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**BIG  
NETWORK  
DAY  
2020**

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## our purpose:

We're here to strengthen civil society and create a better London, through enabling funders from all sectors to be effective. We're focused on collaboration – convening funders to connect, contribute and cooperate together, to help people across London's communities to live better lives.

## convene

We create the space for productive conversations and collaborations. Our aim is to use the space we create for cross-sector dialogue as a vehicle for: sharing information, approaches and ideas; developing a shared understanding of need; collaboration; and trust-building.

## connect

We bring people and organisations together with the ideas and tools they need to be effective. Our aim is to develop and showcase practical ways for doing things differently and in such a way as to strengthen civil society and create a better London.

## contribute

We shape policies that affect Londoners through our informed voice. Our aim is to play a constructive role in policy development and to ensure that the combined intelligence, experience and views of our members are represented to strengthen civil society in London.

## cooperate

We enable funders to work together to tackle the issues facing London. Our aim is to strengthen practice, increase the impact of assets and resources through aligning these effectively across funders, and create the mechanisms that enable collaboration to work.

# welcome

Thank you for joining us, and over 150 colleagues and friends from across the London Funders membership, for the 2020 Big Network Day - focusing on our theme of **relationships**. We're looking forward to working together to explore the challenges and opportunities facing London and civil society in the years ahead.

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The Big Network Day brings to life every element of the work of London Funders, described on the page to the left - we hope you'll take the opportunity today to...

**convene:** it's great to have so many people in the room today, from across all sectors of the London Funders membership, but there are also lots more people who wanted to be part of today's discussions who we just can't fit in. To help us keep the conversations going, and to link in the rest of our membership, please help us by tweeting through the day using our hashtag **#BigNetDay**.

**connect:** today is all about relationships, and so you'll find a card in your pack with the name of another delegate that we'd

encourage you to go and have a chat with today (based on the information everyone gave us on their booking forms about what you'd like to talk to people about). We hope these connections lead to some productive discussions and strong relationships for the future of funding in London.

**contribute:** throughout the day there will be opportunities for you to ask questions and take part in votes via a dedicated website – to get involved please get your phones, tablets or laptops out and go to **www.slido.com**, use our code **#T839**, and you'll be ready for when the questions and polls come up on screen for contributions.

**cooperate:** our hope is that you leave today with the ideas, information, connections and relationships you need to be effective and to help people across London's communities to live better lives.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part in making this day a success, and our friends at the GLA for generously hosting us and providing the catering so that we can keep this event free for members.

We look forward to working with you to strengthen civil society and create a better London, today and in the years ahead.

**David Farnsworth, Chair; and  
Monica Needs, Vice-Chair, London Funders**



## 9.30am Registration

Join us in the **London Living Room** on the 9th floor of City Hall for tea and coffee with views across London, starting the day networking with colleagues from across our city's funding community.

## 10am Plenary: relationships

After being welcomed to City Hall and to the day, our opening plenary session will be looking at **relationships**. Whether we're talking about systems change and the interplay between issues, about communities and the organisations working with them, about the diversity of London's civil society, about participatory grantmaking, about trust, about how we work together as a funding community, relationships are at the heart of everything we do - but how should we be thinking about relationships in our work?

Our panel will be sharing their experience of relationships, and giving us some food for thought for the day ahead. We're delighted to be joined for this by **Catherine Anderson** (Jo Cox Foundation), **Jeanette Bain-Burnett** (Greater London Authority), **David Robinson** (Relationships Project), **Edward Rowberry** (Bristol and Bath Regional Capital) and **Ben Thurman** (Carnegie UK Trust).

## 11am Network "mashups"

Building on the theme of relationships, we know that many issues that we discuss as funders are complex, and that sometimes looking at them in isolation doesn't enable us to build the thriving communities that we all wish to see - so we're bringing together our network groups to look at issues together, to learn from each other, and to think about how we can more effectively collaborate across issues, communities and funding priorities.

Your chosen session is marked on your badge, and the rooms for each are on the next page (tea and coffee available in each room)...

### Research & Evaluation and Violence Affecting Young People - Living Room

Please stay in the Living Room for this session, which will be exploring how we can better understand which anti-violence interventions work, and why. The network chairs will be joined by Councillor Jack Hopkins (Lambeth Council) for this discussion.

### Healthy London and Children & Young People - CR3

Go to the lower ground floor to Committee Room 3 for this session, which will be exploring best practice in adolescent mental health. The network chairs will be joined by Chris Martin (The Mix) and Cait Cooper (Anna Freud Centre) for this discussion.

### Community Assets and Advice - CR4

Go to the lower ground floor to Committee Room 4 for this session, which will be exploring the issues around workforce and premises in the advice sector. The network chairs will be joined by Terry Stokes (Lasa) and Allan Anderson (National Lottery Community Fund).

### Housing & Homelessness and Culture - CR5

Go to the lower ground floor to Committee Room 5 for this session, which will be exploring the role of housing providers in commissioning holistic cultural activities for the communities that they serve. The network chairs will be joined by Adriana Marques (Peabody) and Blossom Young (Poplar HARCA) for this discussion.

## 12.30pm Networking lunch

Return to the **London Living Room** on the 9th floor of City Hall for networking over lunch, where you can continue the discussions on relationships with the people we've matched you with.

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## 1.30pm More than manifestos

Remaining in the **London Living Room** find your way to your allocated table (details on your badge) to join a small group of funders from across the different sectors of London Funders' membership for our next session, "more than manifestos".

Civil society groups across the capital are busy developing manifesto asks of the next Mayor of London ahead of the election on 7th May, but many of the issues that are being discussed are things that need funders from across different sectors to be involved. We're keen that the excellent work of these groups, bringing together the voices of diverse communities across London, is used to inform the work of the wider funding community for the coming years.

Each of our tables will have a civil society group who will kick off discussions by presenting some of the ideas they are putting forward as part of their work on a Mayoral manifesto, to help inform a discussion on each table about how funders could work together on this issue to improve life for Londoners.

## 2.30pm Network "mashups"

The morning sessions are repeated - again, your chosen session is marked on your badge, and the rooms for each are below. Tea, coffee and water will be available in the room for each group.

**Research & Evaluation and Violence Affecting Young People** - Living Room

**Healthy London and Children & Young People** - CR3 (lower ground floor)

**Community Assets and Advice** - CR4 (lower ground floor)

**Housing & Homelessness and Culture** - CR5 (lower ground floor)

## 4pm Networking break

Return to the **London Living Room** on the 9th floor of City Hall for networking over a glass of water with views across London.

## 4.15pm Plenary: Preston

We're delighted to be joined for our closing plenary by Councillor Matthew Brown, Leader of Preston City Council, to share insights on the "Preston Model" of community wealth building.

The model of collaboration to transform the local economy is built on relationships, innovation and imagination - we look forward to hearing about the achievements and learning from Preston, and to think through how these lessons can inspire our work in London.

## 4.50pm Next steps

Summarising the themes and ideas generated during the day, and exploring how London Funders can work with you to help people across London's communities to live better lives.

## 5-6pm Drinks reception

Continue to build the networks and relationships needed to implement the ideas generated through the day's discussions - join us for a glass of something in the **London Living Room** on the 9th floor of City Hall to reflect on your learning from the #BigNetDay.



## Allan Anderson

Allan Anderson is Senior Grant Making Manager for London at The National Community Lottery Fund, overseeing the Fund's grant giving and relationships across the capital. Allan previously worked in the voluntary sector for 16 years in health, latterly as CEO of Positively UK, a national HIV support organisation providing peer support and integrating community care within the NHS.



## Catherine Anderson

Catherine Anderson is the CEO of The Jo Cox Foundation, prior to which she spent eight years as Chief of Staff to Rory Stewart. She has founded NGOs in India and in Myanmar. A Founding Director of 50:50 Parliament and an active campaigner at Women2Win, Catherine is committed to gender equality and empowering all women and girls to achieve their potential. In 2019 she was named as one of the Evening Standard's #Progress1000 most influential political changemakers.



## Jeanette Bain-Burnett

Jeanette Bain-Burnett is Assistant Director for Communities and Social Policy at the Greater London Authority. Formerly Head of Community Engagement, she has supported the Mayor's office in engaging with London's diverse communities.

Jeanette's background is as a senior leader and consultant focusing on culture, community engagement and equality and diversity. She has worked for a range of organisations including the Association of Dance of the African Diaspora (ADAD), Arts Council England, the BBC, Middlesex University and the University of East London.



## Matthew Brown

Matthew Brown started his career in HM Revenue and Customs and became an equal opportunities officer for the Public and Commercial Services Union. In 1997 he canvassed for Labour at the general election and was later persuaded to run for a council seat in what was then his home seat of Tulketh, north-west Preston. He won on his first attempt in 2002, aged 30.

He was appointed cabinet member for community engagement and inclusion almost nine years ago, in a city riven by inequality.

In the UK the 'Preston Model' has received substantial coverage as one of the first adopters of Community Wealth Building with over 50 areas in the UK also looking to implement this approach including the Scottish and Welsh Governments, Liverpool and Greater Manchester City Regions and a growing number of local authorities including many now in London.

The VCFS sector has a key role to play in supporting this agenda to ensure inequality is tackled and campaigning for a £4bn Community Wealth Fund nationally.



## Cait Cooper

Cait Cooper is the Deputy Director for Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools at the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. Cait recently joined the Anna Freud Centre; in her previous post she was a member of a Senior Leadership team specialising in Inclusion and Safeguarding.

Cait has vast teaching experience and a strong understanding of the current education landscape; she is passionate about providing schools with the knowledge and tools necessary to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. At the Anna Freud Centre Cait takes strategic oversight of a large number of projects including training packages, government initiatives and the growing Schools in Mind network.



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## Jack Hopkins

Lambeth Labour Group elected Councillor Jack Hopkins to be the new leader of Lambeth Labour in January 2019 and the leader of Lambeth council. The election followed the announcement that Councillor Lib Peck, Leader of Lambeth council since 2012, was taking up a new role leading London's Violence Reduction Unit.

Councillor Hopkins was deputy leader of the council from 2018, and a councillor in Oval ward since 2010. He has been a Cabinet Member since 2012, covering various portfolios including regeneration, economic development, employment, planning, community safety and culture.



## Chris Martin

Chris Martin is CEO of The Mix which is a multi-issue advice and crisis support service for young people under 25 that works exclusively through digital and social channels and has a particular focus on supporting mental health. The Mix was one of the eight charity partners that delivered the ground breaking Heads Together campaign with the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry. Chris is the CEO of The Mix, a fellow of the RSA, a gadget lover and a trustee of both Brook Young People and his local youth club, Harrow Club W10.



## Adriana Marques

Adriana is an experienced curator and leader in the arts, with specialist knowledge of culture led regeneration. At Peabody she is developing an ambitious and long term cultural plan for Thamesmead as London's new town. This includes London's first Cultural Infrastructure Plan for Thamesmead; new creative workspaces, such as the Lakeside Centre run by Bow Arts; community-led and international festivals; a community radio station and archive, and the recent award of Creative People and Places funding from Arts Council England.

Previously, Adriana spent seven years embedding culture into London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, before and after the London 2012 Games, and has written books on best practice public art.



## David Robinson

David Robinson is a community worker and writer in east London. He currently leads the Relationships Project, seeking to build a better society by building better relationships. Working with others, the Project is assembling a body of knowledge on relationship centred practice and design, and developing methods and models for applying that learning, place by place.

He is a co-founder of several organisations including Community Links, Discover and Shift, where is now co-chair, and is a founding director at Social Finance where he also chairs the Impact Incubator. He has previously led the Prime Ministers Council on Social Action, the National Early Action Task Force and the original London Advisory Board for what is now the National Lottery Community Fund. His books include Changing London (with Will Horwitz), Britain's Every Day Heroes (with Gordon Brown) and the million selling Change the World series (with We Are What We Do).

David's policy work has been recognised with an honorary doctorate from the Open University. He was also Practitioner in Residence at the LSE's Marshall Institute and has been described by the Guardian as "the godfather of the community sector, equally admired on the left and right".



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## Edward Rowberry

Originally trained as a Chartered Accountant at KPMG, Ed has over fifteen years combined experience in the commercial property, financial services and affordable housing sectors including the management of FCA regulated commercial property funds.

As Chief Executive of Bristol and Bath Regional Capital, he now focuses on strategy and delivery, working with each of the committee chairs as well as seeking to develop and deliver commercially viable solutions to social, environmental and economic problems.



## Ben Thurman

Ben joined the Carnegie UK Trust in June 2018, with a background in policy and research in the voluntary sector in Scotland and abroad.

Over the last 18 months, Ben has led and developed the Trust's work on kindness, including coordinating practitioner networks, working in partnership with local government, and supporting a variety of organisational and place-based kindness initiatives across the UK.



## Terry Stokes

Terry Stokes is Chief Executive of Lasa, the organisation delivering rightsnet, advicelocal and an array of webtools to support thousands of third sector and government bodies across the UK each year by providing knowledge, support and resources. Lasa is a small but impactful organisation, with a singular and important value proposition in the social welfare law landscape - to use technology to support the delivery of high quality advice. Lasa occupies an important position within this sector through its online forums facilitating discussions from front line advisers across the country.

Terry has over thirty years of advice giving experience in the third and public sectors and is a keen advocate of the value the advice sector provides in supporting communities and ensuring good advice for all.



## Blossom Young

With Poplar HARCA's Accents team, Blossom leads social, economic and cultural regeneration strategies in East London. Accents conceives and delivers projects that grow cohesive places, whilst creating sustainable revenues that bring investment into the community.

Blossom recently led Poplar Works, a £6m multi-faceted fashion hub, developed the award-winning Open Poplar programme and is currently developing a new economic strategy in the Lower Lea.



Phyllis	Abebreseh	Greater London Authority	Danusia	Brzezicka	Barnet Council
Khadra	Aden	Camden Giving	Kate	Bull	London Borough of Hounslow
Suela	Aksoy	Comic Relief	Yolande	Burgess	London Councils
Olu	Alake	London Marathon Charitable Trust	Libby	Burkeman	Kusuma Trust
Allan	Anderson	The National Lottery Community Fund	Mike	Candler	Camden Council
Catherine	Anderson	The Jo Cox Foundation	Carla	Canter	London Borough of Hillingdon
Kerri	Atherton	Greater London Authority	Oliver	Carrington	Imperial Health Charity
Jeanette	Bain-Burnett	Greater London Authority	Francesca	Casey	The Goldsmith's Company Charity
James	Banks	London Funders	Nezahat	Cihan	London Legal Support Trust
Philip	Barron	Young Westminster Foundation	Martin	Clark	Allia Impact
Tamsin	Baxter	Vision Foundation	Caitlin	Clifton	London Borough of Hackney
Tamzin	Baxter	New Europeans	Alessandra	Coda	Croydon Council
Lesley	Bell	London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham	Kieran	Connolly	Peabody
Sarah	Benioff	Cripplegate/Islington Giving	Sara	Cooney	Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales
Geraldine	Blake	London Funders	Cait	Cooper	Anna Freud
Mark	Blake	Haringey Council	Julie	Costley	Hyde
Adam	Boey	London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Bel	Crewe	BBC Children in Need
Katie	Boswell	NPC	Ruth	Daniel	The Access to Justice Foundation
Lorraine	Brackpool	EFL Trust	Billy	Dann	Comic Relief
Kate	Brown	Westminster Foundation	Bernard	Dattadeen	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Matthew	Brown	Democracy Collaborative	Sally	Dickinson	Berkeley Foundation
			Gareth	Dixon	Young Hammersmith & Fulham
			Brooke	Dobbyn	Kensington & Chelsea Foundation
			Bayo	Dosunmu	Lambeth Council

Amy	Doyle	Commonweal Housing	Debbie	Howitt	John Lyon's Charity
Farah	Elahi	Greater London Authority	Jonathan	Insley	Laureus Sport for Good Foundation
Megan	Falck	Sir John Cass's Foundation	Sarah	Johnstone	The Childhood Trust
David	Farnsworth	City Bridge Trust	Gemma	Juma	Jack Petchey Foundation
James	Fitzpatrick	Joseph Levy Foundation	Anna	Kear	Tonic Living
Caroline	Forster	Migration Foundation	Alison	Keeley	Heathrow Community Trust
Toby	Gill	The Fore	Sharon	La Ronde	Richmond Parish Lands Charity
Lauren	Gindre	Greater London Authority	Benjamin	Linsley	Childhood Trust
Stewart	Goshawk	Wembley National Stadium Trust	Sharon	Long	Partnership for Young London
Hannah	Goulding	Greater London Authority	Matthew	Mannix	New Philanthropy Capital
Helen	Greer	Henry Smith Charity	Shonagh	Manson	Greater London Authority
Melanie	Griffiths	Cloudesley	Amaëlle	Marchal	Kusuma Trust
John	Griffiths	Rocket Science	Adriana	Marques	Peabody
Mary Rose	Gunn	The Fore	Maeve	Marshall	The National Lottery Community Fund
Sarah	Hale	London Borough of Hackney	Jonathan	Martin	Dr Edwards and Bishop King's Fulham Charity
Jerry	Haley	London Borough of Havering	Rohan	Martyres	Guy's and St Thomas' Charity
Hilary	Harmon	Oak Foundation	Sophie	Mathias	National Lottery Community Fund
Ralph	Hartley	BBC Children in Need	Andrea	McDermott	Wandsworth Council
Aine	Hayes	Hounslow Council	Kevin	McKenna	Croydon Council
Emma	Hill	Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames	Jim	Minton	Toynbee Hall
Bruce	Holborn	Royal British Legion	Jaishree	Mistry	Homeless Link
Chloe	Holness	Greater London Authority	Mary	Mosinghi	Henry Smith Charity
Jack	Hopkins	London Borough of Lambeth	Monica	Needs	London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Manny	Hothi	Trust for London	Safia	Noor	The Hyde Group



Rachel	Oglethorpe	Peter Minet Trust & Idlewild Trust	Jenny	Smith	Social Investment Business
Patrick	O'Kelly	The Clothworkers' Foundation	Katy	Sparrow Robins	Save the Children UK
Morven	Oliver-Larkin	Sustain	Maudie	Spurrier	Client Earth
Jayna	Patel	Premier League Charitable Fund	Jessica	Stewart	The Henry Smith Charity
Laura	Payne	CPAG	Terry	Stokes	rightsnet
Kapila	Perera	doteveryone	Sakthi	Suriyaprakasam	London Borough of Lewisham
Grace	Perry	London Funders	Bala	Thakrar	Poplar HARCA
Rachel	Phelan	Young Ealing Foundation	Rosie	Tharp	Camden Council
Mark	Phillippo	St Martins Charity	Poppy	Thomas	Haringey Council
Jackie	Pinney	Ealing Council	Sarah	Thurman	United St Saviour's Charity
Natalie	Playfair	London and Quadrant Housing Trust	Ben	Thurman	Carnegie UK Trust
Charlotte	Pomery	London Borough of Haringey	Nicholas	Timms	The National Lottery Community Fund
Matthew	Poole	Youth Futures Foundation	Amanda	Tincknell	The Cranfield Trust
Mayuri	Raja	London Borough of Havering	Geraldine	Tovey	London Funders
Jahanara	Rajkoomar	MTVH (Migration Foundation)	Louisa	Tribe	Trust for London
David	Robinson	Relationships Project	Lawrence	Walker	A New Direction
Bruce	Rothberg	CAF	Frances	Warwick	Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales
Monica	Roucou	Hammersmith and Fulham Council	Sarah	Willis	The Hyde Group
Edward	Rowberry	Bristol and Bath Regional Capital	Nick	Wilsdon	Youth Music
Simon	Rowland	ECB	Alice	Woudhuysen	CPAG
Natalia	Rymaszewska	Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund	Wanda	Wyporska	Equality Trust
Lopa	Sarkar	Greater London Authority	Deborah	Xavier	London's Giving
Gail	Scott-Spicer	Kings College Hospital Charity	Debra	Yardley	Young Barnet Foundation
Marianna	Sikorowska	London Marathon Charitable Trust	Blossom	Young	Poplar HARCA

## **Resilience roundtable**

3 March 2020, 10-11.30am

Following on from the publication of our research report 'The Resilience of People in Community-facing Organisations: What's the role of funders?', we will be hosting a practical session for our members to discuss how funders can promote resilience among staff.

## **"Collaborating in place"**

17 March 2020, 10am-6pm

This conference event will:

Provide a space to share learning on collaborating in place between practitioners, funders and policy makers;  
Launch our publication on the learning from place based giving in London;  
Profile existing place based approaches in London and identify new opportunities;  
Debate the challenges and opportunities of place based collaborations, within the complexity of London's local environments.

## **Hounslow & Hillingdon Forum**

17 April 2020, 10am-12pm

London Funders is hosting a meeting to identify how funders can proactively support the third sector in the London boroughs of Hillingdon and Hounslow, identified as funding "cold spots".

## **Culture Funders Network**

22 April 2020, 2-4pm

Save the date for our next culture network

## **Disaster fund skills workshop**

23 April 2020, 10.30am-3.30pm

You will have the opportunity to come together with other experienced grant-making professionals to explore the learning from grant-making in disasters and emergencies in the UK, with a view to being part of a cohort of grant-makers across the UK who can support funding in future emergency situations in the UK based on a shared understanding of what's needed.

## **Healthy London Network**

28 April 2020, 11.30am-1.30pm

Save the date for our next health network.

## **London Funders Quiz Night**

30 April 2020, 5-7pm

Save the date for the funnest event in the funding calendar!

## **Research & Evaluation Network**

13 May 2020, 3-6pm

Save the date for our next R&E network.

More information at [www.londonfunders.org.uk/what-we-do/events-training](http://www.londonfunders.org.uk/what-we-do/events-training)

# Become a member

London Funders is a unique network. Our members invest in every aspect of London's life, from the arts through to welfare, and they fund across all 32 boroughs and the City of London.

London Funders provides a safe place to think and talk in order to facilitate collaboration and action, supporting our members to achieve their varied and diverse missions. Membership to London Funders allows for the following benefits:

- Regular member seminars on topical funding issues, featuring senior-level speakers, with challenging debates and opportunities to share opinion and good practice with funders
- Project group and specialist thematic meetings enabling members to work together on specific issues in smaller groups
- Access to policy briefing meetings, member updates and focused joint events with key agencies on current issues
- Weekly e-bulletins focusing on key funding issues, relevant news and highlighting members' programme updates to the wider membership
- Opportunities to network with a wide spectrum of funders including statutory, corporate and foundation funders across London
- Opportunities to raise your own issues and disseminate and discuss your programme outcomes or research with funder colleagues from all sectors across London through our programme of events or in a tailor-made gathering

If you would like to discuss membership then please contact the London Funders team and we would be happy to talk to you further about your organisation and how we could best support you to achieve your aims.

Funding distributed in London last year	Membership fee 2019/20
Under £500,000	£525
£500,001 to £1,000,000	£825
£1,000,001 to £3,000,000	£1,125
£3,000,001 to £5,000,000	£1,425
£5,000,001 to £7,000,000	£1,725
£7,000,001 to £9,000,000	£2,025
£9,000,001 to £11,000,000	£2,325
£11,000,001 to £15,000,000	£2,625
£15,000,001 to £20,000,000	£2,925
Over £20,000,000	£3,225



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