

MAYOR OF LONDON

Skills for Londoners

Community Outreach Programme

2025-26

Projects List and Key Contacts

September 2025

This document lists all the Grantees of the Skills for Londoners Community Outreach Programme 2025-26 and key contacts for each organisation.

Community Outreach Programme

2025/2026 Grantees

1. Adult & Community Development Academy

Project: Get London Learning Again

Funding amount: £34,980

Target Boroughs:

Ealing, Hounslow, Harrow, and Hillingdon

Project Description:

“Get London Learning Again” builds on the success of the Community Outreach Programme 2023-2024 to engage and target marginalised and disadvantaged communities living in West London. The initiative aims to increase participation and raise awareness of local skills provision. The focus is for underrepresented communities to enrol into adult education programmes more easily. This includes Skills for Life provision, specifically numeracy courses, and other opportunities funded by the Adult Skills Fund.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds with low or no qualifications; people seeking asylum; people with English language needs; single parents; people over-50s; people with long-term health issues.

Integration Hub:

West London Alliance

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2. African Youth Development Association

Project: African RAS Women Adult Learning Outreach II

Funding amount: £33,534

Target Boroughs:

Croydon, Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton, Bexley, Lambeth, Southwark

Project Description:

This project works with French-speaking Black African women in South London who are seeking asylum. It addresses barriers to developing basic English, numeracy, and vocational skills because of their cultural backgrounds and life experiences. The project engages women through outreach, promotion, workshops, and one-to-one support. It refers participants into adult learning providers and supports them in gaining qualifications. This initiative helps improve their chances of employment, which in turn enhances their incomes and living standards for them and their families.

Target Groups:

People facing health conditions; people over-50s; people seeking asylum; with particular attention to those affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Integration Hub:

South London Partnership, Central London Forward, and Local London

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3. Art4Space

Project: Creative Pathways to Employment and Training

Funding amount: £34,320

Target Borough:

Lambeth

Project Description:

Creative Pathways uses art and creativity to connect adults with further learning by providing a welcoming space for exploration and conversation for those hesitant about formal education. These sessions encourage participants to pursue their educational goals. The project delivers interactive sessions across Lambeth, collaborating with London Adult Learning Service providers to identify engagement gaps within specific groups and design targeted outreach and support for demographics most in need.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people who are unemployed; women; families with young children; people seeking asylum; people with English language needs.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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4. Belina Grow CIC

Project: Belina Grow BRIDGE 2024-25

Funding amount: £34,850

Target Boroughs:

Hillingdon, Newham, Kingston, and Croydon

Project Description:

The Grow Programme engages women across four London boroughs: Croydon, Hillingdon, Kingston, and Newham. It focuses on mothers with low or no qualifications, qualifications from other countries, those with English as a second language, and those from ethnic minority communities. The project will engage with participants through group sessions and provide a personal adviser, access to the Grow app, and a weekly newsletter. It will then refer participants to adult education opportunities, including courses to improve their numeracy skills and London Multiply.

Target Groups:

Women and mothers.

Integration Hub:

Local London, West London Alliance, and South London Partnership

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5. Beyond the Bias

Project: Beyond the Curriculum

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Borough:

Tower Hamlets

Project Description:

This project empowers residents in Tower Hamlets by expanding access to adult education through tailored support, resources, and guidance. It focuses on marginalised communities, including those from low-income backgrounds, ethnic minority communities, people with disabilities and adults affected by mental health challenges. The initiative aims to increase confidence, support personal and professional development, enhance employability, and promote overall well-being. The project creates pathways for participants to access courses by working in partnership with Integration Hubs and adult education providers.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people earning below the London living wage; women; people with learning difficulties and/or disabled people; people facing mental health issues.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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6. Centre for Human Development

Project: Upskilling BAME Women through Adult Education

Funding amount: £33,540

Target Boroughs:

Hounslow and Ealing

Project Description:

The project supports unemployed, isolated, and socially disconnected Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority women by helping them enrol in adult education courses. Through this initiative, participants gain new skills that help them to secure jobs that align with their abilities.

Target Groups:

Women; people from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people with English language needs; people with low skills (not having or needing a high level of skill or education); people excluded from digital opportunities.

Integration Hub:

West London Alliance

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7. Coaching for Women

Project: Creating My Future

Funding amount: £34,500

Target Boroughs:

Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Barking and Dagenham, Redbridge, and Hackney

Project Description:

Building on the success of the Community Outreach Programme 2023-24, the project uses group coaching to support women in enrolling in adult learning. It aims to increase wellbeing, build confidence, develop skills, and help participants gain qualifications through bespoke workshops, online courses, group coaching and family events. The project collaborates with local colleges, Adult Learning Skills services, and London Multiply providers.

Target Groups:

Women from the South Asian Muslim community; women from diverse communities in East London; women from the Somali community; women with children.

Integration Hub:

Local London and Central London Forward

Provider Contact information:

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8. English For Action London

Project: Found in Translation 2024-25

Funding amount: £34,469.06

Target Boroughs:

Southwark, Lambeth, Wandsworth, Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, and Hackney.

Project Description:

The project builds on the progress made during 2023-24 to make adult education more accessible to migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum with lower levels of English language proficiency. The project promotes referrals into adult learning opportunities through in-classroom engagement, public workshops on how adult education works in London, and by facilitating opportunities for feedback on access barriers. It also shares best practices with adult skills providers on how to engage with adults who have lower levels of English.

Target Groups:

People with English language needs; people seeking asylum; migrants; refugees.

Integration Hub:

Local London and Central London Forward

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9. Find Your Feet Careers and Enterprises CIC

Project: Skills for Londoners Community Outreach 2024-25

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Boroughs:

All socially deprived boroughs in London

Project Description:

The project targets young people, especially from African and Caribbean backgrounds, who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET. This includes care leavers, refugees, single mothers, and teenage mums. The project aims to build confidence and skills through taster days and quarterly facility tours in collaboration with Westminster Adult Education Service. It refers participants to accredited training centres. Additionally, the project will offer one-to-one mentoring, financial support, development workshops, and career counselling to increase self-esteem and manage stress.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people aged 19-24; people seeking asylum; teenage mothers; refugees; care leavers.

Integration Hub:

Local London, West London Alliance, South London Partnership, and Central London Forward

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10. Glory Consulting & Education CIC

Project: Glory Consulting and Education

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Boroughs:

Pan-London

Project Description:

The project aims to empower underserved communities in London by increasing participation in adult education through targeted outreach and support. Its objectives include raising awareness of GLA-funded opportunities, addressing barriers such as language proficiency, digital exclusion, and negative perceptions of numeracy, and facilitating referrals to adult learning programmes. The project integrates information sessions into career advice services, hosts community workshops, collaborates with local faith organisations, community centres, and housing associations, and uses digital campaigns for broader engagement.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people over-50s; people with English language needs; people who are unemployed; people who are economically inactive; people earning below the London living wage; parents/single parents; care leavers; people with low skills (not having or needing a high level of skill or education).

Integration Hub:

Local London, West London Alliance, South London Partnership, and Central London Forward

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11. Holistic Education and Sport Support Services CIC

Project: Skills Connect

Funding amount: £32,000

Target Boroughs:

Enfield and Haringey

Project Description:

The project aims to reduce barriers to education, particularly in maths and numeracy, for parents, carers, people with neurodiversity, and people with long-term health conditions. It offers tailored outreach and promotes adult skills opportunities. The project builds referral pathways through community engagement and networks in Enfield and Haringey. Outreach activities engage and support the identified groups, increasing participation. These activities focus on addressing specific needs and barriers of the participants.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people aged 19-24; people with learning difficulties and/or disabled people; people with health conditions; parents/single parents.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward and Local London

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12. Hornbeam Centre

Project: Community Outreach 2024-25

Funding amount: £34,850

Target Borough:

Waltham Forest

Project Description:

The project works with a consortium of over 50 Waltham Forest Food Partnership members, reaching diverse communities across the borough. This network, with its focus on food access and community gardening, provides a strong foundation for engaging residents who may face barriers to traditional adult learning. By connecting with individuals through their existing interest in food activities, the project introduces relevant learning opportunities in familiar and comfortable environments.

Target Groups:

People over-50s

Integration Hub:

Local London

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13. Integrated Care Support Services

Project: Helping Hands

Funding amount: £34,900

Target Boroughs:

Wandsworth and South-West London

Project Description:

The project targets adults with caring responsibilities and care leavers in Wandsworth. It aims to increase enrolment in adult education and numeracy courses while raising awareness of adult education programmes funded by the Mayor. The project builds on experience in health and social care, including one-to-one career coaching to boost confidence.

Target Groups:

Care leavers; people with adult caring responsibilities.

Integration Hub:

South London Partnership, Central London Forward, and West London Alliance

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14. Islington Somali Community

Project: ISC Links 2

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Borough:

London Borough of Islington

Project Description:

This grassroots project engages hard-to-reach young Somalis in North London, including those at risk of radicalization, or gang involvement. Islington Somali Community helps reconnect them with education, enabling young adult to move forward positively. Participants drive the design and management of the project, with trained mentors attracting peers and maintaining their commitment. The approach includes sports and skills-based activities.

Target Groups:

Young Somali people; people aged 19-24; most being not on education, employment, or training (NEET's) or/and high risk of crime, drugs, radicalisation, and antisocial behaviour.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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15. Learn English at Home

Project: Community Outreach 2024-25 LEAH

Funding amount: £10,017

Target Boroughs:

Hounslow

Project Description:

This project primarily supports people seeking asylum, refugees, and migrants learning English as their second language. By providing one to one support, Learn English at Home's advisers seek to understand individuals' career aspirations and support their educational journey by referring them onto courses across London, particularly those to improve numeracy skills. Learn English at Home objective is also to build long lasting partnership with colleges and training providers in Hounslow and beyond.

Target Groups:

People with English language needs; people seeking asylum; refugees.

Integration Hub:

West London Alliance

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16. New Challenge CIC

Project: New Challenge

Funding amount: £34,834

Target Borough:

Brent

Project Description:

The project aims to raise awareness and interest among the target participant groups, encouraging them to engage in learning and benefit from its social and economic advantages. It supports participants to access and engage with learning opportunities, helping them to build skills, confidence, and motivation. The project builds on its experience by working with partners offering Adult Skills funded courses and creating clear pathways for participants to access them.

Target Groups:

People who are unemployed; people who are economically inactive; people from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people with low skills (not having or needing a high level of skill or education).

Integration Hub:

West London Alliance

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17. Orange Bow CIC

Project: Orange Bow Outreach 2024-25

Funding amount: £34,680

Target Boroughs:

Lambeth, Wandsworth, Southwark, and Croydon

Project Description:

Orange Bow delivers weekly outreach engagement and open-door taster sessions at local Jobcentres, job fairs, and community centres, including their hub in Tulse Hill, Lambeth. The hub provides a welcoming space with podcast production facilities, IT resources, and advice services to engage participants. They collaborate with partners across South London to reach specific cohorts and raise awareness of adult education opportunities, including numeracy.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people aged 19-24; most being not on education, employment, or training (NEET's); parents/single parents.

Integration Hub:

South London Partnership and Central London Forward

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18. Polish Family Association CIC

Project: Skill Up

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Borough:

Merton

Project Description:

Skill Up empowers individuals by providing essential skills and knowledge to support their personal and professional development. The project addresses skill gaps and equips participants with the tools they need to succeed, particularly in entering the workforce. Polish Family Association has a particular focus on supporting Eastern Europeans, including Ukrainian refugees.

Target Groups:

Ukrainian migrants and refugees.

Integration Hub:

South London Partnership

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19. Poverty Concern

Project: Enfield & Tottenham RAS Adult Skills Outreach

Funding amount: £28,150

Target Boroughs:

Enfield and Haringey

Project Description:

Poverty Concern runs an outreach project targeting hard-to-reach communities seeking asylum and refugees in Enfield and Haringey. The project promotes adult skills training and refers participants to local adult learning providers, including 5E Ltd, Enfield College, Barnet and Southgate College and The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL). This initiative aims to enhance participants skills, improve employment opportunities, and raise incomes, leading to better living standards.

Target groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people seeking asylum; refugees.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward and Local London

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20. Ripe Learning

Project: Access to Learning

Funding amount: £34,972.40

Target Boroughs:

Greenwich, Hackney, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, and Wandsworth

Project Description:

“Access to Learning” engages participants in adult learning and numeracy provision through roadshows that emphasise the benefits of foundation skills such as numeracy, literacy, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). These sessions are hosted at community venues and delivered in engaging and interactive ways.

Target Groups:

Women; people from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people with English language needs; people excluded from digital opportunities; parents/ single parents.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward and Local London

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21. Skills Enterprise

Project: Skills Enterprise

Funding amount: £34,978

Target Borough:

Newham

Project Description:

The project supports vulnerable and marginalised adults in Newham, including people seeking asylum, refugees, and women facing disempowerment. It helps them improve their access to learning opportunities. The project collaborates with local community centres, Local London Integration Hub, and Newham College to facilitate referrals.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; women with children; people seeking asylum; refugees.

Integration Hub:

Local London

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22. Stand Together Network

Project: Future Career Pathways Learning Support

Funding amount: £34,360

Target Boroughs:

Enfield, Islington, Haringey, Barnet, and Waltham Forest

Project Description:

Stand Together Network serves Enfield's Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), residents, and local neighbouring communities in North London. The project empowers Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugees to improve their livelihoods by enhancing their education, skills, and job prospects. They offer a learning and career advice hub to identify suitable pathways. The project aims to address barriers to learning and support participants in accessing adult learning provisions.

Target Groups:

Women from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds and refugees.

Integration Hub:

Local London, West London Alliance, and Central London Forward

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23. Successful Mums

Project: Community Outreach 2024-25 - Successful Mums

Funding amount: £34,400

Target Boroughs:

Bromley, Bexley, Greenwich, and Lewisham

Project Description:

The project delivers three "Find a Job you Love" workshops that aim at engaging women and parents with adult education, employment, and numeracy opportunities. The workshops include motivational talks on personal branding, budgeting, and career planning for parents. Guest speakers from local providers, such as London South East Colleges (LSEC) and Maximus, share information about their services. The initiative focuses on supporting economically inactive women who are not currently receiving assistance, by offering tailored career plans and guidance.

Target Groups:

Women and mothers.

Integration Hub:

Local London and Central London Forward

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24. Teen Action

Project: Adult Education for Orthodox Jewish Young Women

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Boroughs:

Hackney and Haringey

Project Description:

The project builds upon the successes of their Propel explorative initiative by specifically targeting young women aged 19-24 from the Orthodox Jewish community. By fostering partnerships with mainstream education and employment services, it aims to increase adult learning participation while addressing the unique religious needs of this community. The project enhances employability by offering individual assessments, case management, and referrals to relevant support services. It focuses on women who may not typically participate in traditional adult learning programs or outreach activities. This approach promises to empower young married women aged 19-24 within the Orthodox Jewish community by providing them valuable skills and support to achieve their educational and career goals.

Target Groups:

Orthodox Jewish young women.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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25. Train2work Academy

Project: Connect

Funding amount: £30,000

Target Boroughs:

Lambeth, Croydon, Merton, Wandsworth, and Southwark.

Project Description:

The Connect project helps economically inactive, lone parents from Black, Asian, and ethnic minority backgrounds to access education and training. The project supports people who have struggled to engage with the mainstream education system by addressing barriers such as language difficulties, lack of confidence, and limited understanding of UK culture and education. It provides tailored career advice, raises awareness of vocational courses, and addresses negative attitudes towards mainstream educational provisions.

Target Groups:

People from Somali, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Sudanese, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Turkish, Black African and Caribbean, and Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Latino backgrounds; single parents.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward and South London Partnership

Provider Contact information:

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26. Upper Norwood Library Trust

Project: Community Outreach 2024-25, UNLT

Funding amount: £20,000

Target Boroughs:

Croydon, Merton, Sutton, Wandsworth, and Bromley.

Project Description:

The project delivers information sessions to marginalised residents of Croydon, Merton, Sutton, Wandsworth, and Bromley. It focuses on raising awareness of the opportunities and courses available across London funded by the Mayor of London, particularly the London Multiply Programme. The project offers person-centred, face-to-face support, addressing individual barriers and offering tailored assistance to help people their educational goals.

Target Groups:

Women; people seeking asylum; refugees.

Integration Hub:

Local London, South London Partnership, and Central London Forward

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27. Unfold

Project: Support Group & Mentoring for women in Westminster

Funding amount: £35,000

Target Boroughs:

Westminster

Project Description:

Unfold runs a Peer Support Group for women and non-binary people, raising awareness of adult education and training opportunities across London. The group offers signposting, referrals, and individual mentoring to improve English, build confidence, and prepare participants for adult education. Some of the courses include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Microsoft Excel, functional math, fine art classes, Arts & Design Diplomas, and teacher training.

Target Groups:

Women; single mothers; people aged 19-24.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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28. Vallance Community Sports Association

Project: EnAble Project

Funding amount: £33,298

Target Boroughs:

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Project Description:

The project aims to increase participations in adult education of adults with disabilities, carers, and their family members. It raises awareness of learning opportunities and creates referral pathways through inclusive learning environments. The project provides tailored support through campaigns, workshops, events, and mentoring, in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Target Groups:

People from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people aged 19-24; disabled people; people with learning difficulties and/or disabled people; people with health conditions; people with adult caring responsibilities.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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29. WE RESTART

Project: Art Cafe: Skills through Creativity

Funding amount: £34,560

Target Boroughs:

All London boroughs, particularly Brent, Barnet, and Camden

Project Description:

The project aims to empower people seeking asylum and refugees in London by combining arts and crafts with English and Math's learning. It focuses on skill development through arts and crafts workshops, language learning, and numeracy enhancement through conversational and practical activities. The project also creates a supportive community and referral system to English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and maths providers, including the Mayor of London funded Multiply programme.

Target Groups:

People seeking asylum and refugees in hotel accommodation.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward, West London Alliance, South London Partnership, and Local London

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30. Xenia

Project: Connect, Learn, Share

Funding amount: £25,000

Target Boroughs:

Hackney

Project Description:

The project works with people seeking asylum, refugees, migrants, and British women in informal and supportive settings to help them build their confidence and develop skills. Xenia uses arts, heritage, and conversation to help them overcome barriers and connect with local activities. It encourages participation in adult education opportunities including English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses, functional skills, and the London Multiply programme.

Target Groups:

Women; people from Black, Asian, and other ethnic minority backgrounds; people with English language needs; people seeking asylum.

Integration Hub:

Central London Forward

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