community Fund with £100,000 available for 2018

Derwent London plc (“Derwent London” / “the Group”) is pleased to announce its Community Fund 2018 – covering Fitzrovia and the Tech Belt*. This forms part of the Group’s on-going sustainability programme and commitment to nurturing community engagement.



The Spitz Charitable Trust - Music for Wellbeing 2017



St Luke's Community Centre 2017

Derwent London invites local community groups, residents and local business owners to apply for funding for community projects. For 2018, funds will be available as follows:

- Fitzrovia – £50,000;
- Tech Belt – £25,000 for spring 2018 (with a further £25,000 available in autumn 2018)

Deadline for receipt of spring 2018 applications: 28 March 2018.

As in previous years, applications will be considered by representatives from Derwent London and the local community. For further information and how to apply, please visit www.derwentlondon.com/community-fund or contact the Communities team at Derwent London – Tel. 020 7659 3000 or email community@derwentlondon.com

Derwent London has worked closely with the local community to develop this programme to enable the delivery of worthwhile projects. Grants from its Community Fund are in addition to the Group’s required community contributions from planning agreements. The Group has now awarded a total of over £450,000 to date to the Community Fund since it was launched in 2013. Most projects funded are either completed or under way and are providing much needed improvements, community facilities and new opportunities.

John Davies, Head of Sustainability at Derwent London, commented:

“We are really pleased to launch the 2018 funding round which is now in its 5th year and look forward to supporting a range of local projects. Since 2013, we have now contributed funds to 56 projects in Fitzrovia and the Tech Belt. Many local people are benefiting from the positive outcomes which the projects offer and we look forward to seeing many more.”

**The Tech Belt is defined here as the area extending from King’s Cross to Whitechapel, largely covering EC1 and E1 postcodes.*

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Notes to editors**Derwent London**

Derwent London plc owns 89 buildings in a commercial real estate portfolio predominantly in central London valued at £4.8 billion (including joint ventures) as at 30 June 2017, making it the largest London-focused real estate investment trust (REIT).

Our experienced team has a long track record of creating value throughout the property cycle by regenerating our buildings via development or refurbishment, effective asset management and capital recycling.

We typically acquire central London properties off-market with low capital values and modest rents in improving locations, most of which are either in the West End or the Tech Belt. We capitalise on the unique qualities of each of our properties – taking a fresh approach to the regeneration of every building with a focus on anticipating tenant requirements and an emphasis on design.

Reflecting and supporting our long-term success, the business has a strong balance sheet with modest leverage, a robust income stream and flexible financing.

Landmark schemes in our 5.6 million sq ft portfolio include Angel Building EC1, The Buckley Building EC1, White Collar Factory EC1, 1-2 Stephen Street W1, Horseferry House SW1 and Tea Building E1.

In 2017 the Group won awards for Property Week Developer of the Year and EG Offices Company of the Year and won further awards from the RIBA, Civic Trust and BCO. In January 2018, the Group was again listed in top 100 of the Corporate Knights Global 100: world's most sustainable companies. In 2013 Derwent London launched a voluntary Community Fund and has to date supported 56 community projects in Fitzrovia and the Tech Belt.

As part of its wider sustainability programme, in 2013 Derwent London launched a dedicated £250,000 voluntary Community Fund and, in 2016, made a further commitment of £300,000 for the next three years for Fitzrovia and the Tech Belt.

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Background on the Derwent London Fitzrovia Community Fund

Derwent London's Community Fund forms part of the Group's on-going sustainability programme and commitment to developing community engagement. Creating Value in the Community as a key priority and, to deliver on this principle, the Group has evolved a voluntary Community Fund to support local projects in the key areas in which it operates.

Funds are designed to support projects with a focus on:

- community events
- environmental improvements
- health & well-being activities
- music & culture
- training & upskilling, increasing employment/apprenticeship opportunities for disadvantaged people

Fitzrovia Community Fund

Starting with Fitzrovia in 2013, the Group offered a £250,000 Community Fund and supported 17 local projects from 2013 – 2015. Notable projects have included resurfacing a multi-use games area, music workshops for people with mental health problems, art project for homeless people and lunch club for the elderly.

Tech Belt Community Fund

In 2016, Derwent London extended to fund with a further £300,000 to be shared equally in Fitzrovia and the Tech Belt, to be spread over three years. The Tech Belt Community Fund runs twice a year (summer and winter) offering c.£25,000 each time.

Applications will be considered by representatives from Derwent London and the local community. For further information and how to apply, please visit:

www.derwentlondon.com/news/article/community-fund or contact Derwent London, Tel: 020 7659 3000 or email community@derwentlondon.com

Broader community/employment initiatives

Building on its long-term sustainability principles, the Group are evolving wider support opportunities with individuals and organisations in the area. Initiatives include apprenticeships, work placements, mentoring and volunteering opportunities for our staff – notable recent initiatives include:

- Apprenticeship at 20 Farringdon Road EC1 leading to permanent work placement
- Careers workshop at Highbury Grove School N5

Organisations/projects funded so far:

2013 – Fitzrovia:

- **Fitzrovia Centre** – a community garden at the Fitzrovia Centre, pop-up café and gallery
- **Fitzrovia Youth in Action** – resurfacing of The Warren sports pitch and setting up a local football league
- **All Souls Primary School** – running lunch and after-school clubs and parenting classes
- **All Souls Clubhouse** – Wednesday Lunch Club for older people
- **Fitzrovia Trust** – replanting the garden at the Fitzrovia Nursery

2014 – Fitzrovia:

- **Fitzrovia Noir** – an art project portraying streetlife in Fitzrovia
- **Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association** – Positive Health exercise and massage project for Bangladeshi and elderly women
- **Upbeat Music** – Songs inspired by Dylan Thomas - music project for people with mental health issues
- **All Souls Clubhouse** – ClubCare project and providing new kitchen facilities
- **All Souls Primary School** – Learning together through technology – children’s photography
- **Women Like Us** – From Playground to Payslip: supporting Fitzrovia parents to combine work and family life
- **ARTfitzrovia** – Taking the next steps; expanding the community project that provides a safe place for homeless and vulnerably housed people to meet and develop their art

2015 – Fitzrovia:

- **Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association** – Positive Health exercise and massage project for Bangladeshi and elderly women
- **Fitzrovia Youth in Action** – Community events programme
- **Upbeat Music & Mental Health** – Streets of London music workshop and showcase for people with mental health issues
- **All Souls Clubhouse** – After school football club & Clubkicks
- **Fitzrovia Centre** – Arts programme for young children and older people

2016 – Fitzrovia:

- **All Souls Clubhouse** – Wednesday Lunch Club
- **FitzFest** – Classical music festival and education programme 2016/17
- **Fitzrovia Centre** – Project Feel Well Fitzrovia, exercise programme
- **Fitzrovia Trust** – Playground improvements at the Whitfield Street nursery
- **Holcroft Residents Association** – Greening Carburton Street planting project
- **Soup Kitchen** – Kitchen costs
- **Table Tennis Fight Club** – Community programme

2016 – Tech Belt:

- **All Change Arts** – ‘Meaning to Say’ creative project for people with mental health problems, including Word Festival event June 2017
- **The Parent House** – ‘Parent to Parent Outreach’ training programme for parent volunteers to encourage use of drop-in services offering mentoring, work placements, crèche
- **Theatre Centre** – ‘Our Place’ community drama programme for young people, with performance at Shoreditch Town Hall
- **St Luke’s Parochial Trust** – Three Community Events: Older people celebration October; Christmas Fayre and Lunch
- **St Hilda’s East, Boundary Women’s Project** – ‘ABC’ confidence building network events for socially excluded women
- **Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers** – Lunch and Telephone Club befriending and support for older people around Old Street
- **Centre 404** – EC1 family support and drop-in services
- **Quaker Court TMO** – Intergenerational story and drama project
- **St Hilda’s East Community Centre** – Older people’s healthy living group
- **Inspire/ St Monica’s Primary School** – iDiscover, STEM subjects awareness workshops for primary school children
- **Inspire/Central Foundation Boys School** – Connecting Silicon Hack: coding project for secondary school children
- **St Luke’s Parochial Trust** – EC1 collaborative public art project
- **Islington Play Association** – This is real and it’s yours! Toffee Park Playground redesign

2017 - Fitzrovia

- **All Souls Clubhouse** – Wednesday Lunch Club
- **Fitzrovia Centre** – Camels in the Community school art project
- **Fitzrovia Chapel** – Community engagement and events
- **Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association** – Positive Health project
- **Fitzrovia Youth in Action** – Active Fitzrovia intergenerational exercise programme
- **Holcroft Court Residents Association** – Greening of Carburton Street
- **Whitefield Charity Soup Kitchen** – Welcomer funding

2017 - Tech Belt (Spring)

- **Urban MBA** – Starting it up! Project
- **The Spitz Charitable Trust** – Music for well-being workshops
- **Ministry of Stories** – children’s writing programme
- **Islington Play Association** – Acting Freely drama workshop
- **Cardboard Citizens** – Peer to Peer homeless mentoring
- **St Hilda’s East Community Centre** – Active Ants nature play

2017 - Tech Belt (Autumn)

- **Centre 404** – EC1 family support and drop-in services
- **Society Links Tower Hamlets** – Digital Explorers for Beginners
- **Spitz Charitable Trust** – Wellbeing exchange through cross-generational music-making
- **St Hilda’s East Community Centre** – Surajumuki creates headlines
- **The Garden Classroom** – The Secret Garden shared
- **Young Actors Theatre** – Stage Door