

# Community First



## ***Bromley By Bow***

### **What is Community First?**

Community First is an England-wide programme, funded by the Office for Civil Society, on behalf of the Government. It will run for four years, until March 2015. Two funds of money, worth £80m, have been created to help communities come together, become more resilient, and make their local area a better place to live.

**Neighbourhood Match Fund:** A £30m fund to encourage people to give time and expertise to local projects. The funds will be distributed to 600 areas across England, which have been selected by CDF according to several criteria.

**Community First Panels:** Each of the 600 areas will have their own panel, comprised of local people to represent their community. They will be involved in creating a plan for the local area, raising awareness of the funds, and planning how they will match and spend the money.

### **What does this mean for you?**

***Bromley By Bow*** has been selected as one of the 600 areas to receive Community First funding.

A Community First panel has been set up by BBBCO, made up of local active members of the community. Their contact details can be found below. Get in touch to find out more or get involved.

### **Can I apply for funding?**

**Funding is available for projects that meet priorities as agreed in consultation with local people.**

**The agreed priorities for *Bromley By Bow* are:**

- ***Enhancing the lives of young people.***
- ***Activities and opportunities to improve mental and physical health and well-being.***
- ***Bring different communities within the ward closer together (age and cultur).***
- ***Improve the local environment.***

### Local Projects:

*Examples of eligible projects could include:*

- *Start a sports programme.*
- *Social events for older people.*
- *Community day.*

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## Where can I find more information?

You can find more information about the Community First programme and download the application pack along with guidance, please visit our website or follow this link:

<http://bromleybybow.posterous.com>

Your local Community First Panel is run by:

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Other useful local resources:

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/content/funding-programmes/community-first>

[www.bbbco.co.uk](http://www.bbbco.co.uk)

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