

Become a Westway Trust Member Organisation and help shape our future



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Westway Trust is a charity committed to enhancing the 23 acres of space under the Westway flyover in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to benefit local people, making it a great environment to live, work, play and visit.

We strive to harness the creativity, heritage and diversity of the area to maintain and improve the places and spaces we look after. Through good stewardship and collaboration with every part of the community Westway Trust helps this vibrant part of London to continue to thrive.

We already receive more than one million visitors each year to the estate, and we want to expand the community, cultural, retail, sporting and enterprise opportunities here together with improvements to the public realm so that it is a place the community is proud of and even more visitors can enjoy

Member Organisations are legally members of the limited company. This gives the Members the right to receive notices of, and attend, all general meetings of the company and to propose, speak and vote on resolutions, such as changes to the Trust's constitution. Member Organisations can nominate candidates for three of our Trustees positions and vote in those elections. As key contacts in the community, our Members are involved in the development of our plans for the future.



Portobello Green
Front page: A group help to design pop up spaces for Thorpe Close

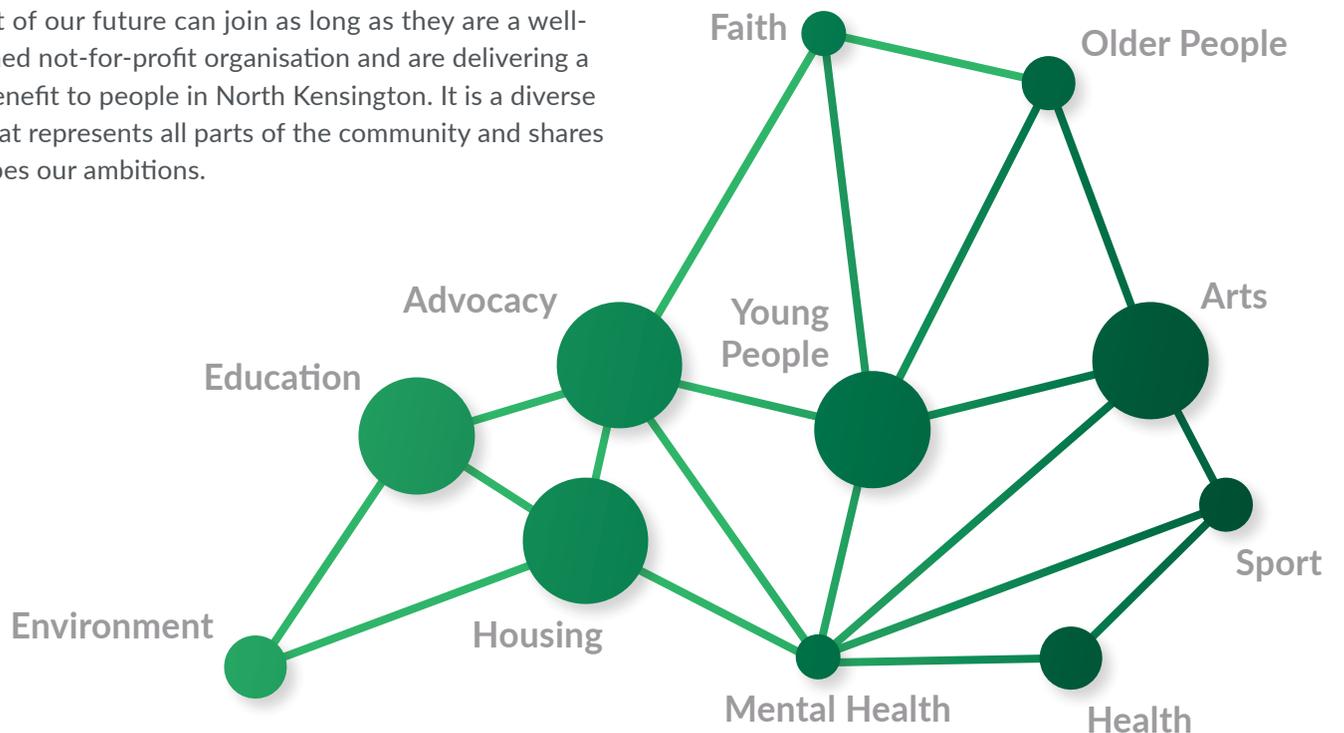


Local people helping to design a new Thorpe Close

Our Member Organisations

Our Member Organisations play an important formal and informal role in the work of Westway Trust. They range from local charities, community groups and residents' associations to schools and sports clubs. Any organisation who wants to be a part of our future can join as long as they are a well-established not-for-profit organisation and are delivering a public benefit to people in North Kensington. It is a diverse group that represents all parts of the community and shares and shapes our ambitions.

Current Focus of our Member Organisation's work



How our Member Organisations influence us

Member Organisations are vitally important to the work of Westway Trust. Not only do they have a formal role in electing three of our 12 trustees and voting on important matters at our annual general meeting, but also our Member Organisations are one of the first places we turn to provide input to our strategic plans. The relationship we have with our Member Organisations also informs

much of our other work and Member Organisations are often involved in delivering projects that we support.

As well as an important formal duty to nominate and elect three members of our Board of Trustees and vote at our annual general meeting, our Member Organisations also have the opportunity to:

- Attend group meetings about our strategic direction and major projects every six months
- Give early input in to upcoming proposals; help us to co-design developments; and co-produce projects
- Take part in 'hack' sessions where we bring local people together to develop plans focused on particular problems such as the environment or local social issues
- Work in partnership with us to deliver projects, seek funding, and host activities on the estate



What we offer our Member Organisations

In addition to helping guide the work of Westway Trust we are in a unique position to support the work of local charities and community organisations. When you become a Member Organisation you join a community of groups all working on behalf of the people of North Kensington and we're dedicated to finding ways to support that community.

As well as undertaking an important role in guiding our work, the benefits of becoming a Member Organisation include:

- A dedicated contact within Westway Trust
- A profile for your organisation on our website
- Networking opportunities such as talks from local experts and chances to meet up with similar organisations
- The chance to bid for skills and expertise sharing from Westway Trust staff and associates to support your own work
- Advertising on Westway Trust platforms including our website
- Working with us on employment schemes such as our apprenticeship scheme
- Being part of a supportive network of more than 50 local community-minded organisations



Pepperpot Centre serving food at an event

WESTWAY STORIES

Ahmed Bhairien from Making Communities Work and Grow

“Making Communities Work and Grow is based at the bottom of Trellick Tower and a member of Westway Trust. We cater for the needs of disadvantaged black and minority ethnic young people, and help to tackle the complicated, personal and social problems our community faces. This makes the work we do vital as the obstacles and problems they face are not always fully understood by main-stream organisations and local authority bodies.

“We have a long relationship with Westway Trust through our supplementary school that provides extra tuition in Arabic, English and maths to local young people who might not be able to afford it. In the last year we have become a Member Organisation and that has given us an opportunity to learn more about the wider work of the Trust and how we might fit in. We were able to get early sight of the Portobello plans and had the chance to provide feedback from the perspective of the young people who use our services.”

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Angela Spence from Kensington and Chelsea Social Council

“Kensington and Chelsea Social Council is the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea’s recognised voluntary sector ‘infrastructure’ organisation and a member organisation of Westway Trust. We support voluntary and community organisations through the provision of training, advice and information.

“This year I was nominated to take one of the Member Organisation places on Westway Trust’s

Board of Trustees and was elected by other Member Organisations. Being on the Board means I have a very direct role in overseeing the activity of Westway Trust and I get involved in specific projects that directly affect what the Trust does including supporting the Trust to enhance its equality and diversity policy and action plan.”

To ensure we have a diverse membership that shares our ambitions we ask you to provide some information about your organisation, its history and its plans, before you become a Member.

Applications for Membership are considered by the Nominations & Governance Committee of the Board and decided at a scheduled meeting of the full Board. An organisation will normally be considered eligible for membership where it can demonstrate that it sufficiently meets these criteria:

- Its aims are compatible with the Charitable Objects of the Trust;
- It is a properly constituted body with a formally identified management or governance structure;
- It is established as a not-for-profit or mutual entity, although it does not have to be a registered charity;
- It has an active membership group;
- It is currently involved in providing social benefit in RBKC and serves the interests of residents in the Local Area, as defined in the Trust’s Policy on the Area of Benefit;
- There is a realistic expectation that it will continue in existence. This will usually mean it has been in existence for a year and undertakes activities that will be continued for the foreseeable future;
- Where possible it provides us with its annual report and published accounts;
- It has an active relationship with the Trust or has reason to commence an active and continuing relationship with the Trust.

Overleaf is an application form for prospective Member Organisations which should be returned to Company Secretary, Westway Trust, 1 Thorpe Close, London, W10 5XL.

If you would prefer you can fill out this form online at <http://www.westway.org/our-member-organisations>

If you have any questions you can call us on 020 8962 5720 or email info@westway.org



Section 1 – Your details

Name of organisation:

Main contact:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Website (if you have one):

Section 2 – What you do

Tell us a bit about what your organisation does, including how your ambitions relate to those of Westway Trust.

You can find information about Westway Trust's aims and ambitions at <http://www.westway.org/ambitions>

Section 3 – Your structure

What is the legal status of your not-for-profit organisation and its governance structure?

For example, is it a statutory/voluntary/trust/company limited by guarantee/association etc

When was it formed?

Please provide the names and titles of any officials your organisation such as chair, secretary and treasurer and how they are appointed.

How does your constitution restrict the distribution of profits?

What is the nature of your organisation's own membership group?

Section 4 – Your work

It's important that Member Organisations are working within our area of benefit. Tell us about your work in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and how you support the interests of residents or groups in our Local Area.

You can find information about where we work, including maps of our area of benefit at <http://www.westway.org/where-we-work>

Section 5 – The future

What are your organisation's aims for the future and how do you plan to fulfill them?

Section 6 – Working with us

How is Westway Trust currently involved with your work or how do you plan for us to be in the future?

Additional terms of Membership

By becoming a Westway Trust Member Organisation your organisation agrees to contribute £1 (or any smaller amount) if:

- A. the Trust is wound-up while they are a member (or within a year afterwards); and
- B. the Trust has debts and liabilities which it cannot meet out of its assets

We expect and appreciate scrutiny and constructive feedback from our Member Organisations but it is important that we have a mutually trusting relationship. Our constitution allows for removal of membership from any organisation if the Board of Trustees decide it is bringing Westway Trust into disrepute.

We will review our Member Organisation group every two years to ensure Members' continuing relevance and suitability.

Notices of meetings by email

Where possible, we may provide information to Member Organisations by email or on our website rather than by post. Please contact us separately if you require communications in a different format.

Along with your application please submit:

- A copy of your rules or constitution, your latest annual report and accounts and the minutes of your last annual general meeting or a similar sort of meeting, where they are available
- An electronic copy of your organisation's logo for when we produce materials which show our Member Organisations