**Community Wealth Fund Background**

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**About the Fund**

The Camden Community Wealth Fund is a mission-driven investment fund that aims to create a more equitable economy in Camden. Despite the wealth and economic growth in the borough, many people and communities do not benefit from it. This fund will seek to address this inequality by sharing the benefits of Camden's growth more fairly and making a positive impact on people's lives.

The Fund will focus on investing in people, ideas and businesses that not only generate financial returns but also have positive local benefits for the people of Camden. It will provide long-term, flexible finance, including loans, equity, grants, and business support.

The fund will invest in social enterprises, community interest groups, tech ventures, and other business structures that can show that they can help deliver our We Make Camden missions. The missions it will initially focus on are:

* Ensuring every young person has access to economic opportunity that enables them to be safe and secure
* Those holding positions of power in Camden are as diverse as our community – and the next generation is ready to follow.

The Fund will also prioritise investing in people and businesses that might struggle to gain investment from elsewhere due to systemic barriers - such as those from previously ignored or historically underrepresented backgrounds.

**Community participation in the Fund**

The Fund will need to make decisions about what we invest in based on local knowledge and experience. This means being bold in the way we engage local communities in the design and running of the fund. It means inviting a diverse range of people to help us design the fund and make decisions about what we invest in, as well as shape its future strategic direction. This will help us make sure we are investing in ideas and businesses that are right for Camden and are more likely to succeed in the longer-term.

**The role of Citizen Scientists**

The role of the Citizen Scientists is to help us unlock the potential of citizen participation for the Fund. You will sit within the Participation Team for line management but would work day-to-day with the Fund Investment Team. You will help to set up and host the Quarterly Community Engagement Forum, open to entrepreneurs in the community that might have an interest in applying to the Fund. Your role will also include helping to shape the design of and recruitment of residents for the Community Guidance Group, a place where applicants can present their ‘stories’ to the fund and receive feedback on their application.

You will hold the role of peer-to-peer researcher to be an ear to the ground to understand market need, be a voice in the room to represent community feedback and help hold the fund to account on its principles and outcomes. Your role will play a key part in the Fund reaching a diversity of the [We Make Camden](https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/) local community networks of citizens, and across your own networks to bring back a broad representation of community voice.