

Southwark Giving



'A poverty of opportunities for some leads to a weaker community for all.'

A Tale of Two Southwarks research report

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One Year On: Activities Report

October 2017 – September 2018



Uniting Southwark to tackle local disadvantage



Southwark Giving is an initiative of Community Southwark. Community Southwark is a registered charity (No. 1105835) and company limited by guarantee (No. 5090324)

Overview

This short report provides a synopsis of Southwark Giving's development and early activity in our first financial year.

2017-18 has seen the first year of existence for Southwark Giving. With thanks to our Founder Funders, we are building something out of nothing and in just 12 months, we are already starting operations. Our first financial year (October 2017-September 2018) operated on £48k.

This year has seen seed money raised for our developing Fund, brokering of cross-sector connections, delivering meaningful volunteering, cultivating a growing Givers Network, establishing our profile locally and gaining increasing traction throughout and beyond the borough. So, excitingly, we are close to having a fully fledged giving scheme.

Our work this year has shown that through Southwark Giving, cross-sector collaboration has the potential to meet the most pressing community needs in the borough. Be part of it!

Priority needs

Informed by our research report, A Tale of Two Southwarks, we have identified a theme of Life Transitions, which we will target resources to over the next 10 years.

We will focus on three key points of transitions in people's lives to help prevent crisis:



Children

1. Children aged 10-12 at risk of crisis transferring from primary to secondary school



Young people

2. Young people aged 16+ years old making life choices – with particular focus on looked after children and care



Older adults

3. Adults aged 50-65 years old who are unemployed, seeking to secure employment and positively contributing to retirement

Our work

Fundraising

Southwark Giving aims to have a fund that benefits local communities. This first year of operations, in setting up and establishing the giving scheme, we aimed to develop the foundations for strong fundraising. Through the generous fundraising efforts of Community Southwark staff, Team London Bridge and a completed charity partnership with Southwark Business Excellence Awards we have raised seed funding to build on next year.



Raised for Southwark Giving's Fund so far

Volunteering hours

Our giving scheme will provide opportunities for people to donate time, resources and skills to make a difference in local communities. This year we were able to test a model of volunteering with employee volunteers from businesses giving their time to support a local charity. We look forward to brokering more skills-based volunteering opportunities in the coming year.



Hours given to support Southwark Giving



Corporate volunteering hours

In-kind support

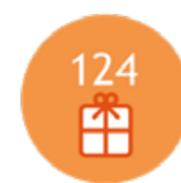
There are many ways that businesses can give and this year we have shown the potential for Southwark Giving to be a vehicle for directing in-kind support as well. For example, Roast restaurant generously hosted an art exhibition inspired by our needs report, A Tale of Two Southwarks, curated by two local artists.



For Southwark Giving



For local community



A donation of 124 products distributed to the local community

Cross-Sector Partnership Working

Place-based giving schemes are built on a principle of cross-sector collaboration. In the relationships we have built over the last year there has been great appetite for increasing cross-sector partnership work showing the potential that Southwark Giving has to bring people together.



Corporate responsibility membership bodies individually engaged with



Businesses individually engaged with



Local charities individually engaged with

Charity partnerships

We have been exploring ways for Southwark Giving to build longer lasting relationships with companies for the benefit of local communities. We have secured three charity partnerships over this year. We very much look forward to developing these over the coming year.



Charity partnerships



Givers Network

We continue to facilitate organisations either cross-sector or within sector to work together for societal benefit.

Our Givers Network is a network of engaged corporate charity partners, in-kind supporters, donors and fundraisers. The network is currently in very early formation and we will be growing it over the next year.



Cross-sector relationships formed through Southwark Giving



Givers

Communications and Outreach

We want Southwark Giving to be the focal point for giving in the borough and for people to be engaged and part of the change that we can make together. We have worked hard this year to establish and raise our profile in the borough. As a result, we now have a strong base to build upon.



Borough-based voluntary and community organisations engaged with



Residents individually engaged with us



Website hits



Twitter followers

Events

We have run, hosted and engaged in local events. We have run a number of events ourselves to bring people together, stimulate conversations about giving and learn more about the needs of the charities in the borough. We have also been involved in events that have helped raise the profile and funds for Southwark Giving. For example, Southwark Giving and Community Southwark partnered with Laytons LLP to relaunch the More London charity forum.



Borough-based community and cross-sector



Events SG was actively involved in

Influencing Policy

We recognise the important role that giving schemes play in leading the developments of civic philanthropy at a wider strategic and policy level. As such, we have contributed to policy reports to support the giving scheme agenda. (Report links can be found on page 6).



Southwark Giving has contributed to 4 policy reports

What's next?

Southwark Giving's first financial year has been a time of significant development but we have still more to come!

Through conversations with local charities over the last year we have learned more about the level of need locally with our priority area of life transitions. A giving scheme to help unite the borough to tackle local disadvantage together is needed.

With sufficient funding, our next focal areas for development are designing our innovative Fund, increasing our volunteering service delivery and further developing our Givers Network.

We look forward to building a movement of giving over the next year so that together we can begin to make tangible positive changes to peoples lives.

Special thanks

We wouldn't be in existence and be at our current stage of development without the generous support of money, time and skills of our Founder Funders and Advisors on our cross-sector Strategic Partnership Board. So, special thanks go to each member.

Founder Funders:

- Norton Rose Fulbright LLP
- Womble Bond Dickinson
- Team London Bridge (BID)
- The Wakefield & Tetley Trust
- United St. Saviour's Charity
- The Peter Minnet Trust

Advisors:

- Gowling WLG
- GoodPeople
- Southwark Council
- Community Southwark
- External advisor: London's Giving

We would also like to especially thank our patron, Iqbal Wahhab OBE, for his generosity and support.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank our corporate partners and in-kind supporters who generously offer resources to further Southwark Giving's aims.

- G Baldwin & Co.
- Grainger plc
- Laytons LLP
- London Bridge City
 - Mindbench
- Real Estate Management (UK) Limited, Asset and Property Managers of Shard Quarter
 - Roast Restaurant
 - WSET Global

Reports:

These are two of the reports we have contributed to:

- A Place to Give - London's Place-Based Giving Movement in the Spotlight by London Funders
 - Place-Based Giving Schemes Funding, Engaging and Strengthening Communities by Dr Catherine Walker for the Office of Civil Society, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport