



Action for Bow

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Action for Bow supports education, training and employment opportunities; sports and recreation; environmental and regeneration issues in Bow East and West Wards. This registered charity (1104269) was established by the Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust, whose residual responsibilities were taken over by the Greater London Authority in 2013. Information on three of the various projects supported in 2016-17 (full list over page) is shown below:

Half Moon Young Peoples' Theatre



Actor-Facilitators' Workshop

The Half Moon Young People's Theatre delivered workshops and theatre performances for primary school Year 6 classes to explore potential fears about starting secondary school. They presented difficult scenarios that could occur in the first few weeks and the young people were able to step into the action and change the outcomes through selecting different behaviour for the characters.

Walk East: Guided Walks for the Over 50s



Visit to the Historic Wilton's Music Hall

During the summer seventeen residents aged 50+ had a choice of ten guided walks of 1.5 to 2.2 miles to six areas of Tower Hamlets to learn more about the local East End, make connections with community projects, enhance physical health, mental wellbeing and meet other residents. An average of ten walkers attended each walk that included heritage talks, behind-the-scenes visits to local landmarks, meetings with community workers and a coffee stop in a community facility. Venues included museums, city farms, churches, mosques, theatres, sports centres, gardens and the famous bell foundry.

The Geezers



Geezers Regular Indoor Bowls

The Geezers Club provides weekly activities for older people plus participation in neighbourhood forums and festivals. A wide range of visits were made to sporting and cultural venues. Innovations during the year included gym classes, and 'learn my way' IT training at the Bromley by Bow Centre.



Lunch Break in IT Training at the Bromley by Bow Centre

A major achievement was to receive the 2016 Arts and Green Energy award by RegenSW for a joint project between Geezers Club members, artist Loraine Leeson and engineer Toby Borland, for the development and promotion of sustainable technologies including a roof-top turbine-driven light work; a new tidal river turbine and an oxygenating stream wheel to support fish survival in the River Lea.



Their 'OurBow.com' website, with information on their activities and local news, has now exceeded 85,000 visits.

Financial Summary 2016-2017

Funds brought forward	£106,634
Income (investment)	£ 333
Expenditure	£ 63,728
Balance carried forward	£ 43,239

Risk Management and Grant Payments

Potential major risks are reviewed by the Trustees and appropriate procedures embedded to minimise these – including retrospective payment of grants subject to confirmation by the Bromley by Bow Centre staff that the necessary services have been delivered.

Trust's Bankers: Barclays Bank

Trustees 2016-2017

The voluntary Trustees allocate grants and prepare the Trust's annual financial statements:

Sheila Drew Smith (Chair) { nominees of former Tower
Jackie Odunoye { Hamlets Housing Action Trust
Janet Ludlow nominee of Old Ford Housing Association
Councillor Marc Francis London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Secretary to the Trustees Greg Hartwell

Grant Applications and Administration

The grants process is coordinated by Ahmed Hussain at the Bromley by Bow Centre, St Leonard's Street, London, E3 3BT
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Trust's Auditors: Sayer Vincent LLP

GRANTS AND MATCH FUNDING 2016-2017

As shown below, a total of £41,277 was granted to eleven organisations, which was matched by £16,418 donated by four other organisations, plus contributions in kind. Ten projects were delivered for younger people - mainly for out of school activities and also two for primary school children to prepare them for their transfer to secondary school which is a significant local issue. There were five projects for older people - particularly for physical and mental fitness. A grant of £6,084 was also made to the Bromley by Bow Centre to assist with a challenging new project to match young people with local apprenticeships, that was particularly successful with placements in the healthcare sector.

Project Name and Provider	Manager	Grant	Match Funding Organisations	Amount
Make a Play in the Park: Schools Transition <i>Artburst Ltd.</i>	Rhia Thomas 07435 788190	£6,790		
Apprenticeship Engagement Training <i>Bromley by Bow Centre</i>	Junior Makanjuola 020 8709 9703	£6,084	Association of Employers and Learning Providers	£4,082
Sports Young Leaders' Training <i>Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation</i>	Tallulah Staple 020 7987 4811	£4,919	Youth Sports Foundation Budgets Tower Hamlets Council Grants	£4,201 £2,720
Older Peoples' Activities <i>The Geezers Club</i>	Ray Gipson 07447 955521	£4,860	Geezers Club reserve funds £287	
Youth Club Activities <i>Greenlight Youth Club Ltd.</i>	Zinda Calixte 020 8980 8734	£3,807	In kind value £1,680	
Drama for Young People: Schools Transition <i>Half Moon Young People's Theatre</i>	Beccy Allen 07812 094819	£2,425	Half Moon Core Budget £1,570	
Youth Summer Activities <i>Bow Bengali Forum</i>	Aklakur Rahman 07958 386618	£2,000	Participants' contributions £537	
Youth Summer Activities <i>Space: Art Services Grants Ltd.</i>	Fiona Fieber 020 8525 4330	£2,000	Foundation For Future London	£12,336
Children's Summer Activities <i>St. Barnabas Church</i>	Lindsay Turner 020 8980 1004	£1,962	In kind value £1,000	
Guided Walks for Over 50s <i>Walk East</i>	Graham Barker 07919 221806	£1,360		
Bowls <i>The Geezers Club</i>	Ray Gipson 0744 795 5521	£1,200	Geezers Club reserve funds £488	
Training for Walking Guides <i>City Steps Guided Tours</i>	Ms A Brivett 020 8980 5868	£1,000		
Special Effects for Children <i>City Steps Guided Tours</i>	Ms A Brivett 020 8980 5868	£1,000		
Relaxation and Mindfulness <i>City Steps Guided Tours</i>	Ms A Brivett 020 8980 5868	£1,000		
Football Skills <i>City Steps Guided Tours</i>	Ms A Brivett 020 8980 5868	£870		
Total Grants		£41,277	Total Match Funding	£16,418

During the year Action for Bow moved closer to utilising fully its initial endowment received in 2004 and the number and scale of grants had to be reduced accordingly. The Trustees are, however, optimistic that a further endowment will be forthcoming in 2017 and their work for the residents of Bow can then be given a renewed impetus.