



DERWENT LONDON COMMUNITY FUND MARCH 2015 UPDATE

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Welcome to an update on the Derwent London Community Fund 2015.

In May 2013, Derwent London launched a £250,000 community investment fund for Fitzrovia to support local projects. The investment areas for the fund were identified through engaging the local community during 2012. Feedback suggested supporting improvements to public spaces and street environments, community programmes and events and activities around arts and culture. To date a total of £145,000 has been awarded to local organisations.

Year 1 - 2013

Fitzrovia Community Centre

£30,000 was awarded for creating a community garden at the Fitzrovia Community Centre including a pop-up café and gallery. With the help of numerous volunteers, the project was launched in July 2014 and further work will continue to unfold in the years to come. The courtyard garden has been transformed into a delightful oasis in the heart of Fitzrovia and provides a much-needed open space for use by all. For further information, visit www.fitzroviacommunitycentre.org

Fitzrovia Youth in Action

£30,000 was awarded for the resurfacing of The Warren multi-use games area and setting up a local football league. The resurfacing is expected to be ready by 2015 and details of how to book the games area will then be available. For further information, visit www.fya.org.uk

A total of £10,000 was awarded to the following organisations:

All Souls Primary School - for running lunch and after-school clubs and parenting classes.

All Souls Clubhouse - for the Wednesday Lunch Club for older people.

Fitzrovia Trust - for replanting the garden at the Fitzrovia Nursery.

The main replanting took place in Autumn 2013 and was launched with a Teddy Bears' Picnic for children; further replanting and events are due to take



Year 2 - 2014

£16,770 was awarded to **Fitzrovia Noir** for '140 Characters or Less – Fitzrovia Faces on the Street' – a project to decorate the local traffic control boxes with visuals of local people devised by artists in conjunction with children from All Souls Primary School. The project will launch in Spring 2015. www.fitzrovianoir.com

£15,790 was awarded to **Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association's** ongoing 'Fitzrovia Positive Health' project which provides exercise and massage to hard-to-reach Asian women. www.fitzrovia.org.uk

£15,000 was awarded to **Upbeat Music's** project for 'Songs inspired by Dylan Thomas' whose centenary was celebrated in 2014, with music sessions and song-writing workshops for people with mental health issues. Events took place in between September 2014 and January 2015. www.upbeatmusic.org

A total of £20,354 was also awarded to the following organisations:

ArtFitzrovia 'Taking the next step' art project for the homeless

All Souls Clubhouse – Wednesday lunch club and Clubcare project

Women Like Us - 'From Playground to Payslip' to enable job opportunities which combine with family life for parents in Fitzrovia.

Year 3 - 2015 **APPLY NOW**

Derwent London invites local groups, residents as well as local business owners to apply for Year 3 of the fund. If you have any proposals for a community project in Fitzrovia, small or large, we would love to hear from you!

The deadline for receiving applications is 5pm on Friday 20 March 2015.

For further information and how to apply, please visit our website or contact us for an application form : www.derwentlondon.com/news/article/fitzrovia-community-fund-2015

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