



# HACKNEY GIVING

#FairerSociety

# Impact report



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# 2024-25



# Introduction

## Hackney Giving in 2024-25

We're pleased to report that Hackney Giving continues to make a positive impact locally. In the last 12 months, we distributed grants via four separate application rounds. As well as two rounds of cost of living funding using money from the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund via London Borough of Hackney, we were pleased also to distribute grants for street parties or other events to reduce isolation.

It was a privilege to be able to support communities locally in this way, and to go along to some of the events and enjoy the fun. We also distributed funding for groups working with new parents to help them access support.

We had a team of runners in the 2024 Hackney Half, carrying the Hackney Giving logo with them round the 13.1-mile course and raising money in the process. Our thanks are due to the Chesham Arms in Homerton for sponsoring the team's shirts. The full story is on page 4.

In November 2024, we launched our work with Match My Project. This online platform is a way for community groups to post requests and for businesses to browse to see if they can meet them.

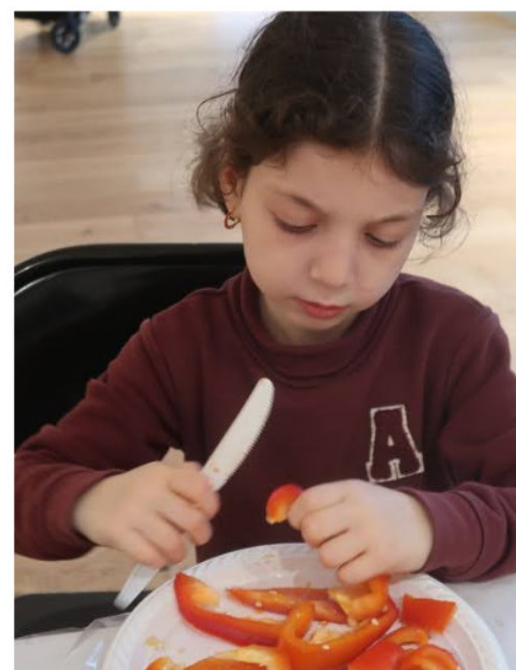
We're delighted that businesses from both Hackney and the City have met many requests and are looking forward to growing this service – you can read more about it on page 5.

This year, we've also produced a film highlighting the work that we do, updated the design of our website and produced and distributed Hackney Giving bags, postcards and tea towels to help spread the word about Hackney Giving. Keep a look out for our cards as you go about Hackney!



**Sarah Watson**  
**Programme Manager**  
**Hackney Giving**







# Keeping it local - from fundraising to delivery

Hackney Giving joined up with the Chesham Arms to field a team of runners for the 2024 Hackney Half.



*Our runners outside the Chesham Arms*

The team included both regulars and staff from this popular Homerton pub, and wore specially designed shirts featuring both the Hackney Giving and Chesham Arms logos.

Hackney Giving runners raised almost £1,000, which we combined with funding from other donors and put towards grants to fund street parties to bring people together and reduce isolation.



*Hackney Showroom street party*

The events we funded were:

- The Huddleston Centre's summer get together for disabled young people.
- A street party run by Hackney Migrant Centre.
- An event hosted by Irie Mind, promoting positive wellbeing in Black, African and Caribbean communities locally.
- Events for older people run by the Irish Elderly Advice Network.
- A community event in Gillett Square held by Hackney Co-operative Developments.
- A street party in partnership with Kings Crescent TRA, hosted by Hackney Showroom.

We received many applications for funding and it was difficult to choose which we could fund with a limited budget.

We used a group of volunteers who all live in Hackney to help us make the decision – our first steps into “participatory grantmaking”, which puts decision-making powers into the hands of community members.

Our sincere thanks go to all our runners, the Chesham Arms and the team of volunteers who helped us decide which events to fund, as well as the community groups who hosted the street party events.

# Helping companies support the community

Many businesses want to support the communities they work in. In 2024, we launched our partnership with Match My Project, an online platform to link businesses with community groups locally.

On Match My Project, voluntary and community sector organisations can post requests, which businesses can browse and offer to support. In addition, businesses can describe goods or services they can provide, which community groups can read and request.

At Hackney Giving, we support the matching process in Hackney and the City.

Matches in 2024-25 included:

- Buying tablet computers for carers.
- Provision of blood pressure devices for members of a women's support group.
- A fridge freezer for a community centre.
- Funding for a Christmas event to promote social connections.

Comments from community groups supported:

"This printer will make an enormous difference for our organisation. Thank you!"

"Thanks to your donation we were able to combat the isolation within our community and give out some food takeaways for the Christmas period."

Mark Latham, Operations Director at Alphatrack Systems, said: "We've loved working with Hackney Giving over the past year—it's been such a positive experience. Their model in conjunction with their partner 'Match My Project' makes it easier for organisations like ours to connect with grassroots projects that are genuinely making a difference in the borough. By supporting locally led schemes and maintaining strong community links, Hackney Giving creates the kind of framework that enables suppliers to contribute meaningfully, ensuring our work is aligned with real needs on the ground. It's a practical and transparent approach that delivers measurable outcomes. We look forward to building on this partnership and continuing to support this fantastic programme."



*Alphatrack presentation about their involvement with Match My Project*

# Our grants in 2024-25



**£338k distributed**



**4 grant rounds**



**70 grants awarded**

"Your generous donation of £5,000 has made a significant impact - not only by providing immediate relief to single individuals in need of food, but also by reminding them that they are not alone."

**Chizuk**

"I never realised how much of a difference it would make just to sit down with someone and talk through my worries. I feel heard, supported, and more hopeful about managing my situation."

**Participant at Irie Mind**

"I used to water down milk to make it last longer. Now, my children can have a proper glass without me worrying."

**Service user at Lighthouse**

"People are counting the pennies so having the chance to enjoy nice food is much welcome. We know this because they regularly come by themselves and bring new people with them."

**Hackney Cypriot Association**

# Organisations we have funded in City and Hackney

In 2024-25 we funded the following organisations:

- Acheinu Cancer Support
- Acheived Dreams
- Activiteens
- African Arts and Advice Centre
- African Community School
- Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT) UK
- Apex Community Hub CIC
- Beersheba Living Well
- Blooming Blossoms Trust
- Blossoms London
- Carers First
- Causeway Irish Housing Association
- Cheer Up Squad Ltd, The
- Chesed Hospital Transport
- Chizuk
- Clapton Support and Advice
- Community Hub, The
- Connected Community
- Crohn's and Colitis Relief
- Day-Mer, Turkish and Kurdish Community Centre
- Derman
- East End Citizens Advice Bureaux
- Frampton Park Baptist Church
- Future For All
- Hackney Congolese Women Support Group
- Hackney Co-operative Developments CIC
- Hackney Cypriot Association
- Hackney Marsh Partnership
- Hackney Migrant Centre
- Hackney People First
- Hackney Showroom
- Hackney Young People's University
- Huddleston Centre
- Inspire A Teen
- Irish Elderly Advice Network
- Kids 'N Action
- Lehachzikom UK
- Lev Echod Cancer Care
- Lighthouse
- MDO Gives Back CIC
- Mind in the City, Hackney and Waltham Forest
- MRS Independent Living
- Ozer Umagen
- Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)
- Resolve Now
- Rise 365
- S Pinter Youth Project
- Schonfeld Square Foundation
- Shining Stars London
- SkyWay Charity
- Sonshine Club
- St John's Soup Kitchen and Food Bank
- Teen Action
- Tikva
- Tools 4 Teens
- Treasured Moments
- Turkish Cypriot Community Association
- Turkish Cypriot Cultural Association
- Turning Corners
- Twilight Kindness
- Yad Voezer Day Centre Limited
- Youth Space

# Thank you

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