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Since launching Our Tower Hamlets in 2018, Tower Hamlets Council has supported 26 locally-led [Spacehive](#) projects. In this report we showcase some of our favourite projects and share updates on their progress.

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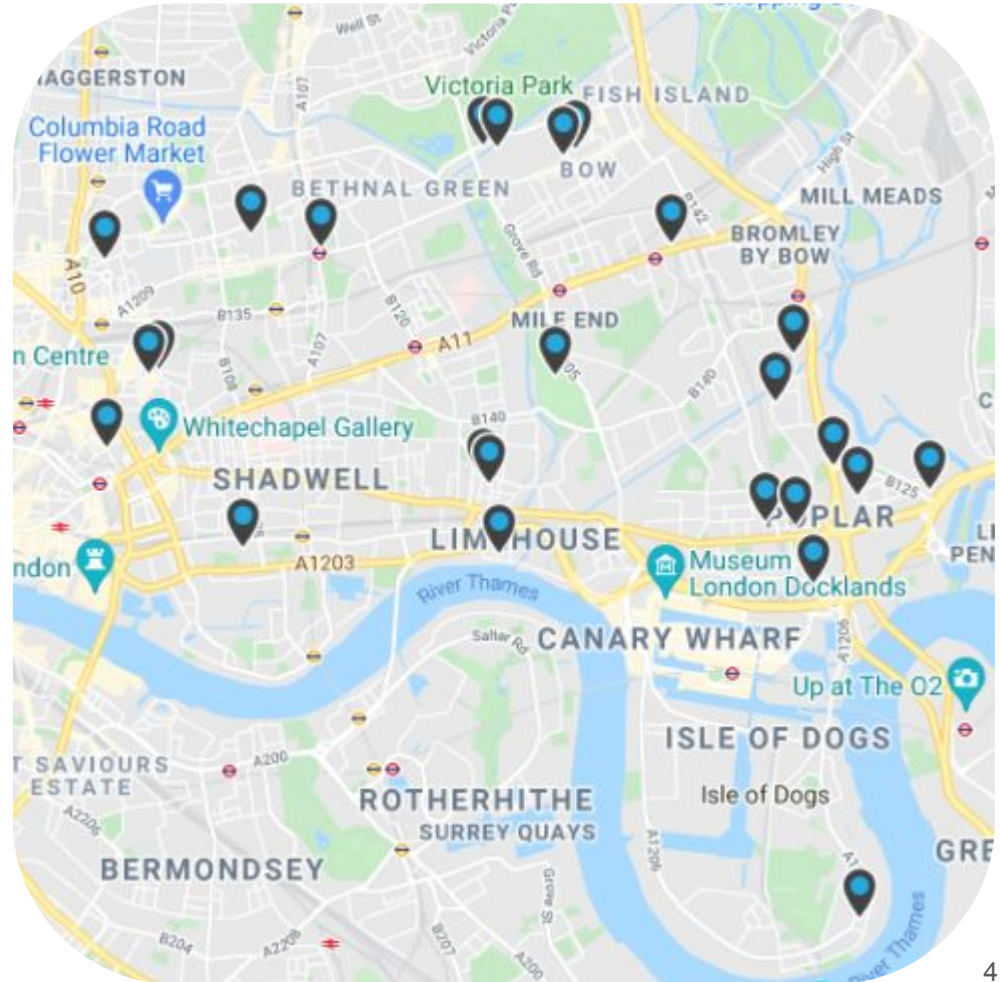

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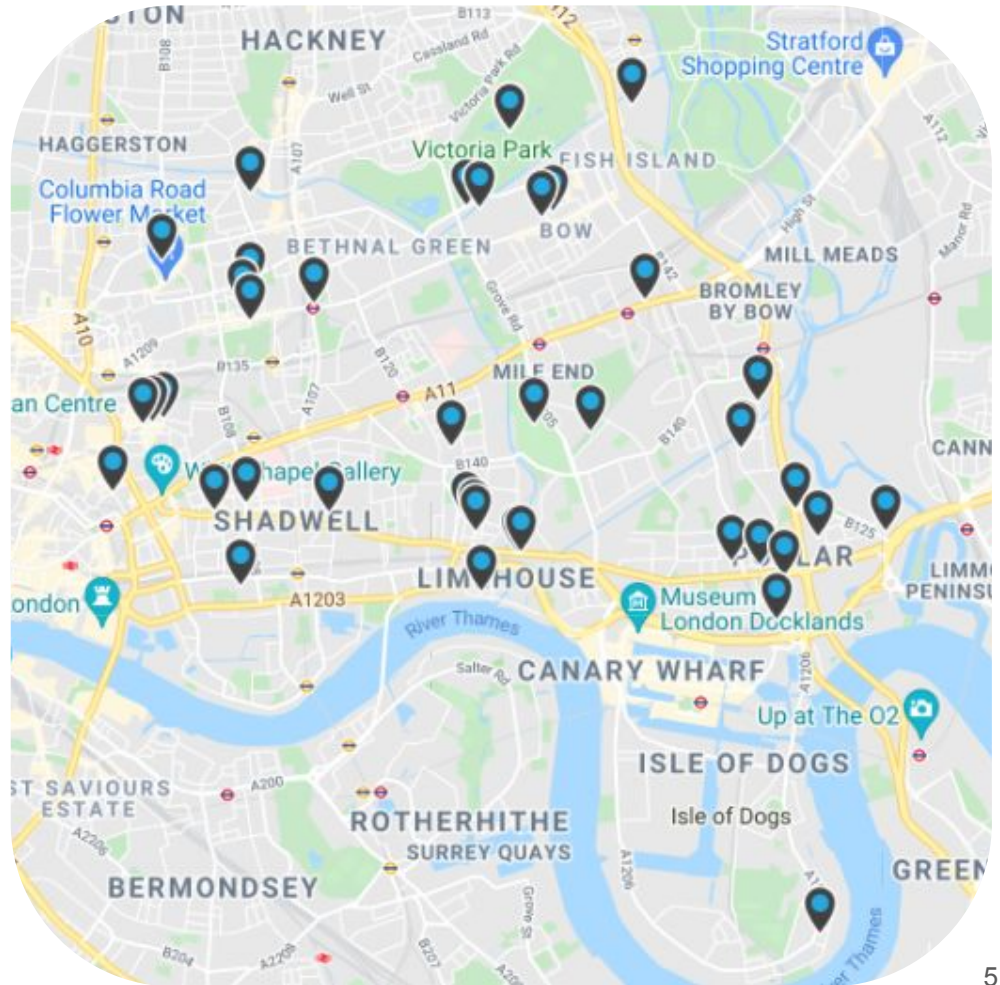
Programme Stats

- 26 projects have been supported by Tower Hamlets council
- The council pledged £145,848 to these campaigns
- In total these campaigns raised £555,227 through crowdfunding
- Excluding the council pledges, the community and other backers raised £409,379
- The council received 3.8 times leverage on its funding meaning for every £1 it put in it got £3.8 in return)
- In total 2395 backers pledged to these projects



Since 2013, in total 42 Spacehive projects have been funded in Tower Hamlets, demonstrating a real appetite from the community to crowdfund.

Some of these projects were fully funded before the council could pledge, others were from before the programme began and others did not meet the eligibility of the innovation fund but were still backed and supported by local people and businesses.

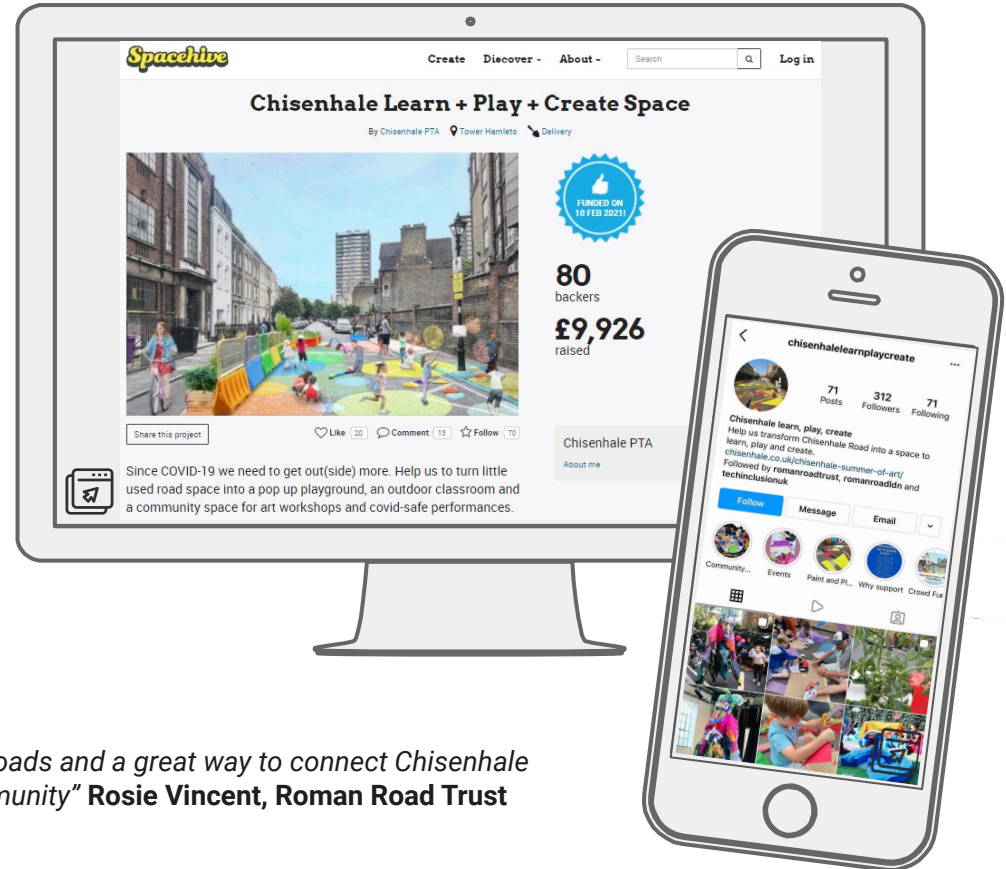


Chisenhale Learn + Play + Create Space

£9,926
raised

£4,849
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

80
backers



"Amazing project for our roads and a great way to connect Chisenhale Art Space with the community" **Rosie Vincent, Roman Road Trust**

The Learn + Play + Create space has been alive with activity over the Summer...



"The space is very much a valued project and space for the school and its wider community. The carrots were grown in our very own garden, which we are all extremely proud of!"

Nadine Mahoney, Chisenhale Primary School parent

The Chisenhale Primary School children give the space a big thumbs up...

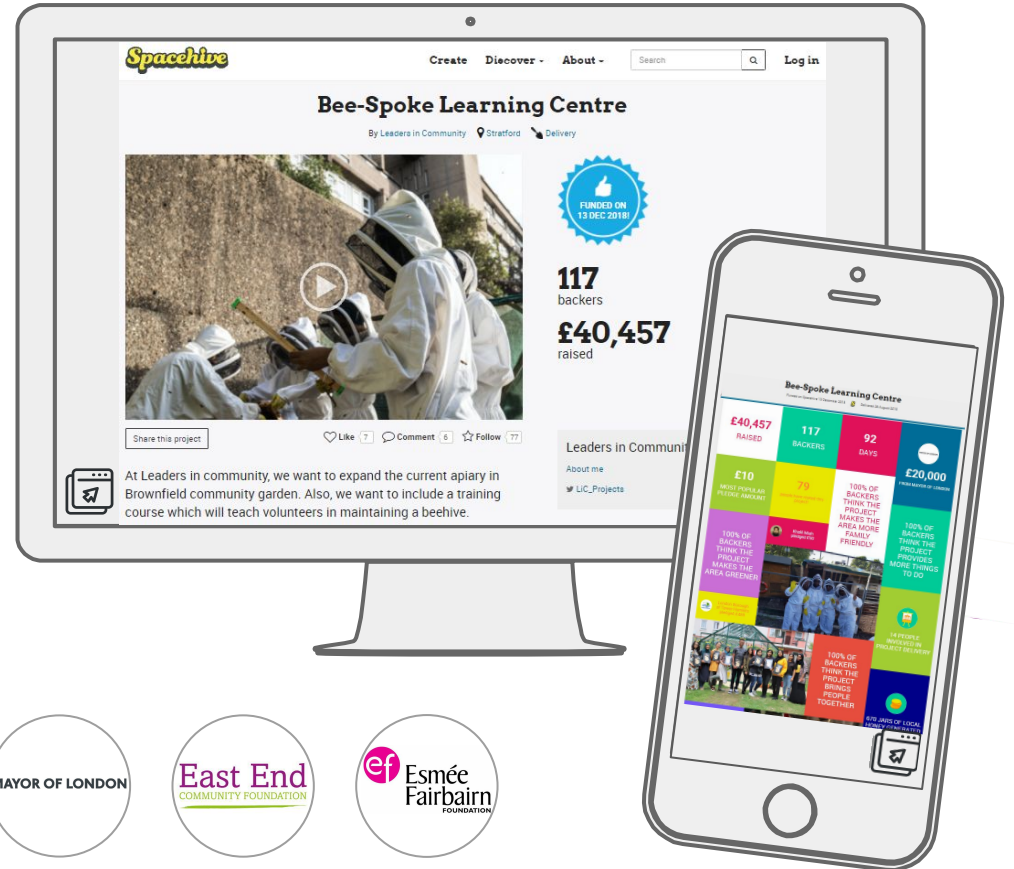


Bee-Spoke Learning Centre

£40,457
raised

62
young
people took
part in the
course

117
backers



Also backed by



Momtaz from Leaders in Community shares an update from the apiary...

“Young people often do not have access to a lot of green space living in an urban environment, and this project helped them get outside more tending to the hives. It also helped local people build connections with one another, and gain a real sense of ownership over green space in our part of the borough”

Momtaz Ajid, Project Creator



Leaders in Community ran a honey-harvesting event this Summer that attracted 50 new beekeeping participants...



"We are very happy with the accolade that comes with being awarded the pledge from the borough to our crowdfunding campaign, it really has given us a bigger platform to build our work with young people and the community to make our neighbourhood interesting as well as thriving."

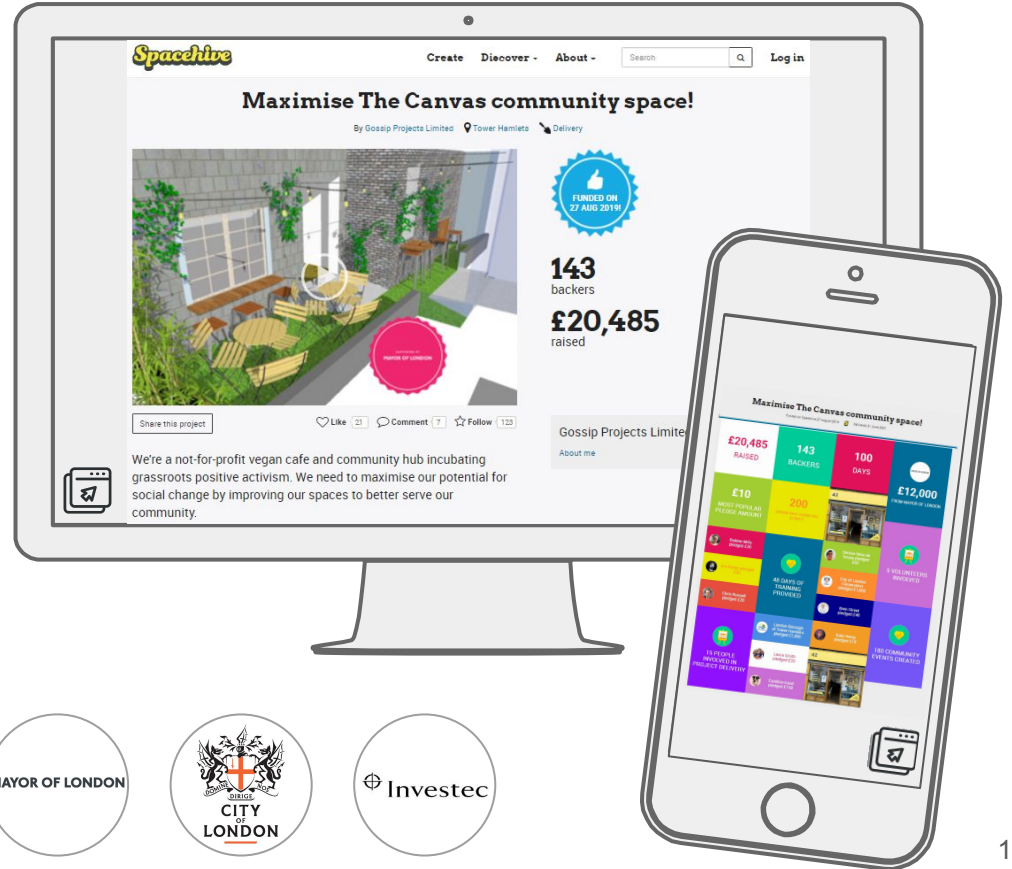
Momtaz Ajid, Project Creator

Maximise the Canvas Community Space!

£20,485
raised

£1,000
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

143
backers



Also backed by



Ruth from the Canvas Cafe shows us around the transformed community space...

“The Canvas believes that humans are amazing, they just need space to be so. Our space provides hope for a better way to live, to volunteer, to spend our time. It’s a space that is for, and run by, everyone. We’ve hosted 180 community events in this space.”

Ruth Rogers, Project Creator



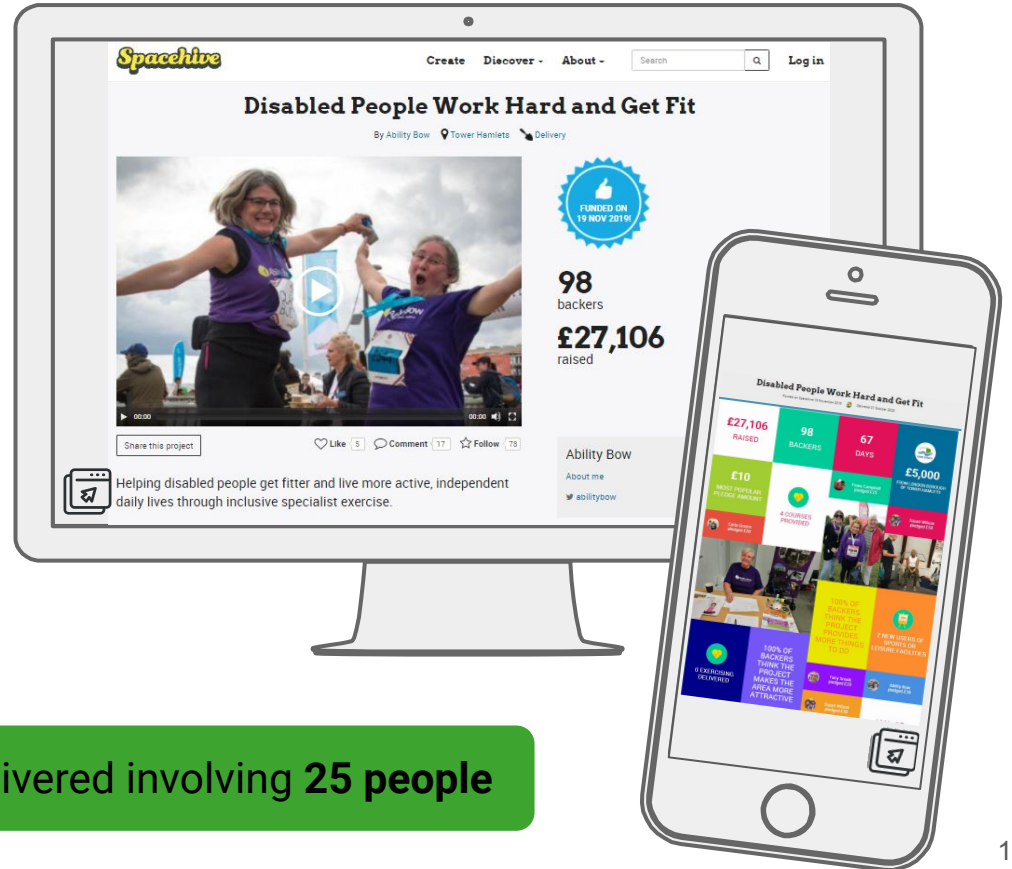
Disabled People Work Hard & Get Fit

£27,106
raised

£10,000
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

98
backers

78 classes delivered involving **25 people**

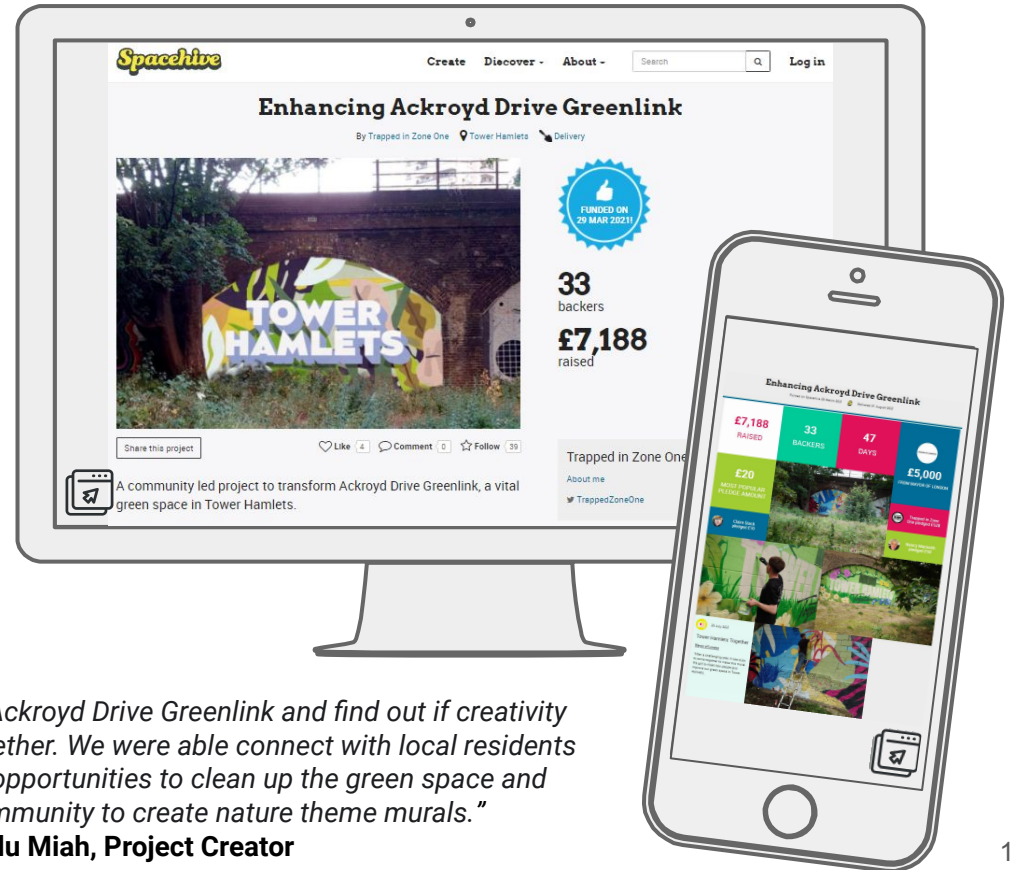


Enhancing Ackroyd Drive Greenlink

£7,188
raised

£5,000
pledged by
Mayor of
London

33
backers



"Our aim was to enhance Ackroyd Drive Greenlink and find out if creativity can bring communities together. We were able connect with local residents by offering volunteering opportunities to clean up the green space and worked with the community to create nature theme murals."

Bablu Miah, Project Creator

Trapped in Zone One ran a competition for the mural design and volunteers painted the winning entry...



... And here's the final piece. Check out the video and the write-up by the Mayor of London's team...

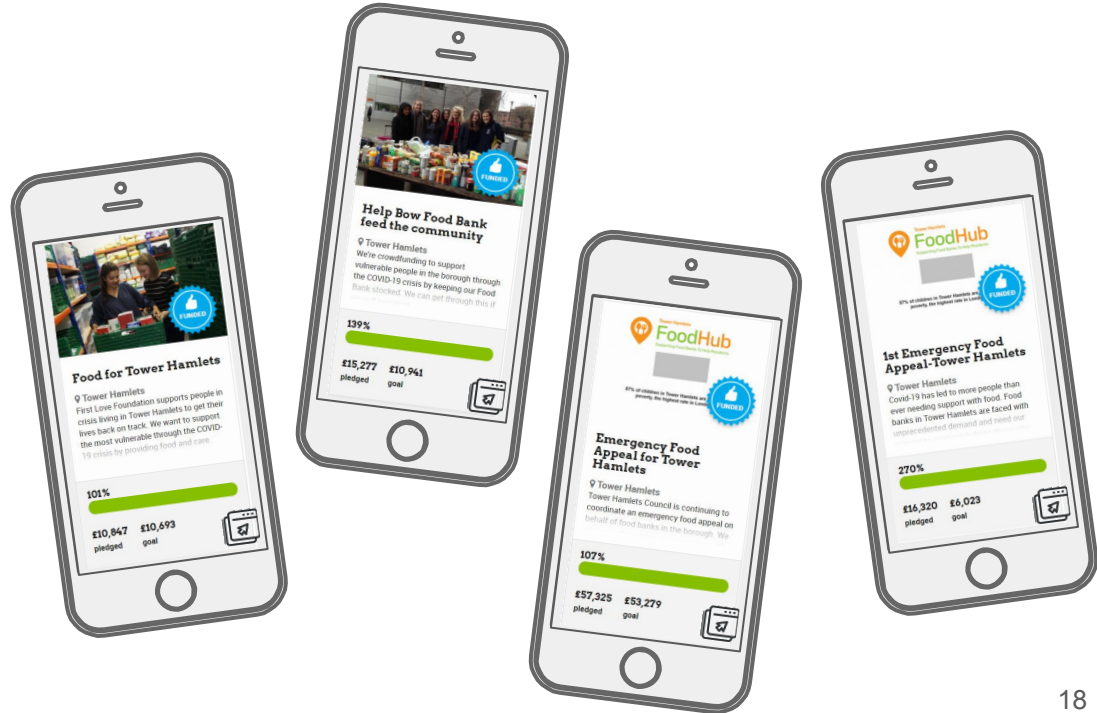


The Tower Hamlets community raises nearly £100,000 to fund food supplies for vulnerable people in the borough through COVID-19...

£99,769
raised

4
fundraising
drives
(2 from council)

363
backers

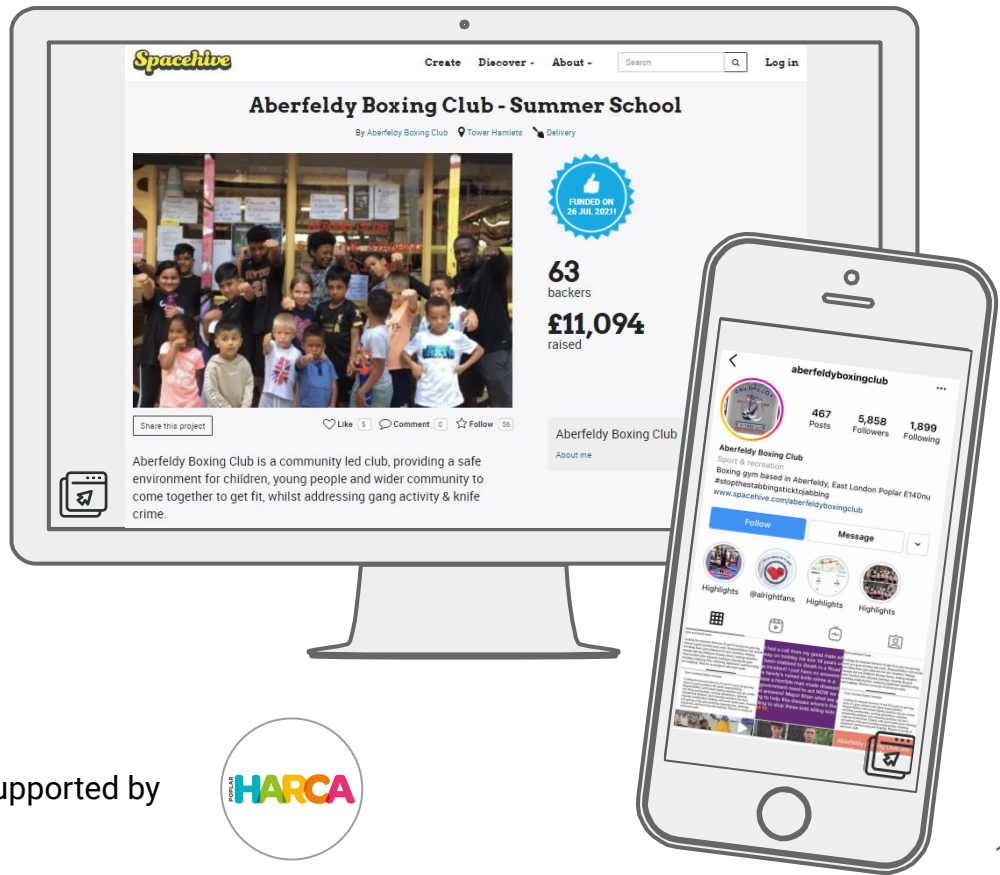


Aberfeldy Boxing Club

£11,094
raised

£8,751
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

63
backers



Project supported by



The youngsters put the teachers through their paces at the Summer Boxing School...

"By receiving the funding, we have been able to run a successful holiday scheme for 130 children in one week alone. Many children have said to us their parents have lost their jobs or aren't able to afford things. So, by receiving the funding and putting that toward the holiday scheme, we have enabled members of our community to interact with each other, learn how to box and gain life skills that we hope will help them in their future lives.

The scheme has also helped us to look forward to the future and plan for our future. We have been able to see what we can offer the community and where we can improve for next year."

Kirk Whitelock, Project Creator

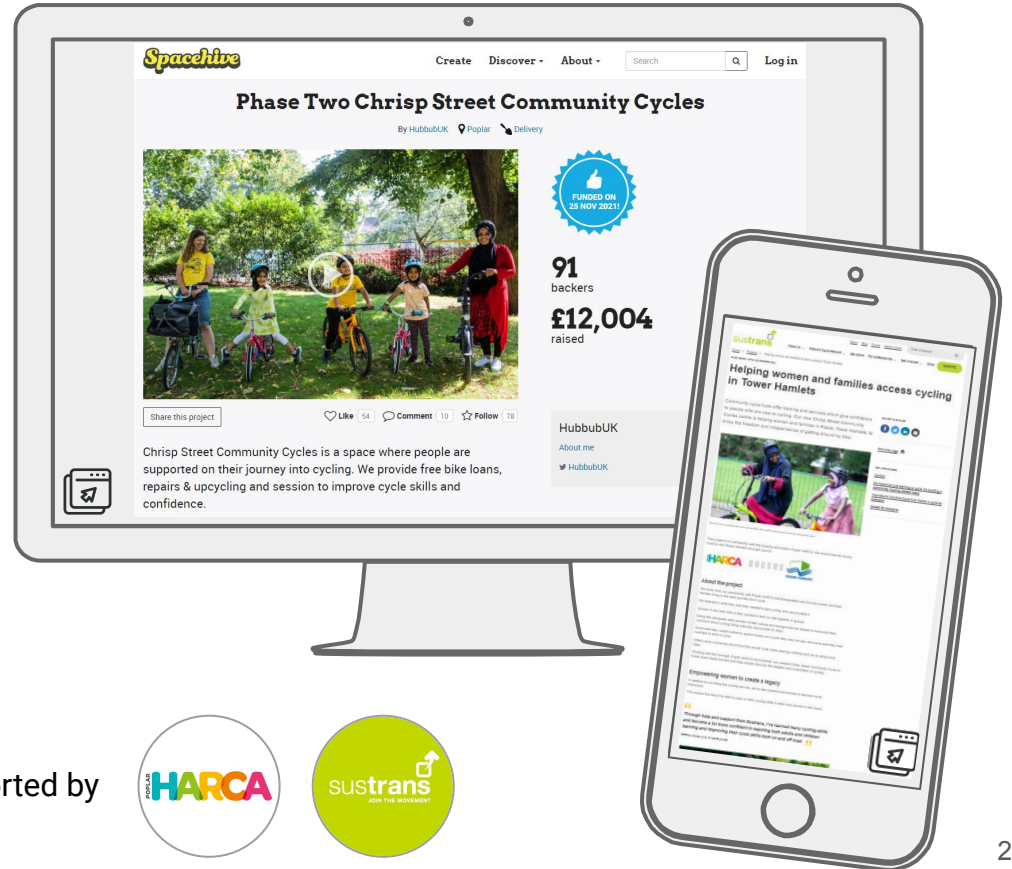


Chrisp Street Community Cycles

£12,004
raised

£6,058
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

91
backers



Project supported by





"Spacehive have been great to work with to help community groups in Poplar harness the power of crowdfunding and community support. The blended approach of having a larger fund to pitch to alongside community pledges is really great for smaller groups in particular. It helps focus their campaign, make their target more achievable and provide evidence that there is strong community support for their projects."

We are delighted that two projects in Poplar - Making Space and Aberfeldy Boxing Club - were successful in hitting their target and that another project Chrisp Street Community Cycles has recently been successful. With these positive success stories, hopefully it will encourage more community groups in Poplar to try different ways to garner support for their valuable work"

Caroline Murray, Poplar HARCA

Mayor John Biggs switches on the Xmas Lights on Aberfeldy Street, Poplar, home to two projects crowdfunded through Our Tower Hamlets...



Christ Church Isle of Dogs Open to All

£29,792
raised

£6,310
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
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37
backers



Project supported by

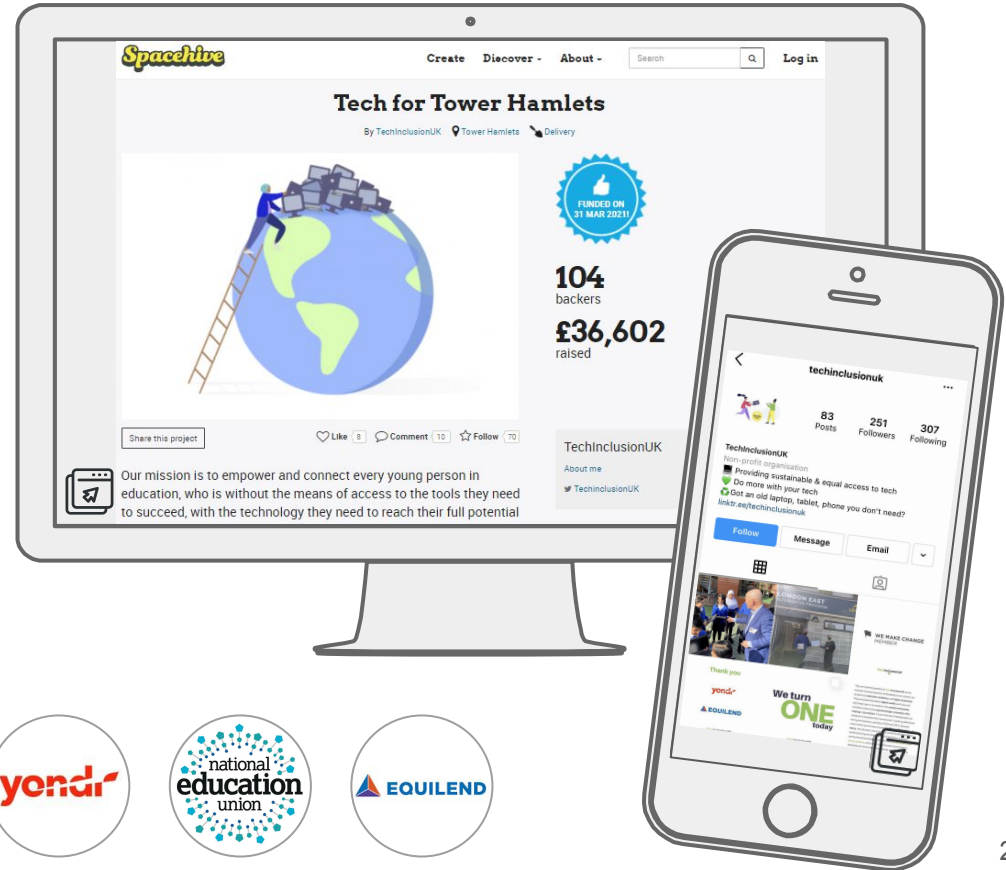


Tech for Tower Hamlets

£36,602
raised

£10,000
pledged by
Tower
Hamlets
Council

104
backers



Also backed by



The Mayor of Tower Hamlets helps deliver tech for the borough's school children...



"We've received over 850 donated devices from corporates, local businesses and individuals - including 122 laptops donated by London Borough of Tower Hamlets. 460 devices have been placed in schools across the borough, including 60 of the donated laptops from the borough. We are on track to deliver the remainder of the donated devices by the end of the financial year, if not sooner. In addition to our commitment to the project, we are also making a small number of devices available to families relocated under the Afghan refugee resettlement scheme.

We are likely to exceed over 1000 devices by the end of this year and will continue to work with our partners to provide more devices over the coming months. We are exploring partnerships to help with digital skills training over the next year."

Rich Peacock-Clensy, Tech for Tower Hamlets



Spacehive workshop, The Young Foundation
22 July 2017



