

Connecting your community



HOW TO SET UP A

SHARING SPACE

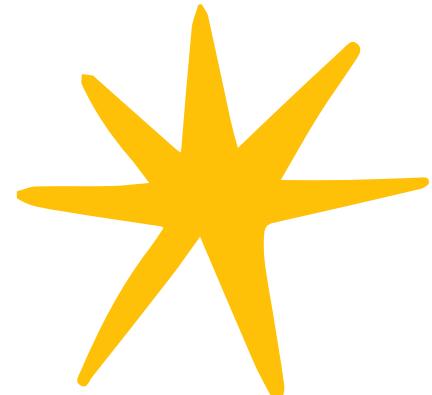
WHAT IS A SHARING SPACE?

A place for **residents** on your estate to come together to **share** food, conversations and ideas.

We might also find we have skills to share and unused items to swap.

Let's help each other tackle the cost of living crisis.

KEY QUESTIONS



Who is part of your community?

How can you and other residents offer a diverse range of activities?

How can this Sharing Space welcome and appeal to the whole community?

How can you make your Sharing Space fun and creative?

WHEN?

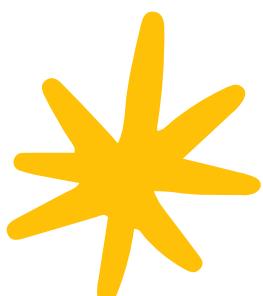
WHERE?

HOW OFTEN?

It could run on a weekly basis,
serving a free and hearty
community meal in the TRA Hall... or a one-off party summer
event outside



It could be a monthly meet
up with tea and cake... or a day spent bringing
colour to your estate



It could even be a children and family
focused session during school holidays

What would work on your estate?

WHO?

You might be thinking, who is going to run this?

We can help you get
more residents involved

We can create posters and
come and do some initial
door knocking

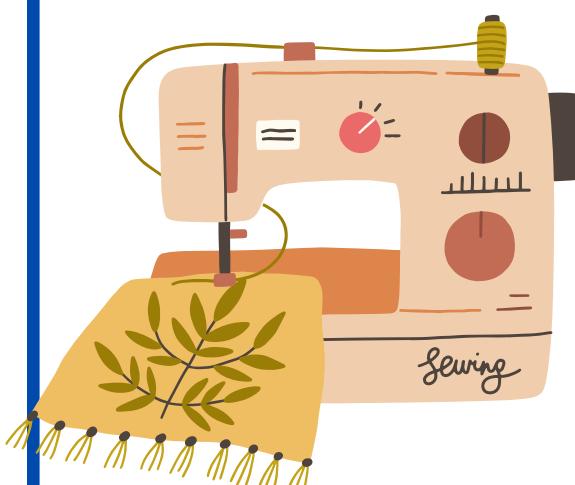
We have good relationships with council
departments and other organisations in your
area, and can encourage them to get involved

PICK AND MIX

You might be wondering what activities could happen in your Sharing Space?

Here's a few ideas for you, and some free items we can provide to get you started.

Sewing and mending clothes



Sewing machines and materials

Clothes swaps

Clothes rail and hangers



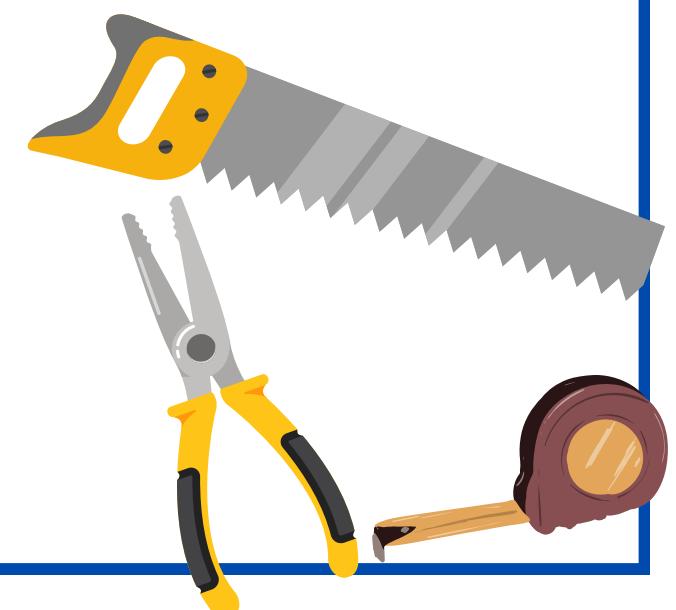
Food

Plates, cutlery, cooking utensils and basic ingredients



Fixing and Repairs

Simple DIY kit with hammer, screwdrivers and more



Gardening and Greening



Seeds, pots and compost. Nature painting kits and bird boxes

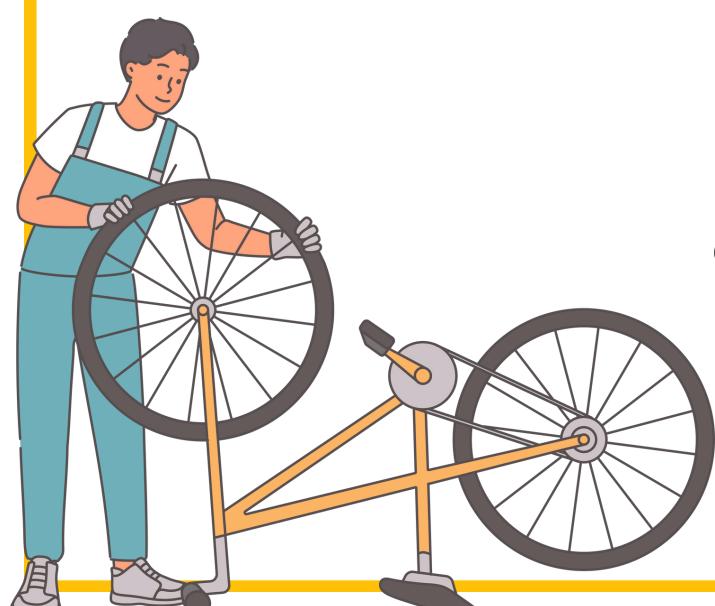
Bring colour to your estate



Mural painting, painting railings, benches and picnic tables

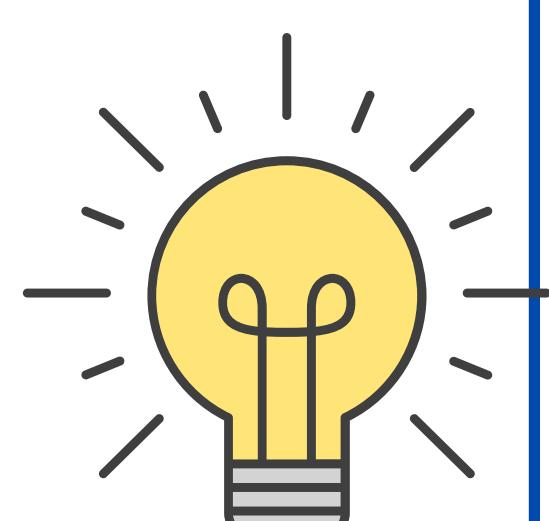
Bicycle workshops

Cycling confidence and bicycle repair



Energy Savers Club

Energy saving freebies like LED bulbs



FUNDING

But who's going to pay for this?

Have you heard about the
We Make Camden Kit?

**we
make
Camden**

We can help you apply for it
and raise up to **£2000** to bring
your Sharing Space to life.

We can also set up a meeting with your
Tenants Participation Officer, who can
advise you on other funding opportunities.

WHO ELSE CAN BE INVOLVED?

Would you like to get more residents along to help?

Could you share responsibility?

Could you pick people with specific skills to help?

It may be easier to run your Sharing Space with a Team

DIRECTORY

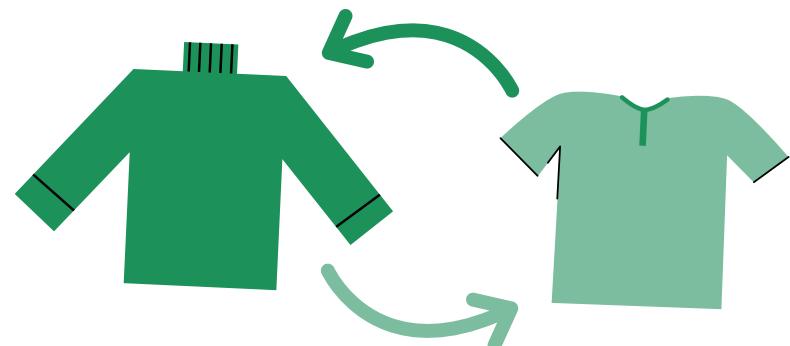
| Organisation Name | Website | Description | Key Contact | Job Role | Email address |
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| Camden Cyclists | https://camdencyclists.org.uk | The Camden branch of the London Cycling Campaign, their aim is to make cycle journeys in Camden safer and more enjoyable for everyone. They believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the health and environmental benefits of travelling by bike. Whether a seasoned rider or just curious about cycling they can provide support. | John Chamberlain | Camden Campaign Lead | john@camdencyclists.org.uk |
| Cooperation Town | www.cooperation.town | Cooperation Town is a movement of community food co-ops, self organising on streets and estates across the country | Shiri Shalmey | Co-Op Member | shiri@cooperation.town |
| Fixing Factory | https://www.fixingfactory.org | At the Fixing Factory, you can give your things a new lease of life. From tablets to toasters, a talented and creative group of fixers will help you repair your stuff and learn new skills. | Petra Backovska | Manager | petra.backovska@wearepossible.org |
| Global Generation | https://www.globalgeneration.org.uk | Global Generation is an educational charity, which works together with local children and young people, businesses, residents and families in Camden, Islington and Southwark. We co-create gardens with the local community and currently have 3 active sites in King's Cross and Southwark. We aim to showcase how disused urban spaces can become an oasis for plants and people to grow. | Fran Reeves | Head of Gardens | fran@globalgeneration.org.uk |
| Lifeafterhummus | https://www.lifeafterhummus.com | Lifeafterhummus provides food aid by operating a social supermarket and re-use centre | Farrah Rainfly | Owner | farrah@lifeafterhummus.com |
| Power Up North London | https://powerupnorthlondon.org/about | Power Up North London (PUNL) delivers a range of community energy projects, with a particular focus on solar PV & resident energy training course | Felicitas Dietze | Project Lead | info@powerupnorthlondon.org |
| Social Farms & Gardens | https://www.farmgarden.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do | Offers information, help and advice to new and existing City Farms and Community Gardens. Offers training and signposting to fundraising. | Amber Alferoff | Manager | london@farmgarden.org.uk |
| The Repair Room | N/A | Similar to Fixing Factory, repairing old item especially electrical to bring them back to life | Dermot Jones | Owner | dermotjones42@gmail.com |
| Think & Do | https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk | Training residents to become Energy Saving Ambassadors - they will then train up residents to become energy saving champions on their estates | Talulla Cragg | Project Assistant | info@infothinkanddocamden.org.uk |
| Trees for Cities | https://www.treesforcities.org | A charity working at a national scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities | Megan Akerman | Youth Engagement Manager | Megan.Akerman@treesforcities.org |
| Vegbox | https://vegbox.org.uk | An affordable seasonal organic, naturally grown fruit & veg box sourced from small-scale farms as close to London as possible. You can reach out to Vegbox to get estate discounts | Caleb Elliot | Co-op member | caleb@principlesix.coop |
| Veolia | www.veolia.co.uk | Swap events, recycling or waste disposal | Laura O'Mahoney | Local ECO Manager | laura.omahony@veolia.com |
| Your Bike Project | https://yourbikeproject.org | Your Bike Project is a non-profit organisation, specialising in up-cycling and cycle maintenance. They provide an exit strategy for young people in the community who are involved in violence, gangs, and NEETs. Working with Camden Police, they use unclaimed and abandoned bikes for young people to fix and use. | Raqhib Islam | Founder | RAK_islam@hotmail.com |
| Camden Council contacts for possible workshops | | | | | |
| Tenants Participation | https://www.camden.gov.uk/tenants-residents-associations-camden | Responsible for monitoring and overseeing tenant involvement and participation in Camden Town, Mahie encourages and supports the development of district management committees, tenant and resident associations and project groups. He provides liaison between Camden Council and tenant and resident groups. | Mahie Melad | Senior Tenant Participation Officer | Mahie.Melad@camden.gov.uk |
| Food Growing | https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/about/food | Sahand is the Lead Food growing officer and he can come in to talk to you about food growing in the borough | Sahand Kaveh | Green Space Project Officer (Food Growing Accelerator) | Sahand.Kaveh@camden.gov.uk |
| Green Spaces | https://www.camden.gov.uk/improving-green-spaces | Can come in to talk about wildlife & biodiversity in the borough | Martin Payne | Greenspace Partnership Officer | Martin.Payne@camden.gov.uk |

FREE GUIDES ON HOW TO RUN A COMMUNITY EVENT



Coffee Morning Guide

<https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Coffee-morning-guide.pdf>



Clothes Swap Guide

<https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Clothes-swap-guide.pdf>



Sports Day Guide

<https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Coffee-morning-guide.pdf>



Street Party Guide

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