



Grant report for the London Grants Committee of the Allen & Overy Foundation

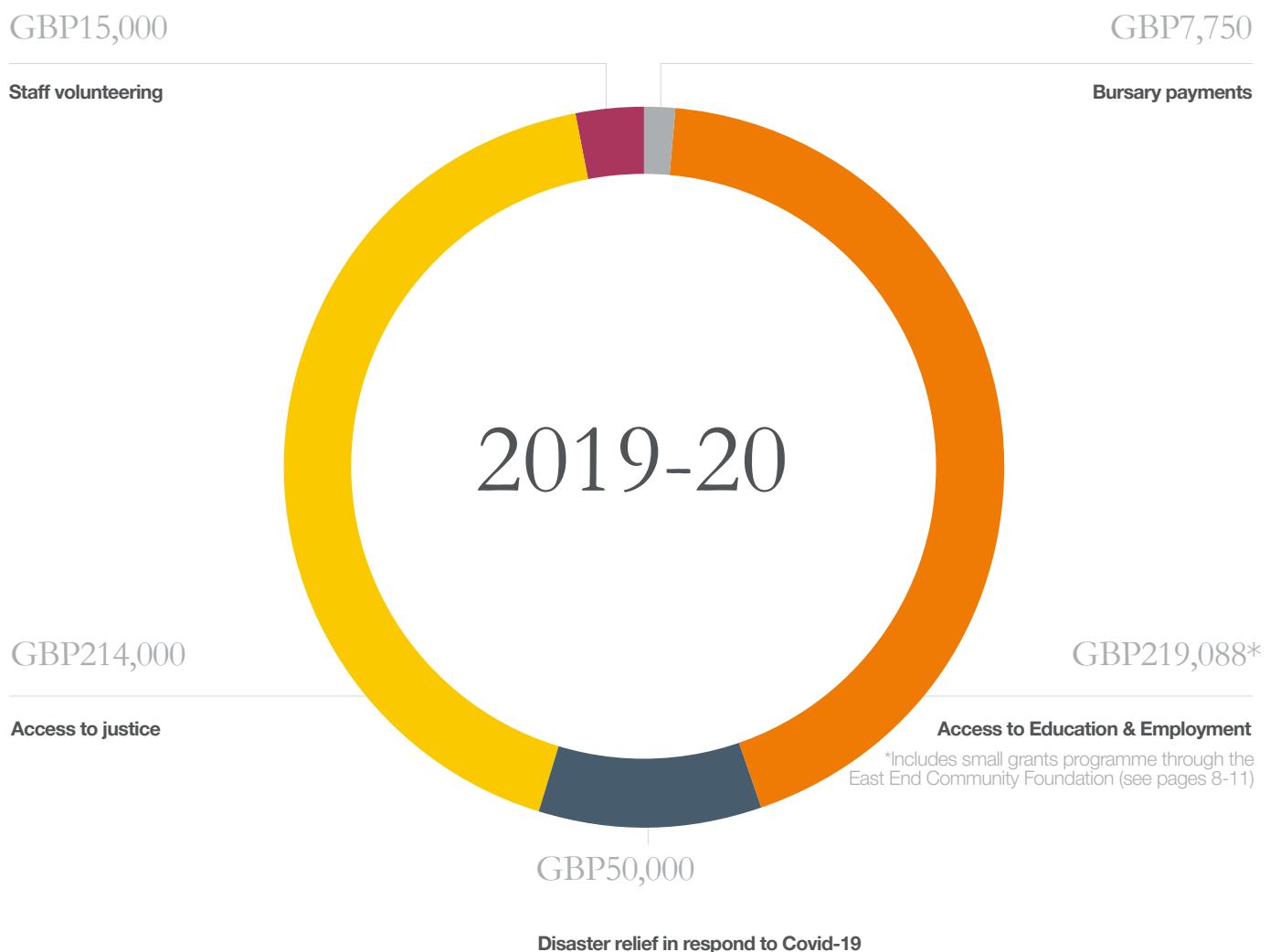
2019-20

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In total the London Grants Committee donated GBP505,838.

Themes of grants made for
2019-20 period.



Access to Justice

Migrants Organise

Awarded GBP10,000 towards their Migrants and Refugees project to enhance the capacity of their advice services.

Case study

Migrants Organise is a charity that gives a voice to migrant and refugee communities and supports positive integration. Their work is divided into two main elements, Community Organising and the Community Programme which work on a national level with migrants and refugee groups to promote positive change amongst local communities and policy makers. Their Community Programme combines a number of aspects including specialised legal advice, welfare/destitution support, group activities and one-to-one mentoring.

Our funding enhanced the capacity of their advice services supporting 330 vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Through a multi-levelled approach, they assisted them in navigating the complexities of the legal system and the challenges of coming to a new country. The key outcomes for their members include:

- Ensuring a greater level of stability and security in their lives by being better able to access their rights and information, taking steps to regularise their status as well as access services such as safe accommodation; and

- Benefitting from improved wellbeing and reduction in isolation through accessing social and educational activities.

Migrants Organise's funding came at the start of the pandemic, they adapted swiftly and responsively to the emerging needs of their members. Under normal circumstances, their holistic approach is intensive but this didn't change, ensuring each member and their individual needs to create their own support plan.

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organise**



Access to Education and Employment

Franklin Scholars

Awarded GBP9,000 to pilot the Buddies and Bundles peer support programme in five primary schools in Hackney and Tower Hamlets.

Case study

Franklin Scholars uses peer mentoring to help students in the transition into secondary school. With expertise in developmental relationships, including those fostered through mentoring, Franklin Scholars has now worked in more than 80 secondary schools across nine regions in England providing in-school literacy and numeracy peer mentoring using a social and emotional skills framework supporting over 4,100 students.

Buddies and Bundles is a ten-week mentoring intervention for primary aged children launched in 2019/2020 across six schools in London and Blackpool. The programme uses the mechanism of paired reading to accelerate literacy ability and develop socio-emotional skills and habits in children.

Our funding, together with support from Right to Succeed, saw the pilot of the Buddies and Bundles Programme delivered to 144 children across six primary schools. Over two-thirds of children said that the training they received helped make them 'more excited' to be a buddy to another student.

Due to Covid-19, the last week of the programme was unable to go ahead due to school closures. The pilot however provided invaluable and the unexpected positive benefit in the nature of how the programme was easy for the schools to implement.



Staff volunteering

Arthur Bugler PTA

Awarded GBP5,000 towards IT equipment for educational purposes.

Case study

Lisa Tarbard (Senior Legal PA in Corporate) has been the secretary and a member of Arthur Bugler PTA for over four years and in 2019 became Chair of Trustees.

Arthur Bugler is an inclusive primary school in Thurrock in Essex for 420 children. The school has over 27% of children eligible for Free School Meals and 16% of the children have English as an additional language. 70 students have special educational needs and/or disabilities and the iPads have proved essential, particularly those with autism, to improve their communication, motor and cognitive skills. The iPads

provide excellent sensory stimulation for the younger Early Years children. The new iPads ensure that the children experience a broad and balanced curriculum and an amazing educational experience.

A pivotal part of the school's vision is a modern approach to teaching and learning, whilst maintaining important values and teaching life skills. Providing the iPads to our SEND children are an essential part of this and are now an important part of their learning, so they can be prepared for the demands of a modern society.



Zacchaeus 2000 Trust (Z2K)

Z2K was selected for an Invest for Impact Award amounting to GBP75,000 to be awarded from 2020-2023.

Case study

Z2K is an independent, anti-poverty charity committed to a fair social security system for Londoners. They champion the rights of low-income Londoners where too many are denied the decent, secure and affordable homes they deserve.

Our multi-year core funding in year one has allowed Z2K to deliver their vital casework and representation services for low-income Londoners, develop a new form-filing project, adapt their services to meet an increasing need and provide

remote support during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our funding has specifically been used to support their casework costs, including salary and support costs. Their casework advice and advocacy continues to focus on prevention of poverty, destitution and homelessness.

Despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, Z2K supported 991 clients totalling 1,132 cases.



Disaster Relief in response to Covid-19

The London Grants Committee made two emergency grants in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The London Community Foundation – Awarded GBP25,000

The London Community Foundation launched a London Communities Coronavirus Appeal working with other London funders to ensure the money raised was distributed securely, effectively and fairly to charities and community groups doing the most to help those in need.

The fund mobilised over GBP13.4 million for grassroots charities and community groups, ensuring they could maintain their services to support those most vulnerable. So far, they have supported an estimated 1.1m Londoners, investing in over GBP2.4m to help ensure people have food and emergency supplies and directed nearly 12% of their funding for charities addressing domestic abuse and domestic violence.

Community Justice Fund – Awarded GBP25,000

The Community Justice Fund is a joint initiative to help specialist social welfare legal advice organisations cope with the immediate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and lay the foundations for longer-term renewal.

Dealing with the impacts of Covid-19 was a defining moment to bring about a more just and fair society. The fund supported the key role that specialist social welfare legal advice agencies play in providing essential support to people and communities during the crisis.

We stand with the sector

Allen & Overy joined the [London Funder's Covid-19 pledge](#). We are committed to supporting our grantees by offering to turn programme funding into unrestricted funding.



East End Community Foundation

The Ben Ogden Memorial Fund was established in 2015 in memory of Ben who was on his way to becoming a very successful solicitor. He passed his Legal Practitioners Course with flying colours and, at the end of his two-year training contract, he was taken on by the Employment and Pensions department.

It was during his qualification break that he tragically died in the Nepalese air crash on 28 September 2012. The startling thing about Ben was that, without interfering with the success of his studies and training, in three years he contributed a huge amount to the community through charity and pro bono work.

The Ben Ogden Memorial Fund is aimed at continuing Ben's legacy of support by providing grants to voluntary and community organisations in the London boroughs of Hackney and Tower Hamlets, with a focus on improving access to and opportunities in education, employment and training.

The Memorial Fund is managed and administered by the East End Community Foundation (EECF), a philanthropic adviser and experienced grant maker.



Highlights of 2019-20

In 2019-20 the Ben Ogden Memorial Fund awarded a total of GBP34,959 to 14 organisations supporting local residents, who were able to engage in a wide variety of activities to build new skills, develop their employability and improve their education and learning.

Collectively they have achieved the following outcomes.



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people received education,
training and employment support



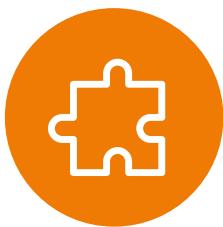
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hours of education and
training were delivered



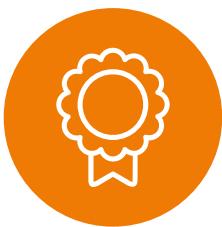
410

people attended
formal training



261

people learnt new skills



257

people gained an accreditation



126

people started their
journey into work



59

people secured employment



14

people self-employed

East End Community Foundation – Case study

Café Art: MyLondon Market

Café Art is actively involved in reducing social isolation and improving the well-being of those affected by homelessness and public attitudes towards the homeless within East London. Their mission is to connect people affected by homelessness with the wider London local community through their art.

Café Art aims to provide income and work opportunities for homeless artists through four main projects; Art in Cafés, MyLondon calendar, Photographic Mentoring Group and Home Is Where the Art Is (art rental scheme).

Our funding was used to contribute towards the salary costs of a market manager for five months to run their stall in Spitalfields Market, for homeless artists to sell their art and build employability skills. The grant enables the manager to increase the market's hours enabling more homeless participants to become engaged.



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