

Applications are open for Camden Community Wealth Fund's Youth Panel

What's happening:

Next year, Camden Council is launching Camden Community Wealth Fund. It will provide repayable long-term finance to help people start or grow a business in Camden, and it will invest in a diverse range of businesses that want to make a positive impact on the borough.

Apply to join the Youth Panel and help us decide how we invest the first £1 million into local businesses that are on a mission to create economic opportunities for young people. You don't need any experience to join the panel.

Our Mission: We want every young person to access economic opportunities that keep them safe and secure.

What You'll Do:

- **Make an Impact:** Take part in deciding where investment goes in Camden.
- **Drive Change:** Help create economic opportunities for young people in Camden.
- **Understand Investments:** Learn about how investments funds invest in organisations and be directly involved in the investment process.
- **Connect with Others:** Meet other young people in Camden who share your passion for creating change.
- **Work with the Community Wealth Fund Team:** Work together with Camden Council to decide how to allocate £1 million for local businesses and entrepreneurs.
- **Get Paid:** You will be paid £20 per hour for your time.
- **Have your expenses covered:** We'll cover reasonable expenses, including Travel.
- **Have access to food and drink:** Snacks and refreshments will be provided at meetings.

Who Can Apply:

- Anyone aged 16 to 25 who lives, works or learns in Camden – or up the age of 30 if you meet one or more of the below criteria:
 - You have care experience
 - You have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
 - You have missed a lot of school
 - You are disabled
 - You have experience of the youth justice system
- You want to help young people in Camden access opportunities to make money, and bring about the change that you think is needed
- No previous experience is needed in investments or being a panel member.

We also strongly encourage you to apply if:

- You have been unemployed for over 3 months or faced barriers to training or education.
- You have experience in applying for funding, running a business, or have faced challenges trying to become an entrepreneur.

Commitment: The panel meets regularly for 12-18 months. **We ask members to be able to commit to 12-months.** Sessions may be on weekends or weekday evenings; this will be decided by the panel in the first sessions. This part-time opportunity starts in January 2025.

Support and Accessibility:

We are dedicated to ensuring the application process is accessible to everyone. We can adjust for disabled, neurodiverse individuals, or those with long-term health conditions. If you need support during the application or informal chat, please let us know.

Support for Participants:

We will provide support to create a safe and inclusive space for all panel members.

Accessibility Commitment:

We will prioritise accessibility throughout all panel activities based on individual needs.

Apply today in whatever way is easiest for you, via the following options:

1. Fill in the application form at <https://camden.gov.uk/CWFYouthPanel>
2. Call us on **07970908892**
3. WhatsApp us with a message, voice note or video message on **07970908892**
4. Email us at CommunityWealthFund@camden.gov.uk

If applying on WhatsApp via video/voice note or email, please tell us:

- o Your name and age
- o If you live, learn or work in Camden
- o Tell us a little about yourself and why you would like to be part of the Community Wealth Fund Youth Panel (Please include interests and any lived experience if you feel comfortable to do so)
- o What would you change in Camden for young people? (Feel free to share any personal stories or inspirations)
- o Is there anything in your background, or things you've experienced in life, that might have impacted your chances to find good work?
- o Once you have sent it to us, we will follow up with a telephone call or message to get some additional information we need for your application.

Please can voice notes and video messages be **no longer than 3 minutes**. Phone lines will be open **Monday to Friday 11am – 3pm**, excluding bank holidays.

How we will recruit a panel member:

1. **Application:** We will look at what motivated you to apply, life experiences you may have and the completed demographic survey.
2. **Informal Chat:** If your application is successful, we'll invite you for a friendly chat to learn more about you (online or in person).

We have 15 spots on the panel and are committed to a diverse mix of voices. Our selection is not a judgment of your skills or experience. **We aim to get back to all applicants within week commencing 2nd December, to let them know if they have been shortlisted for the informal chat.**