

LOCAL ROOTS

Nurturing community groups in Lambeth and Wandsworth
A CLEN and Battersea Arts Centre Partnership

What is Local Roots?

Local Roots is a free programme of support for voluntary and community organisations in Wandsworth and Lambeth. It is especially targeted at those who are either currently funded by, or who are seeking funding from, Walcot Foundation and/or Battersea Power Station Foundation.

We aim to support individual organisations to develop and grow, and to help to foster a connected and collaborative community in both boroughs.

Who is running the programme?

Local Roots is a partnership between Battersea Arts Centre, and Community Learning and Empowerment Network (CLEN), a social enterprise which aims to strengthen the ability of voluntary and community organisations to serve their communities. The partnership combines the distinguished capacity building track record of CLEN's team with Battersea Arts Centre's Scratch process, which encourages people to test and develop new ideas with members of the public.

How can you get involved?

Between 2018 and 2020, Local Roots will be providing:

- Community networking events to connect with other organisations in your borough:
These events will take place 4 times a year for voluntary and community organisations. These events will be separate for Lambeth and Wandsworth organisations, to allow us to have borough-specific conversations.
- Practical workshops to explore creative approaches to everything from fundraising to governance:
There will be 6 hands-on, practical training days per year organised by Battersea Arts Centre. These days will be free for Lambeth and Wandsworth-based voluntary and community organisations with a turnover of less than £1m (limited paid places available for larger organisations).
- One-to-one support to address specific challenges your organisation might be facing:
To be allocated one of these sessions with CLEN's experienced director Sam Obeng-Dokyi, your organisation will need a referral from the Walcot Foundation or Battersea Power Station Foundation.

To find out how to be referred for one-to-one sessions, to join our mailing list, or if you have any questions about how you can get involved, please contact Marina at marinas@bac.org.uk or on 020 7326 8217. You can also contact Sam Obeng-Dokyi for more information on one-to-one support on sam@clencic.org.uk.

We want Local Roots to be shaped by the community it is for. If you have any feedback, please share it with Marina or any members of the BAC team. Thank you!