



Neighbourhood Organisers Open Call - Good Neighbourhood Project

Are you passionate about making your neighbourhood better for everyone?

We are looking for people who live, work or study in Swiss Cottage and South Hampstead to become Neighbourhood Organisers, helping to gather insights and develop practical ideas to make our neighbourhood an even better place.

About the Good Neighbourhood Project

The Good Neighbourhood Project aims to make Swiss Cottage and South Hampstead a better place for everyone.

The Good Neighbourhood Project will work towards two priorities:

1. A Fairer Neighbourhood (Spring 2024 - Autumn 2025) by addressing the cost of living and expanding local opportunities
2. A Greener Neighbourhood (Autumn 2025 - Spring 2027) by strengthening local environmental action

How will it work?

1. Exploration: A chance for you to share ideas for how we make our neighbourhood fairer and greener.
2. Inquiry: Join the Good Neighbourhood Collective and become a Neighbourhood Organiser to engage with your community and make decisions with your neighbours about changes you want to see.
3. Action: Turn your ideas into real, sustainable projects in the neighbourhood.

Join the Good Neighbourhood Collective as one of 15 Neighbourhood Organisers

We are now recruiting 15 Neighbourhood Organisers who are eager to engage with their community and contribute to making our neighbourhood a better place for everyone. As a Neighbourhood Organiser, you will find out what matters to people in the area, and discuss and decide on positive changes you want to see.

No prior experience is necessary—just a commitment to your community!

As a Neighbourhood Organiser, you will:

- **Understand local challenges:** Collect and analyse information on key issues such as fairness, cost of living, and inequality in your neighbourhood through various methods like interviews, surveys, and community workshops.
- **Connect with your community:** Collaborate with fellow residents who share your commitment to creating a positive impact in your neighbourhood.
- **Gain valuable skills and experience:** Develop your research, communication, creativity and project management skills, while making a meaningful difference in your local area.
- **Decide on priorities:** Take part in discussions with other Neighbourhood Organisers and make collective decisions about changes you want to see.
- **Influence change:** Share your findings with the wider community, and contribute to shaping practical ideas to address the rising cost of living and expand local opportunities.

Who can apply?

We encourage applications from residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. To be eligible, you must:

- Live, work or study in Swiss Cottage and South Hampstead.
- Be passionate about community work and interested in making a difference.
- Be able to spend 30 hours on the project between October 2024 and February 2025 (approximately 2–3 hours per week, excluding term breaks).
- Be 16 years or older.

What's in it for you?

By joining the Good Neighbourhood Collective, you will:

- **Receive training and support:** We will provide you with all the tools and training you need to succeed, including workshops on research methods, facilitation and community engagement.
- **Be part of a collaborative network:** Work alongside other passionate residents and local organisations to drive change in your community.

- **Get paid for your time:** We will provide a recognition payment of up to £400 to acknowledge your involvement in the project.

About the Good Neighbourhood Collective

The programme will run from mid October 2024 to mid February 2025.

As a Neighbourhood Organiser you will be expected to commit 30 hours for training, neighbourhood research and decision making over these four months.

How to apply?

Apply now by completing a simple application form [here](#). The deadline for applications is **Monday, 7 October 2024, at 9am**.

Want to learn more?

We are hosting an informal in-person session where you can find out more about the role and ask any questions you may have:

- Tuesday, 24 September 2024, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, 25 September 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Location: The Winch, 21 Winchester Road, London NW3 3NR

To sign up for your preferred session or to arrange a different time to chat, please contact our Community Development Lead, Bahar at cdl@thewinch.org.

Accessibility and Support

We are committed to ensuring that this opportunity is accessible to everyone. If you need any support during the application process or in fulfilling the role, such as interpretation services, childcare, or help with transport, please let us know. We welcome applications in different formats, including video or audio submissions.

If you have any questions about the role or the application process, please contact us at cdl@thewinch.org.uk.

What's Next?

We will contact all applicants about their application in the week commencing 7 October 2024. Please note that the first Good Neighbourhood Collective meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 October between 4-6pm.

About Us

The Good Neighbourhood Project is run by the Winch, a charity working with local young people and the community since 1973.

We've been in North Camden at 21 Winchester Road since that beginning. We also run Belsize Community Library, a much-loved neighbourhood space for reading, creating and connecting people.

Our mission is to help each child succeed regardless of their circumstances. We build long-term relationships from an early age with children, young people and their families, often facing huge challenges. We work with them as individuals, stand by them as they grow up into adults and show we are in their corner. At its core, the Winch is a place for people to explore their potential, find their purpose, follow ambitions and live the life they deserve.

The Winch aims to address the bigger picture problems that hold people back. Government cuts to public services make it even more challenging to grow up safely in Camden. We work with local residents and connect them to organisations to help create long lasting change. We believe working together is how we ensure our children, young people and families see the positive changes they deserve.

Our area has changed a lot since 1973, but The Winch has been a constant presence in the lives of so many children, young people and adults.

Together, let's build a fairer, greener neighbourhood for all. Apply today and be part of the change!