
2015—2016 Budgets

Education: £369,000

Sector training - for people working with local charities

Individuals - for people undertaking further or vocational studies

Projects - for organisations involved in education initiatives

Contact Nancy: Education@rplc.org.uk

New Grants: £510,050

Development: one-off funding for clearly defined projects

Children & Young People: projects working with people up to 25

Premises: help with rent or capital costs for charities

Small/Medium charities & Start-ups: core operational costs

Project Funding: support for open applications

Regular Grants: £594,950

Small Crisis Grants: Up to £300 through a referral agency

Winter Fuel: £100 in January for pensioners on benefits

Local Charities: 38 regularly funded local organisations

Contact Sharon: Grants@rplc.org.uk

Property

Charitable Housing: Waiting lists (TW9, TW10 & SW14)

Contact Jonathan: Director@rplc.org.uk

Dickson House: 8 studios for artists

Vestry Hall/Boardroom: Available for hire

Contact Clare: Office@rplc.org.uk

Who we are

RPLC provides grants, rent and education support to local charities and disadvantaged people living in our Benefit Area of TW9, TW10 and SW14.

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RPLC

Report of Activities July 2014 - June 2015



An Orange Tree Theatre production for schools

Supporting individuals and charities in Richmond since 1786

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Effective Use of Funds - Hardship and need in Richmond have become more evident in the last year. Increased numbers of applications have been received from charities and individuals seeking assistance for education programmes, housing and utility bills. The challenge faced by Trustees has been how best to distribute income in an effective and equitable way while maximising impact and ensuring the funds are available for future generations.

Agile

Increased Demand - Poverty is a reality in Richmond. Limited employment opportunities, few affordable housing options and widespread social isolation result in many people struggling to contribute to, or participate in, community life locally. Richmond is fortunate, however, to have a vibrant voluntary sector. There are numerous local community groups and charities managed by dedicated staff, trustees and volunteers. Increased demand from service users alongside reduced levels of available funding puts many charities in a difficult position and as a consequence extra demand on the RPLC as a grant-making charity.

Proactive

Commissioning - The Council's move to commissioning of services has helped some charities work closely together on specific areas of interest across the Borough. This collaboration is positive; however there are also charities that have been unable to get involved in the commissioning process and yet still have a valuable role to play in the community. The RPLC will do all it can to help people in need locally and the charities that support them.

Responsive

Farewells - Barbara Gilgallon has left RPLC after 24 years of dedicated service managing education and grant giving. Her sensitivity and understanding of the pressures on young people as they sought to further their education was of real value. We also said farewell to Helen Aloof, secretary at RPLC for 17 years. We wish them both a happy retirement together with Frank Galea who retired in September after over 20 years as the RPLC's accountant.

Future Activities

Strategic Plan

The Trustees have set out a five year strategic plan in response to the changing needs of vulnerable people and voluntary sector organisations in Richmond. The new plan covers the period from July 2015 until June 2020. Trustees want the RPLC to be outward looking and proactive with a positive and active profile, agile in meeting local needs. Working closely with local business, charities and voluntary organisations the RPLC will identify unmet need, and will try to ensure that funding is effective. The charity will continue to support the local community through effective grant-making, educational support and commercial and charitable properties. The priority for the current year is to identify unmet need, and develop funding strategies that have a positive and sustainable impact.

2016 Budget

The Trustees have decided to set the grant-giving budget for 2016 at £1,474,000 (£1,427,000) – the highest budget figure yet. During the year applications will be sought from small/medium sized charities, organisations working with children and young people, and charities needing assistance with costs associated with premises. £369,000 has been set aside to support individuals requiring assistance with tertiary education courses and organisations offering education and training.

New Office Team

New Finance and Education Directors will be taking up their posts in the current financial year to June 2016. The Education Director, Nancy Van den Broeck will undertake a review of the education support offered by the RPLC and will identify ways of measuring the impact of RPLC funding through contact with previous recipients of assistance from the RPLC. The new Finance Director, Tony Simkin will assist Trustees in reviewing the financial needs of the charity, the level of reserves required and how best to meet the needs of the grants, property and education committees.

Property

1. **The Vestry House** is where the RPLC has its administrative offices. Four other suites of offices are let out commercially. During the year a TV monitor was installed in the Board Room, which is occasionally hired out to local organisations.
2. **Dickson House** is a block of 8 studios on Queens Road. Following the completion in July of the consultation regarding options for the future of some of the RPLC property holdings on the junction of the Queen's Road and Cambrian Road, Trustees will determine how best to ensure the area serves the needs of the local community.
3. **The Vestry Hall** continues to be a popular venue for local charities and some commercial meetings. It has a capacity of around 70 and further details can be found on the RPLC website at www.rplc.org.uk. An overhead projector and improved lighting has recently been installed.
4. **The Cambrian Centre** has had a busy year with an increased range of activities for local residents and voluntary organisations. The Cambrian Centre Gym continues to attract a large number of users many of whom benefit from the specialist cardiac care skills of the gym staff.
5. **Charitable Housing** is offered with significant rent support to local families in need. Currently the RPLC has 81 tenanted units. A recent survey of tenants found that 107 adults and 44 children are living in the charity's properties.



The Cambrian
Community Centre
£24,365



SPEAR
£53,100



Charitable Housing

"We aim to launch a Toy Box rental scheme for local nurseries, schools and children's centres to provide toys to improve communication skills and enable children with communication issues to play with peers."

Pictologue £7,250

Children & Young People

There are many organisations working with children and young people in the Borough and the RPLC was able to support a number of these:

Achieving for Children £500

Darell Primary School £4,950

Empowering Youth £7,000

Friends of Meadlands School £5,000

Marshgate After School Club £2,062

St. Richard's Primary School £9,000

Straight Talking Project £4,670



Pictologue

£7,250

Education

25% of the Grants Budget is allocated to education initiatives. During the year a total of **£311,722** was awarded to projects associated with education and training.

"My confidence grows week by week and it is wonderful; to be training in something I am so completely passionate about."

Counselling Diploma student at RACC

Supporting children in schools	£ 36,815
General education projects	£112,244
Helping individuals	£106,785
Regular funding for education	£ 39,500
Support for charity workers	£ 16,378
Total funding	£311,722



Orange Tree Theatre - Visits to Schools

£47,000

Environment

The Discovery Project at Kew Gardens - walking and bus tours - aims to make Kew accessible to visitors with additional needs, whether due to sensory loss or limited mobility.

Kew Gardens Foundation and Friends
£17,666

There are over 70 organisations in Richmond concerned with protecting, or improving, the local environment. Many are focused on the River Thames, Richmond Park and local greens or recreations areas.

The RPLC supported a number of initiatives including the gardens at the **Cassell Hospital (£4,738)**, **Kew Gardens Foundation & Friends** and the **River Thames Boat Project (£11,535)**.



River Thames Boat Project

£11,535

Support Groups

NA Fashion Clubs employs sewing and design as a means of raising self-esteem, team work and leadership skills with young people (**£2,665**).

Straight Talking took its peer education programmes into schools to demonstrate the challenge of teenage parenthood.

Parents and school associations have received grants to improve facilities not covered by the school budget at **Darell, Kew Riverside, Marshgate** and the **Russell Schools** during the course of the year .

“Young parents, who have come from generations of workless families, are motivated to achieve for the first time and feel proud to give back to society through using their own expertise.”

Straight Talking Project
£4,670



NA Fashion Club

£2,665

“In the Bag brings components of mixed martial arts, fitness and youth work together and makes it accessible for many young people. It provides a setting which can challenge and offers a unique and exciting platform for learning.”

In the Bag £6,000

Health & Wellbeing

RPLC funding is allowing young people to have new experiences of fitness training, exercise and sport. Projects also include self defence skills, stress management and anger management.

In the primary sector children with social communication issues have taken part in **On the Ball** programmes which combine sport with practical advice for parents and children (**£2,101**).



In the Bag - Performance Training

£6,000

Older People

One of the strategic objectives for the year was to provide funding for charities working with older people.

Total funds granted: £204,087

15 charities received grants including:

Age UK Richmond
Alzheimer's Society
Bold Balladiers
My Life Films
Embracing Age
Kew Community Trust
Orleans House Gallery

"This is brilliant news!!! You cannot believe how happy we are. It is not just the money but also the appreciation you are showing for what we are doing."

Jorg Roth, My Life Films

£40,000 Year 1

£30,000 Year 2



Cambrian Community Centre

£24,365

Family Life

"It was a very difficult time for me physically and mentally and Home Start was there for me."

Home Start Client

"It was difficult to admit that I actually needed help. Once that was done it was very nice to actually have somebody that I could rely on."

Home Start Client

Family breakdown, poverty and domestic violence are all too often issues raised by charities seeking funding for individuals or families through the RPLC's **Small Grants Programme**. These grants offer a fast response to crisis situations where people cannot access statutory funding and are made to individuals in extreme need following a referral from a local agency.

A total of 357 crisis grants of up to £300 per claim were awarded to residents in the RPLC Benefit Area amounting to **£87,117**.



Home Start Richmond

£22,900

Work Experience

The **Museum of Richmond** devised a Young Curators' scheme which offered an insight into working in museums as a career and challenged students to create some documentary films based on World War 1. **(£2,350)**

Several older pupils experienced a three day residential on the theme of Cyber Security at **Royal Holloway** which gave an insight into possible STEM based career opportunities. **(£13,050)**

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Counselling Diploma student at **RACC**

'I loved every minute of this course and I would recommend it to anyone interested in computer science or cyber security.'
Cyber Security at Royal Holloway College



Museum of Richmond Young Curators Project

£7,350

Volunteers

"...he was bullied at his last volunteer project. He has now been volunteering with us for over a year, and enjoys it...He is able to work far more independently..."

The Conservation Volunteers **£3,400**

Volunteers are vital. It is estimated that there are the equivalent of 22,000 volunteer positions in the Borough contributing the equivalent of millions of pounds in volunteer time.

Learning English at Home is a charity that pairs volunteers with individuals who struggle with English and empowers them to talk to their child's teacher, visit the doctor and complete a form.



Learning English at Home - Volunteers

£10,000

Financial Highlights - at 30 June 2015



Category	Income	Expenditure	Net
Investments	1,235,327	-	1,235,327
Residential	697,031	548,292	148,739
Non Residential	132,880	85,866	47,014
Governance & Grants Admin	-	180,793	-180,793
Grants & Education distributed	-	1,365,840	-1,365,840
Totals:	2,065,238	2,180,791	-115,553

Statistics

