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Near Neighbours brings people together in religiously and ethnically diverse communities, so they can:

- Get to know each other better;
- Build relationships of trust;
- Collaborate together on initiatives that improve the local community they live in.



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## Why is Near Neighbours needed?

- In many neighbourhoods across England, different faith and ethnic communities live and work next to each other, yet rarely interact with one another.
- Such separation can lead to misunderstanding and lack of trust or respect for one another, neither of which is healthy for a local community.
- Often these are also areas of deprivation, where people share a common concern for a better community, but don't come together to talk or act as much as they could.
- We believe local people, in local communities, are ideally placed to identify and develop solutions that can improve their own neighbourhood.



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Near Neighbours has two key objectives:

- **Social interaction** - to develop positive relationships in multi-faith areas i.e. to help people from different faiths get to know and understand each other better.
- **Social action** - to encourage people of different faiths, or no faith, to come together for initiatives that improve their local neighbourhood.



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# SMALL GRANTS FUND

The programme offers **small grants**, up to £5,000, providing seed funding for local groups and organisations who are:

- working to bring together neighbours
- to develop relationships of diverse faiths and ethnicities
- to improve their communities.



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## Key criteria:

- Building relationship and association between peoples of two or more faiths/or ethnicities
- Locally based in neighbourhoods
- Work sustainably, beyond our funding
- Working to improve their community
- New or developing initiatives

Full details of our criteria are available on our website



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## Funding Priorities:

- Projects that help local people develop leadership & organising skills
- Projects that work with vulnerable women; women who are in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect.
- Projects that work with Refugees or Asylum seekers.
- Projects that work with new migrants - people who have come to England from countries within the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, or the European Economic Area.
- (In general we are a revenue funder & therefore not keen on big capital costs ,i.e. a kettle not a kitchen!)



# Examples...

- Exercise for the 60+ – offering weekly chair based fitness classes for older, less able folk in the neighbourhood. After the class, participants stay for tea, coffee & cake, socialising, making new friends in a safe & warm environment.
- Creative Conversations – a 10-week creative writing and story-telling programme for migrant and refugee women living in Brent, to encourage them to develop and ‘share their stories’ in a meaningful and creative way. Culminating in a women-only showcase/ performance event for residents and guests from Brent to encounter the personal stories, providing an opportunity to recognise and welcome the migrant women in Brent.
- Other types of funded projects include: mental health projects, art classes, lunch clubs, dance workshops, etc.

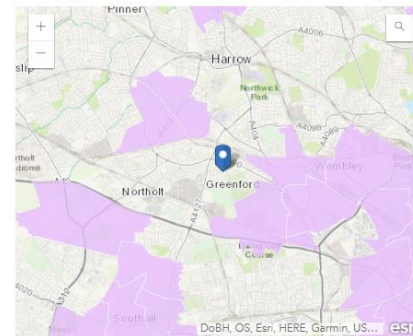




# Interested?

- Check out whether your organisation is in an eligible area:  
<https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/local-hubs/west-london>
- Deadline for this years round is now closed.
- Next years round should open around April/May 2019.

Please see the highlighted areas on the map below that show the areas in which we work in north, west and south London. You can also search by your address or postcode in the top right of the map or click on the map to see the eligible parishes.



# Application Form

You can download this from our website as well as the Guidance & Criteria.

Before filling in your application speak with Near Neighbours coordinator to talk through your project idea.



# Good applications

## Will answer these questions:

What is the need?

What are your aims?

Who are the people who will benefit from this project?

Why do you want to do your project?

When and where will your project take place?

Who are the local people/organisations you will work with to deliver this project?



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