

# Our Communities & People

2022

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Plants growing:

- Kale
- Komatsuna
- Basil
- Chives

**Square Mile Farms**  
We supported The Green Schools Project to run their Zero Carbon Schools programme at St Monica's Primary School. Pupils explored the topic of climate change and how their school's carbon emissions across the areas of energy, travel, purchasing and food contribute to this. Integrated into the programme was a trip to see Square Mile Farms' urban farming towers at our building Oliver's Yard. They took part in a "microgreens" workshop and discussed the impact of sourcing and growing food locally.

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# Introduction



**Pic 'n' Mix Rich Mix Schools  
Film Education Programme**  
*Recipient of Tech Belt  
Community Fund 2022*

## Supporting our Community

Throughout 2022 our goal has been to support local groups in the communities in which we operate. This has meant ongoing support through our long running Community Fund as well as through our Sponsorships and Donations Committee. In addition employee and occupier volunteering has meant we have taken part in some amazing projects and met some incredible people. We also had the pleasure of welcoming four interns to our offices.

The following pages provide further details on a range of the projects we have been part of.

# Our Community Fund

Our Community Fund has been running since 2013 and has provided us with so many connections to incredibly important local groups.

Through the pandemic and then the cost of living crisis they have kept going and have continued to be there for those that rely on them. In 2022 we increased the annual budget for the Fund to £120,000 in order to be able to assist local groups further.

We are very proud of the long standing relationships we have thanks to this Fund and to be involved with supporting those dedicated to improving outcomes for others.

In total in 2022, £123,000 was awarded to 13 projects across the two funds.

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COMMUNITY FUND

£977,000

Invested in the Fund to date

146

Projects supported since 2013



← **FitzMusic**  
Fitzrovia Arts Festival  
Fitzrovia & West End  
Community Fund 2022



↑ **All Change Arts**  
Warm Welcome  
Tech Belt Community Fund 2022



↑ **Creative Women's Hub**  
The Unheard Creative Communities Programme  
Fitzrovia & West End Community Fund 2022



↑ **The Spitz Charitable Trust**  
Live Music for Wellbeing  
Tech Belt Community Fund 2022

# Our sponsorships and donations

Our corporate Sponsorships and Donations Committee continues to add another layer of valued support to both local and national charitable causes.

We were pleased to enter into a three year agreement with The Fitzrovia Community Centre; a centre we know well through our Community Fund. Our funding will help support their plans to boost the centre's place at the heart of Fitzrovia and to welcome local residents of all ages.

The Dragon Boat Regatta in aid of COSMIC is a firm favourite and sees an array of Paddington companies coming together to raise funds for this charity which supports the paediatric intensive care unit and neonatal intensive care units at St Mary's Hospital Paddington and Queen Charlotte's Hospital Hammersmith. In 2022 both Derwent London head office employees as well as our Brunel Building entered teams into this annual fundraiser.

XLP is a London based youth work charity who work in nine inner city boroughs, helping thousands of young people realise their potential. Our donation in 2022 went towards their work in schools, community youth work, mentoring and employability projects.



£354,000  
donated in 2022



**Fitzrovia Community Centre**  
Art classes at the centre



**Dragon Boat Regatta**  
Race team on Paddington canal fundraising for COSMIC



**XLP**  
Support for their work in schools

# Our volunteering

As our Brunel Building in Paddington welcomed its occupiers it became clear that they were keen to be part of the neighbourhood and get involved with local projects.

Therefore in 2022 we subscribed to The Paddington Partnership's Community Programme on behalf of the building's occupiers enabling all to volunteer in the Paddington community and access the associated wellbeing benefits.

Occupiers have taken part in a range of activities such as transforming a care home's garden and welcoming students to their workplaces as part of a career's week. The programme goes from strength to strength due to the enthusiasm and commitment of occupiers.

# 250

hours given by  
Brunel occupiers to 9  
volunteering events

→  
84 gifts donated and wrapped by  
Brunel Building colleagues for a  
local school.



↑  
Students participating in a rooftop  
yoga session.



↑  
Brunel occupiers transformed a care  
home garden for both residents and  
their visiting families.

**"I would like to thank every single person who came and gave their time ...for the benefit of our residents. The garden was looking tired and you guys did a fantastic job...."**

Staff member of the care home

# Last but not least...



It's important to us that the property sector is an inclusive place for all. This is why 2022 saw us welcoming four interns to our offices through the #10,000 Black Interns initiative, which helps black students and graduates secure paid internships across a number of sectors. Our four interns spent time with a number of our departments, were supported by a "buddy" to help them settle in and also took part in a reverse mentoring set of sessions with senior members of staff.

"The internship allowed me to have a broad understanding on how the company runs and also was a great opportunity to help me figure out my next steps"

## Community Fund

### 2022 Fitzrovia & West End

#### The Soup Kitchen

Ongoing support of the running of the kitchen and welcomer role

#### Fitzrovia Youth in Action

Warren Centre Youth Social Action programme

#### All Souls Serve the City

Senior care

#### Creative Women's Hub

Creative Communities Mentorship Programme

#### Fitz Music

Fitzrovia Arts Festival

#### University of Westminster

Funding towards restoration fund of Soho Poly Theatre

### 2022 Tech Belt

#### Society Links

Study Support

#### Rich Mix Cultural Foundation

Pic 'n' Mix: Rich Mix Schools Film Education Programme

#### Eastside Educational Trust

Eastside Artists in Residence

#### Urban MBA

Core funding for the Global Entrepreneurial Community

#### Healthy Generations

HG Fit Generations

#### The Spitz Charitable Trust

Live Music for Wellbeing

#### All Change Arts

Warm Welcome

## Other charities and organisations supported in 2022\*

### Donations

Architecture Foundation  
Bartlett School for Architecture scholarship  
BCO Next Gen Awards  
Body Dysmorphic Disorder Foundation  
Centrepont  
COSMIC Dragon Boat Regatta  
Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Ukrainian refugees  
Fitzrovia Community Centre  
Grief Encounter  
Junior Norwood  
Land Aid  
London Wildlife Trust  
Microscope Ball in aid of Muscular Dystrophy  
Mousetrap Theatre  
Myatt's Field Park project  
New London Architecture  
Open City  
Providence Row  
Reading Real Estate Foundation bursary  
Ride to MIPIM fundraiser  
Royal Academy of Music bursary  
Shelter  
St Aloysius College  
SUDEP Action and Epilepsy Ireland  
Teenage Cancer Trust  
The Academy of Real Assets  
The Civic Trust  
The Hotel School  
The Passage  
The Story of Christmas  
The Trussell Trust  
Ukrainian Catholic Church, London  
Variety  
West End Community Trust  
West End Live  
Westminster Property Association  
XLP  
Young Westminster Foundation

\* Further donations made under £1,000 but not listed here

### Scotland:

Campsie, Strathblane Baldernock and Kirkintilloch Agricultural Show  
Glasgow Riding for The Disabled  
Bishopbriggs Bowling Club  
Buccley Ecco Centre  
Betterbriggs Community (Bishopbriggs gardening)  
The Concrete Garden  
Lambhill Stables  
St Pauls Youth Forum – Blackhills Growing  
Twechar Community  
Auchinloch Community Council  
Springfield Choristers  
East Dunbartonshire Foodbank  
Babes in The Wood

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