

# COMMUNITY AWARDS

## **What is LEAP and what does it aim to do?**

Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP) aims to improve the lives of children aged 0-3 and their families in the four wards of Stockwell, Vassall, Coldharbour and Tulse Hill. We already support over 20 local services and projects and are now delighted to be launching - in partnership with Groundwork London - a Community Awards scheme.

## **What are LEAP Community Awards?**

LEAP Community Awards support groups of local parents and community members to run activities for children aged 0-3 and their families. Every activity should contribute to improving young children's diet and nutrition, social and emotional development, or communication and language development.

## **How much funding is available?**

Groups can apply for Community Awards of either £500, £1,000, or £2,000. Funding is available for each of the four LEAP wards of Stockwell, Vassall, Coldharbour and Tulse Hill.



## **Who can apply?**

Groups can apply if their proposed activities:

- Are for families living in the LEAP wards (Stockwell, Vassall, Coldharbour and Tulse Hill) with a child aged 0-3.
- Will contribute to improving the diet and nutrition, social and emotional development, or communication and language of LEAP children aged 0-3.
- Will be free for all participants.
- Will benefit at least ten LEAP children.

All applications should include plans for how activities could be continued once the award money has been used.

We welcome applications from existing groups looking to strengthen their current activities or from new groups setting up new activities. We will particularly welcome applications from parents and community members living in the LEAP area.

## **How do we apply?**

The first step is to get and fill in a Project Enquiry form from the team at Groundwork London who are helping LEAP deliver the Community Awards scheme. To get a form, please email [LEAPaward@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:LEAPaward@groundwork.org.uk), or call on **02072391390**. Groundwork London will then make contact to discuss your idea.

Your completed Project Enquiry Form should be taken to a local LEAP Early Years Forum. By taking your Project Enquiry Form to these meetings, you will be able to get lots of good advice on your idea from other local parents. Dates and locations for Early Years Forums are given on the next page.

The final stage will be to submit your application to the LEAP Community Awards panel. The panel will be made up of representatives from LEAP, Groundwork London, and local voluntary and community sector organisations. They will meet four times per year to decide whether applications are successful or unsuccessful.

### **What will happen if our application is successful?**

Groundwork London will contact you to offer support and guidance about getting your activities underway.

In the first instance, you will need to decide whether to set up a group bank account or to work with a local accountable body who can set up an account for your Award.

You will then be required to sign an Award Agreement with Groundwork London setting out what you propose to do and when.

### **What will happen if our application is unsuccessful?**

Groundwork London will be more than happy to discuss the reasons why your application was unsuccessful and to provide advice on how to strengthen your application for next time.



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