

Coca Cola London Eye Community Chest Round VI Final Report 2016



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Foreword

WaCoCo is very pleased to be again working with the Coca Cola London Eye and the Visitors Management Group to deliver the sixth round of a community chest grant scheme in South Bank and Waterloo. The Visitors Management Group administers funds raised annually from the London Eye as part of its S106 planning conditions. These funds are primarily designed to help mitigate the impact on the public realm of the South Bank by the flow of visitors that the London Eye attracts. However over many years the VMG has kindly also donated any surplus to be invested in our local community via the community chest grant scheme.

This generous donation (this time of £57,500) is a hugely important source of investment for our local community sector particularly at a time when other sources of funding are drying up. It is also a great example of the strong partnership between business and the community that we have built up here in South bank and Waterloo – adding yet more resilience and strength to our community.

The projects this round have all met or exceed their promised outputs and outcomes. The projects themselves have engaged with hundreds of local residents young and old and in many cases will continue to do so after the formal grant project has ceased. The grants have helped local young people plan their own services, helped kit out a kitchen at the new Oasis Farm and get locals cooking and sharing food together, protected and regenerated our precious local green spaces and engaged more people in looking after it and using it growing their own veg, provided new office equipment to a valuable local resource, engaged young people in sport especially from the Tanswell and China Walk Estates, and supported moves by the local community to shape its own future through its Neighbourhood Plan.

Despite the pressures of the last few years, South Bank and Waterloo's community sector is in ruder health than many thanks to our deep foundations, history of innovation and enterprise, and our strong local partnerships and collaboration. But there is no room for complacency and investment like this grant programme is vital and very welcome.

On which note it is very pleasing to announce that thanks once again to the generosity of the VMG and the Coca Cola London Eye we will be announcing soon the 7th round of this grant programme.

Richard Bridge, Chair of WaCoCo

Executive Summary

The London Eye Community Chest Round VI was advertised widely in the local area in autumn 2015. Applications were invited from charities and community groups either based or working in Bishops Ward (the area of benefit for the scheme) for projects in one or more of the following areas:

- Social
- Environmental
- Regeneration
- Education & Training
- Initiatives fairly and reasonably related to the local area

The significant majority of beneficiaries had to reside from Bishops Ward.

9 projects were awarded funding. The Assessment Panel for the awards was made up of a representative of the VMG, directors of WaCoCo (from member organisations not applying), and a ward councillor.

The majority of projects were completed by the end of August 2016 with 2 projects receiving an extension to complete by the end of October. The overall outputs often exceeded those required in the contracts given.

Nine groups were awarded funding which engaged at least 301 children and young people, provided direct support to 26 community groups and opportunities for 3 local estates, built a community kitchen at Oasis Farm and contributed to a new building for Roots and Shoots, a Neighbourhood Plan, 8 consultation events and engaged over 82 local volunteers. A fantastic range of achievement and positive impact for residents of Waterloo has been brought about by the Community Chest this year.

A summary of the projects and their key outcomes is given in the table below.



Summary of Outcomes

Organisation	Amount	Project Description and Estimated Outcomes	Results
Coin Street Centre Trust	3,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Waterloo Youth Strategy Research and Report engaging 150 young people in identifying gaps in local provision and needs of local young people • Support 5 groups with youth events and partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report completed, utilised for attracting future funding support for youth projects • 150 young people engaged in consultation and decision making • 7 groups engaged creating a new funding consortium and Facebook page promoting services
Friends of Archbishops Park	8,900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage 35 people in a new Gardening Club at Archbishops Park • To make a new Mosaic Sign • Deliver 40 gardening sessions with 10-15 young people • Provide £1,440 match funding for a sculpture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth gardening club delivered with 8 young people • Local resident gardening session delivered with 38 adult volunteers • Park areas re-generated • New Sculpture and Mosaic sign designed and created

Friends of Jubilee Gardens	3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Jubilee Garden Consultation Events with presentations to LBL, landowners and residents at South Bank Forum and WCDG meeting • Increased Membership and involvement in FoJG • Match funding of £1,220 volunteer/ professional time • Consultation on concept designs on-going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New conceptual designs produced for incorporating Hungerford Carpark into Jubilees Gardens • Designs consulted on • FoJG now part of formal LBL consultation process and linked in with landowners • A second image and set of designs is being produced to incorporate feedback from the responses to the first image and design concept
Garden Museum	7,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Saturday Gardening Sessions • 10 gardening session at China Walk Estate • 3 gardening sessions at Paradise Gardens • 15 volunteers to be engaged • Match funds target of £1,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 gardening sessions delivered with 33 volunteers • Regeneration of open spaces on China Walk Estate • Residents' food growing club established with legacy of a plan, tools and growing beds • Links with other local gardening clubs made
Organisation	Amount	Project Description and Estimated Outcomes	Results
Oasis Hub Waterloo Community Farm	8,704	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Lunch and Cooking sessions • 32 community cooking sessions involving 6 volunteers • 32 community lunches with 20 people each • 2 seasonal celebrations for up to 100 people • Match funding target of £6,200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New community kitchen built • 16 Cook Clubs for adults and 16 for children and parents • 32 free community lunch sessions provided to locals and at the Oasis Farm Feast • Total of 76 people engaged
Roots and Shoots	7,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the new Environmental Centre at Roots and Shoots for training, volunteering and gardening opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality community building successfully completed which will support hundreds of young people, volunteers and trainees.
Southbank and Waterloo	5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Neighbourhood Plan for Waterloo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan completed and available on website for community engagement and feedback

Neighbours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1,550 match funding from LFN for community engagement tea dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £7,840 match funding gained Tea dance consultation event staged engaging 50 residents especially from China Walk Estates
Waterloo Community Development Group	4,142	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Groups to be supported with access to new community equipment to improve efficiency and effectiveness of community organisations and quality of meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outcomes achieved with 9 groups accessing new high quality resources and having increased impact and accessibility to information Over 12 volunteers supported In accessing new administration equipment
Waterloo Sports and Football Club	9,650	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 108 hours of Football Coaching Sessions at Living Space for 130 young people to improve health, fitness and social skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sessions delivered with 187 young people engaged in increasing self-confidence, well-being and further self-development opportunities
TOTAL	£57,596		

1. Coin Street Centre Trust

Project: Youth Consultation project

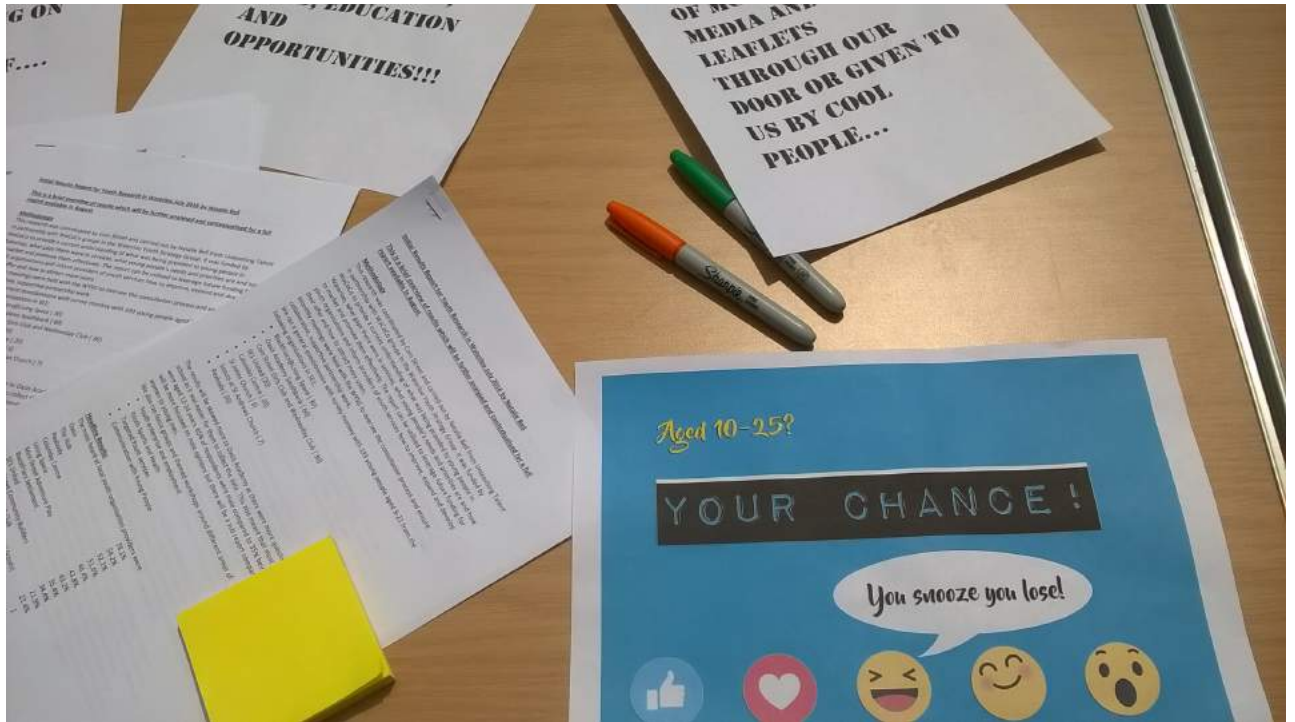
Start Date: January 2016 End Date: August 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

Six Waterloo Youth Strategy Group Meetings were hosted to strengthen potential consortium projects, share resources and good practise. WYSG have committed to continuing to meet regularly to continue to develop a direct response to the recommendations in the consultation report.

Five Youth Consultation events were delivered, aimed at identifying gaps in provision, listening to 150 young people's views and engaging them in future plans for local youth provision. This was delivered at 6 youth venues. Topics included sports, health and well-being, employment, enterprise, targeted services, youth communication and community issues affecting local young people. The final report will be shared with local stakeholders and to enable youth providers provide evidence for future fundraising.

A public event was held in July at Living Space which shared headline information from the consultation project with local young people along with information about youth services. Feedback was gathered on the new youth services "noticeboard" information sharing Facebook page and leaflet. <https://www.facebook.com/YourChanceAll/>



2. Friends of Archbishop's Park

Project: Gardening Club

Start Date: January 2016

End Date: 18th September 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

Gardening sessions were delivered involving local residents from the nearby estates of China Walk, Canterbury House and York House. Volunteers also came from Putting Down Roots (St Mungo's) and Oasis Academy South Bank. Over 45 people participated and regenerated several overgrown areas around the southern end of the park.

To recognise the efforts of the volunteers, a sculpture was created. The preliminary work of consultation took place in May and June with local resident Tim Hollins who worked voluntarily with children at Oasis School and local residents. The sculpture was unveiled in June and attended by local residents and pupils. The sculpture was based on the "hand of the volunteer" and used Lambeth resident Nick Scherer's hand who was a member of the gardening scheme which encourages those dealing with mental health issues. His comment on the day was "this is the best day of my life!"

The Youth Gardening Programme was advertised to local estates, with half-day sessions run over Easter and summer. Eight young people were formally engaged and learnt how to weed, prune, edge and tidy their local park plus appreciate the importance of leadership skills, team working and time management.

The Community Room mosaic sign was successfully created in July by Southbank Mosaics with local volunteers.



3. Friends of Jubilee Gardens

Project: Consultation and Membership Development

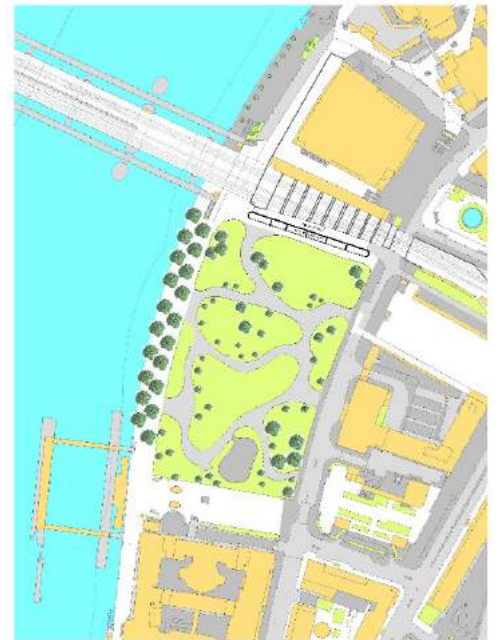
Start Date: January 2016

End Date: September 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

This project's aims were to have conceptual designs of the Jubilee Gardens completed based on results of previous public surveys (see example below) and to engage the community in the new plans and developments for Jubilee Gardens at two public events. The Friends of Jubilee Gardens needed to consultation with Lambeth and landowners about developing and extending the park by holding two events.

The comments from the public and stakeholders have been incorporated into new versions of the design which are now being drawn up ready for presentation in the future.



4. Garden Museum

Name of Project: St Mary's & China Walk Estate Gardening Projects

Start Date: May 2016 **End Date: October 2016**

Summary of key achievements and outputs

The weekly Saturday Gardening Club at St Mary's was set up to encourage local people to help maintain this public space with basic gardening skills for food growing and general maintenance. The group grew a wide range of vegetables and took harvest home. Volunteers learnt about soil improvement, irrigation, sowing seeds and raising seedlings, pest control and crop management and pruning. There is a legacy of the garden shed and garden tools for the activity to continue in the future. 14 volunteers participated, culminating in a total of 61 visits.

Food growing was established on the China Walk Estate. With the support of the TRA the following sessions were delivered over summer, to find out whether residents wanted to grow food, where they could establish growing spaces and how they could organise themselves. 4 community events were held on site including; two consultations with estate walkabouts, a planter build, and a harvest event and gardening day. A total of 19 volunteers attended.

Contact was made with Ivor Picardo of Edible Living, Lambeth Housing Management food growing support for residents, who can assist the residents in taking the project further and expanding across the estate. There is a legacy of planters, tool kit and a resource pack for the TRA to ensure ongoing activity.

The Learning Officer hosted a visit for Coin Street Community Builder's 'Gorgeous Gardens' group to visit St Mary's Garden in September. This was an opportunity for them to meet the Tuesday volunteer gardeners and staff and share learning about St Mary's Garden and the museum plans.

“It was a fantastic way to feel I was putting something into my local surroundings”

“Always looked forward to Saturday”



5. Oasis Hub Waterloo Community Farm

Name of Project: Community Lunch and Cooking Sessions

Start Date: January 2016 End Date: October 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs



The first major achievement was building a new kitchen on the farm, suitable for running the cook clubs. It was built with help from local volunteers, mostly on weekends. Oasis was also fortunate to have some catering equipment donated. Once built, Oasis established a detailed Food Safety Management System ensuring good practice procedures and protocols were in place for a managing a safe and hygienic environment.

Oasis delivered two types of cookery clubs: a morning cook club for adults and an afterschool club for parents and children which ran every Thursday June to September. In total, 26 people completed a cook club, of which 9 were children, coming with a parent. At the start of each cook club, the Tutor guided attendees around the farm to help them understand what vegetables are in season and to harvest some for the meal. 32 cooking sessions with 6 people plus 2 Volunteers were delivered, plus 32 community lunches with 20 people.

Community meals were served at the Oasis farm open days, and at the Urban Farm Feast in September attracted 50 attendees.

“I’d like to say how grateful I am for your flexibility and support for this project. It’s been absolutely terrific to deliver cook clubs on our farm for the first time and we now have a project we hope to deliver again. Having spent time with the participants, I know how much this project has meant to them and the positive impact it’s had in their lives. Having a kitchen on the farm has also made a huge difference to our wider work with children on the farm. So thank you from everyone here at the farm”.

6. Roots and Shoots

Name of Project: Roots and Shoots' new environmental education building

Start Date: October 2015 End Date: 30th June 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

Roots and Shoots used the funding from WaCoCo towards the Bat/Bee tower at the front of the building. This was also designed by the architect to illustrate the industrial heritage of the local area.

The Trustees were hoping to build this building in 2013 but with the building boom in London they could not find an affordable builder to take on this project. They had been given £150k by LandAid but this was not enough funding to make this project happen.

Roots and Shoots took part in Chelsea Flower Show in May 2015. Their large garden in the Chelsea Marquee included a 10-metre pergola made of marine ply but painted to look like oak. The garden received very good publicity, especially as Roots and Shoots won a gold medal. The young people involved were featured on the BBC 1 resulting in public donations for their Chelsea Appeal Fund totalling £27,000. This matched with the Community Chest grant enabled the completion of this unique resource.

The building is now open and Roots and Shoots will engage the China Walk Estate project. They have also been asked to run short gardening courses for local Lambeth residents by Lambeth Council in 2017.



7. Southbank and Waterloo Neighbours

Name of Project: Neighbourhood Plan

Start Date: October 2015 **End Date: 30th June 2016**

Summary of key achievements and outputs

South Bank & Waterloo Neighbours is a group of over 500 local residents, workers and community groups. It is working to develop a Neighbourhood Plan under the auspices of the Localism Act (2011) which will, if carried in a local referendum, hold statutory weight in planning decisions taken about the neighbourhood area. Funding was provided to assist in the preparation of the South Bank & Waterloo Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031.

The funding was used as agreed to obtain professional support in the drafting and preparation of the plan on the part of legal planning specialist Dentons, and the document was completed in September 2015. The plan can be viewed on the South Bank & Waterloo Neighbours website [here](#).

A tea dance was also put on to engage local residents especially from the China Walk Estates in the Neighbourhood Plan. 50 people attended. This event attracted over £7,000 of match funds.



8. Waterloo Community Development Group

Name of Project: Community Communications

Start Date: October 2015 End Date: 30th June 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

The purpose of the project was to improve the effective working of WCDG and its communication with its members and the residential community in Waterloo, as well as that of partner community groups, by significantly upgrading the ICT equipment, including computers, printers, and audio-visual equipment.

Key equipment purchased with the grant were two PCs for the office, one large wall screen which enables the Planning Sub-group to meet and look at key images without printing out. Also bought were: a laptop for presentations at public meetings plus off-site work, a document scanner/ copier to aid communications, a projector for presentations which provides a far higher quality image, facilitating public participation at consultation on planning apps, and a public address system which reaches excluded people including the elderly and hard of hearing.

The new projector was lent it to Thames Central Open Spaces for their public meeting in May (over 400 in attendees) and other smaller meetings. It has been used by the Friends of Jubilee Gardens and at three WCDG public meetings (average 50 attendees). The new PCs have been regularly used by a dozen volunteers; a new large screen has enabled smaller groups to view detailed planning applications. The PCs have been used for electronic communication, with several thousand contacted by TCOS and over 600 people contacted by WCDG.

“All of the groups has benefited from the communications opportunities which the newly purchased equipment has thrown up, including mass production of leaflets and posters, help with design, and electronic communication.”



9. Waterloo Sports and Football Club

Name of Project: Football Coaching at Living Space

Start Date: January 2016 **End Date:** July 2016

Summary of key achievements and outputs

Before the project, WSFC conducted outreach in the Waterloo area, with a focus on the Tanswell, Briant and China Walk estates and Oasis Academy South Bank. The project began delivering weekly football coaching sessions for local children and young people at the Living Space, which culminated in a tournament in July. Sessions were well attended by young people from the VMG area of benefit, with a regular group of 60 participants. During the project, WSFC engaged 102 male and 32 female participants.



"I really enjoyed the sessions I felt like I was part of a team. I made new friends some living in the estate across from me and I'm fitter from playing every week." T, 14

"I used to hang around with people who were always getting me into trouble, after meeting up with new friends on this project I don't feel like I need to hang out on the street anymore." M, 15

WSFC also delivered four sessions for the Oasis Academy South Bank, attended by 57 pupils. The sessions took place at Geraldine Harmsworth Park Astro turf pitches. The programme received favourable feedback from the Head of PE:

"I was really impressed with the quality and professionalism of the coaches/mentors at Waterloo FC, so much so that we employed one of Waterloo's coaches to join our physical education team at Oasis... the pupils were very excited to hear that Waterloo FC were delivering their football sessions and responded well to the high standard of coaching, many of our pupils went on to attend sessions with Waterloo FC".

Two young people from the project have become volunteers and are undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award at the Club, and are keen to pursue coaching qualifications.

Participants have increased in fitness, sports skills, self-confidence, self-esteem and life skills. The project has provided positive activities for young people who were at risk of getting involved in crime and peer pressure. Football has helped to break down barriers between young people from different estates, as they learnt to come together and work as a team, increasing mutual respect and understanding.

Feedback from organisations regarding the grant application process

Evaluation of Application Process	0% Non-satisfactory
	0% Satisfactory
	50% Good
	50% Very Good
Evaluation of Monitoring Process	0% Non-satisfactory
	0% Satisfactory
	75% Good
	25% Very Good

Feedback from organisations on impact of the grants

“It made the difference in making this project happen”

“We are very grateful for this funding from WaCoCo as this building in the long term will be most beneficial for the local people and the other many disadvantaged groups that use our services”

“Waterloo FC gives me something good to do and helped me in my life and I’ve made new friends who enjoy football like me”

