

Update on the Grenfell Recovery Strategy – What’s new?

The Grenfell Recovery Strategy, which launched in January 2019, committed to supporting long-term recovery for the bereaved, survivors and the local community.

In December 2020, the Council refreshed these plans so people could be clearer about the support available over the next three years of the programme. This included setting out how people could get more involved in shaping and designing the services and support that is delivered.

Between January and April 2021, we heard over 600 views from local people. Through a number of different wide-ranging consultations people told us what they thought of existing services and what they want to see in the future. Thank you to everyone who shared their views, but don’t worry if you missed this

opportunity, there will be many more chances for people to get involved.

Since then, we’ve been busy implementing the changes requested. Alongside a Dedicated Service for bereaved and survivors, the Grenfell Recovery Programme includes a range of services and initiatives for the wider community which are open and available to everyone. They are for you and here to help.

We want to ensure as many people are aware of the support available so please do spread the word.

Targeted recovery and wellbeing support for the wider community

The Grenfell Community Programme

Support for children and young people in schools and community settings

Support for Adults in the community

Grenfell Projects Fund

Community Leadership Programme

The Curve

Targeted support for children and young people

What we have heard:

- 131 responses to the online survey: 88 from parents and pupils, 16 from schools and 27 from the wider community.
- 17 children and young people attended focus groups.
- There was lots of support for existing provision from parents/carers and schools but people felt we needed to do more to promote greater awareness of the offer.

“I think the services in the Bi-Borough are excellent and provide effective support.”

“Improving access to what we do have and as mentioned earlier, improving outreach and coordination of services would go a long way.”

So what support is going to be available?

We are committed to ensuring local children across North Kensington and in the area around the tower have access to emotional and health and wellbeing support. We do not want children's futures to be defined by the tragedy and on-going support is needed given the enduring impact of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and decisions about the future of Grenfell Tower.

Additional support will therefore be available across all 17 schools in North Kensington for the next three academic years starting from September 2021. Providers include Place2Be, Latimer Community Art Therapy, Catholic Children's Society and Future Men, working closely with NHS support. They provide art and talking based support to children that helps them to express their views and process the on-going trauma. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's school if you think they could benefit from this support.

We know some children connect better with support in out-of-school settings so from July 2021, Kids On The Green and Henry Dickens will also provide

a refreshed offer in community-based settings. They can help young people grow and process the challenges they have faced creatively and collectively with their peers, in environments they feel comfortable in. To widen the reach of these services, a new fund for community-based provision for children and young people is planned to be launched from **Summer 2021** which will enable other providers to support this vital initiative.

How to find out more

If you would like to learn more, or you think this community-based support might benefit you and your family, please get in touch with the provider using the following details:

- Henry Dickens Centre – call 020 7792 8700 or 07933 539418 or email info@hdcc.london
- Kids On The Green – call 07985 394686 or email online@kidsonthegreen.com

Alternatively, please feel free to contact your child's school if you think the new support could benefit them, or if you need more information, please contact Marjana.Tharin@rbkc.gov.uk

Targeted support for adults in community-based settings

What we have heard:

- Feedback from 130 adults through surveys, workshops and focus groups in English and other languages.
- There was lots of support for existing provisions, with service users and others clearly feeling that this was an ongoing area of need.
- Residents identified key gaps identified in existing provision, including peer-based support and services for older people, men and young adults.

“After Grenfell Tower fire I was placed in a hotel I had nothing to do. I was very isolated. I joined Midaye cooking and health and wellbeing workshop. All the women in the group were supporting each other. It was very nice place to be.”

“We would like to see more support for elderly members of our community.”

“Self-care support for us and continuation of the current service if it's possible.”

So what support is going to be available?

The North Kensington community is wonderfully diverse, but we recognise that some groups don't feel comfortable accessing support from the Council and the NHS. This means people from the BAME community often do not get the help they need. We are committed to trying to change this.

We will therefore be continuing to work in partnership with local BAME organisations that people trust. We have increased funding to ensure they have the capacity they need to help you. Providers include Al-Manaar, Midaye, Al Hasaniya and Making Communities Work and Grow. They are there to help, so please do reach out and connect with them.

We also know how valuable the support of your peers can be, particularly in a disaster recovery context. We are very keen to make this a new form of support available to local adults, so from this **Summer 2021**,

we will launch a new peer support offer for the local community, which we have developed with local partners and residents.

How to find out more

If you would like to start accessing these services, please get in touch with the provider using the following details:

- Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre – call **020 8964 1496** or email **info@mchc.or.uk**
- Midaye Somali Development Network – call **020 8969 7456** or email **contact@midaye.org.uk**
- Al Hasaniya – call **020 8969 2292** or email **contact@al-hasaniya.org.uk**
- Making Communities Work and Grow – call **020 8969 0722** or email **info@mcwg.org.uk**

Alternatively, you can contact **Shazi Ghani at grenfellcommissioning@rbkc.gov.uk** for more information.

Grenfell Community Programme

What we have heard:

- 99 responses to the Grenfell Projects Fund (GPF) survey and 80 responses to the survey on the Community Leadership Programme (CLP).
- Residents asked for better information about the GPF application process and for more support to be made available to potential providers.
- Residents wanted to be more involved in both projects, including in selection and monitoring.
- People highlighted key issues with online delivery, including digital exclusion.

“Training helped my confidence and my ability to be a better community member.”

“Mix and match (online and face to face delivery). Many barriers to participating in both models of training so you need to consider all needs.”

“A dedicated decision day that is maybe online open for a few weeks but not recorded. It should be application based put in front of the residents.”

“Bring in more young people especially those who are in need of this funding as it demonstrates they aren't being neglected and get a fresh mindset, so possibly include those who are in YOT.”

So what's happening next?

There is so much skill, creativity and capability across the North Kensington community. The GPF is all about supporting this to thrive and giving local people and organisations the chance to support each other and lead their own recovery. Alongside this, the CLP is here to help give people a chance to develop their skills to ensure the strengths of the community last long into the future and continue to evolve.

We will be shaping the next phase of the programme with residents through a steering group – which everyone's welcome to get involved in. We can't wait to see what projects develop out of this in the months to come.

In the meantime, we are working to support the Grenfell Projects Fund projects from Year One to deliver over the **Summer 2021**. There are lots of great projects now starting to deliver from **July**, both online and in person. See the information right for how you can get involved and sign up!

How to get involved

If you'd like to be involved in the resident-led steering group, please contact **GrenfellCommunityTeam@rbkc.gov.uk**, or call **Kevin Ramsey on 07857 696791**.

If you'd like to hear more about the GPF Year One projects, or sign up to one, please go to the Council's website and search for "Grenfell Projects Fund". There you will find further information and details for how to sign up for each project that is coming up. We will continually update this page as more projects begin to deliver, so make sure you check back to keep up to date with what's available.

Alternatively, you can contact the email address above for further information about projects.

New projects

We are talking to residents and partners about two new projects that are expected to launch later this year:

- A **Housing Legacy Fund** to support long term legacy initiatives for those living in Council properties in Notting Dale through a participatory budgeting process.
- A **North Kensington Inclusions pilot** programme to help tackle school exclusions in North Kensington, supporting children and families in a trauma-informed way.

A wide-ranging consultation is also being planned for Summer 2021 to shape and inform the future aspiration and vision for the Curve.

Further information about how to get involved in these conversations will soon be available on our website.

Increasing the reach and impact of Grenfell Recovery initiatives

We know that residents do not always know about the services and programmes on offer through the Grenfell Recovery programme. In this next phase, we want to focus on working with residents to raise awareness and communicate as widely as possible about new and existing initiatives. We would welcome suggestions about how we can do this.

We have also committed to reporting regularly about the impact of the Grenfell Recovery programme, as we know local people want to see evidence of the difference these projects are making. We are developing a framework to monitor participation and key outcomes across the programme, and we will publish our first impact report in Autumn 2021.

If you are interested in the Recovery programme, you can contact **grenfellrecovery@rbkc.gov.uk**.