

connecting your community



HOW TO SET UP A

SHARING
SPACE

THINK&DO

COMMUNITY CLIMATE & SOCIAL ACTION

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



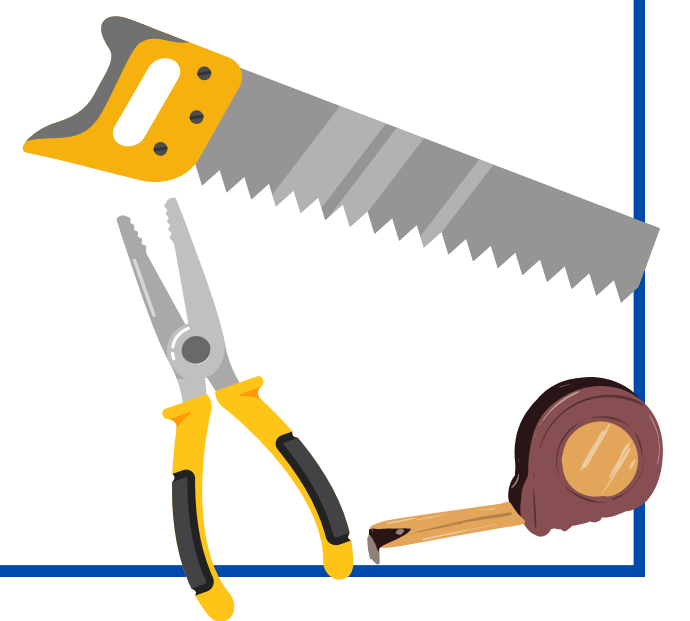
Food

Plates, cutlery, cooking utensils and basic ingredients



Fixing and Repairs

Simple DIY kit with hammer, screwdrivers and more



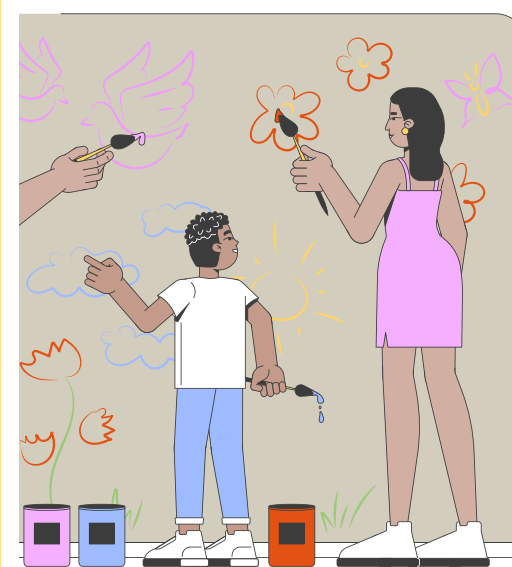
Gardening and Greening

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



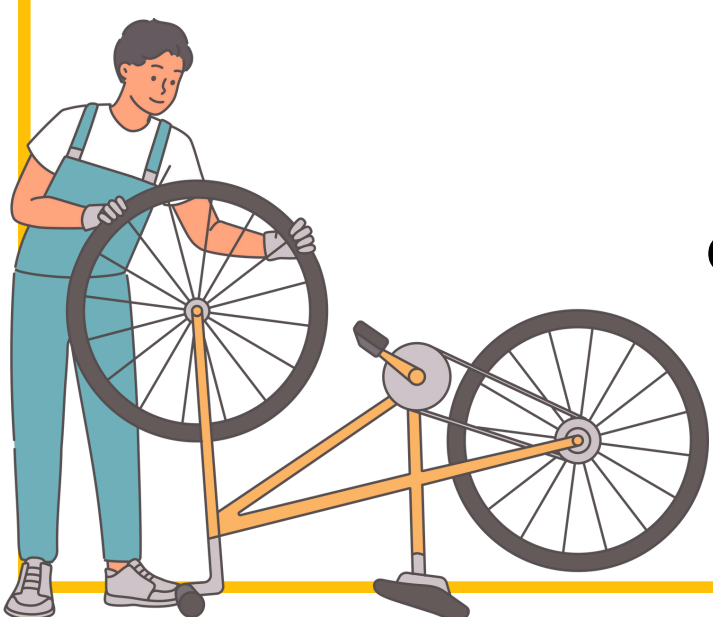
Bring colour to your estate

Mural painting, painting railings, benches and picnic tables



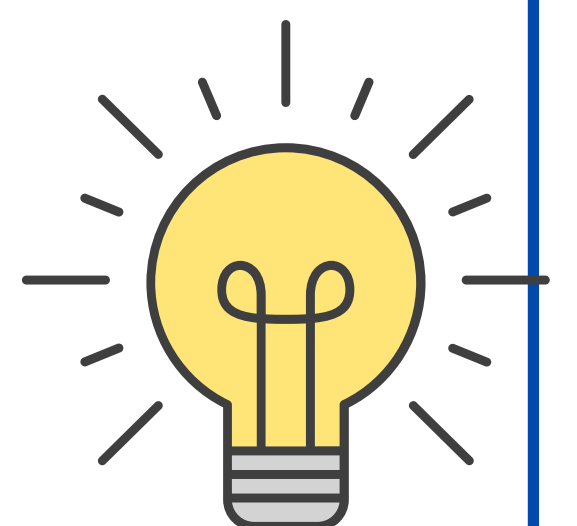
Bicycle workshops

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

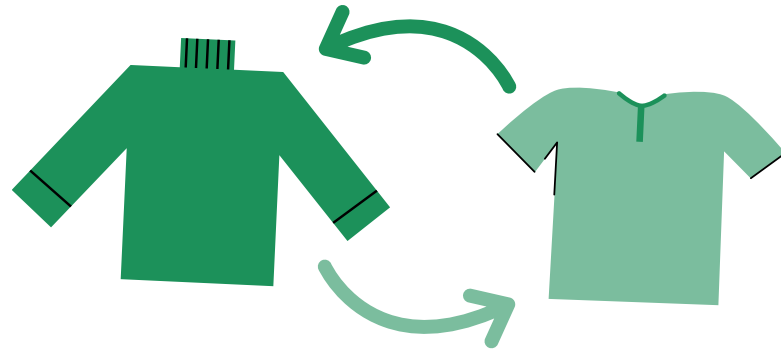
Organisation Name	Website	Description	Key Contact	Job Role	Email address
Camden Cyclists	https://camdencyclists.org.uk	The Camden branch of the London Cycling Campaign, their aim is to make cycle journeys in Camden safer and more enjoyable for everyone. They believe that everyone should have the opportunity 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
Lifefterhummus	https://www.lifefterhummus.com	Lifefterhummus provides food aid by operating a social supermarket and re-use centre	Farrah Rainfly	Owner	farrah@lifefterhummus.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 orgsnic, 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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