



Resilience of People in Frontline Organisations – what’s the role of funders?

10-12 on Thursday 26th March at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, E1 6LS

Purpose of Event

Grantees have been reporting back to funders that increased pressures, complexity and demand at the frontline is leading to concerns about the resilience of their staff and volunteers. A funder roundtable in October 2018 explored a range of issues that lead to burnout at all levels in frontline organisations and heard about the action that some funders are taking. On behalf of members, London Funders has produced a discussion paper exploring how funders can better support the resilience of staff and volunteers in the organisations they fund.

This event will share the discussion paper from London Funders, drawing on interviews with grant-makers, infrastructure bodies and frontline organisations. We will hear responses from experts and frontline organisations, and will explore together how funders can take both individual and joint action.

Outcomes from the meeting

- A. Shared understanding of the issues facing the civil society workforce and the funder’s role in addressing these challenges
- B. Commitment to change in individual funder practice
- C. Commitment to explore collaborative action by funders to support the wellbeing and resilience of those who are delivering the work that they fund.

Chair

James Banks, Chief Executive, London Funders

Speakers

- Simon Blake, Chief Executive, Mental Health First Aid
- Hannah Starr, Chief Programmes Officer, The ClementJames Centre
- Geraldine Blake, Projects Director, London Funders

Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Presentation of discussion paper
- Responses from speakers
- Discussion
- Summing up and actions