



Resilience of People in Community-Facing Organisations: What's the role of funders?

10-12 on Tuesday 30th April at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, E1 6LS

Purpose of Event

Grantees have been reporting back to funders that increased pressures, complexity and demand in community-facing work 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 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 community-facing organisations and other experts, and will explore together how funders can take individual and joint action.

Outcomes from the meeting

- A. Shared understanding of the issues facing the civil society workforce
- B. Commitment to change in individual funder practice
- C. Commitment to explore collaborative action by funders

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