

VISIONS FOR NORTHOLT

Floating Community Room, Activity grants

Application Guidelines, August 2023

Apply for £200 - £1,000 funding to run one or more community events on or around the Racecourse Estate in Northolt!

Introduction

The Floating Community Room Programme will bring together local people and activate existing community spaces across the Racecourse Estate.

A total of £12,000 Activity grants funding is available for residents and groups to run an event or series of events as part of the Floating Community Room Programme between September 2023 – 2024. This programme will include a range of activities that activate different venues across the estate and serve the diverse local community.

What is a Floating Community Room?

These are existing community spaces in and around the Racecourse Estate that could host community activities. We have worked with operators of these existing spaces on and around the estate to create a list of potential venues for your event, available on this [map](#).

We have also launched Venue Grants for operators to enhance their venues and make these more accessible. Find out more about this opportunity [here](#).

Who can apply?

Applicants who are based on or around, or serve the Racecourse Estate, including:

- Individual residents
- Voluntary and community organisations
- Constituted group or clubs
- Un-constituted group or clubs
- Registered charities
- Charitable incorporated organisations
- Not-for-profit companies
- Community interest companies
- Schools
- Community benefit societies

What are we funding?

Funded activities must be free to attend. We want to hear your ideas, but this could include:

- Cultural events (e.g. performances, music)
- Craft activities (e.g. knitting clubs, book groups)
- Community barbecues or picnics
- Sports events
- Learning and training sessions
- Litter picks
- Planting days
- Events to encourage residents to reuse, repair or recycle items (e.g. clothes swaps)

Activities should be held on or around the Racecourse Estate.

- Applicants may refer to a list of potential venues, available on this [map](#).
- Applicants may propose an alternative venue on or around the estate.
- If you have a venue in mind, specify this in your application and speak to the operator.
- Alternatively, set out your venue requirements in your application. We will work with successful applicants to match their activities with a venue.

The funding can be used to pay for:

- Staffing (e.g. instructors, facilitators)
- Volunteer expenses
- Insurance and licenses
- Equipment
- Venue hire
- Catering
- Material costs (e.g. decoration, craft activities)
- Promotion and communications

Applications that focus on one or more of the following objectives will be prioritised:

- Encourage and increase community involvement on the Racecourse Estate.
- Bring together volunteers, including opportunities to learn new skills.
- Address issues felt by local people living on the estate.
- Involve an underserved group or those with protected characteristics. We particularly encourage activities that involve young people.
- Support the local economy, by sourcing materials locally.

How to apply

Get started on your application today!

1	Download the Application Form .
2	Review the Frequently Asked Questions .
3	Speak to a team member to discuss your ideas and any queries by 1pm Friday 1 September 2023. Email visionsfornortholt@ealing.gov.uk with the subject 'Floating Community Room - Activity Grants Support'
4	Submit application form to visionsfornortholt@ealing.gov.uk by midnight Friday 15 September 2023.
5	Receive the outcome via email by midnight Friday 6 October 2023.
6	Successful applicants contacted to finalise their event plan, venue and grant agreement.

Applications will be scored as follows:

Criteria	Weighting
Objectives: The extent to which your proposal delivers against one or more of the objectives above.	40%
Training: The extent to which your proposal provides volunteering and training opportunities for those involved.	10%
Deliverability: The extent to which your proposal is deliverable, including a cost breakdown and risk assessment.	30%
Accessibility: The extent to which your proposal is inclusive and accessible for different groups with protected characteristics .	20%