**Kensal Library Partnership Application Form**

On 6 July, following the easing of the national lockdown, the three libraries with the highest footfall (Central, North Kensington and Chelsea) reopened, whilst those libraries with the lowest footfall (Notting Hill Gate, Kensal and Brompton) remained closed. The continued closure of the three smaller libraries, alongside the initiation of the Libraries transformation programme across the entirety of the service, has provided the council an opportunity to reimagine the future of these libraries in order to increase their social impact and financial viability post COVID.

The Council wishes for the smaller libraries to enter a formal partnership and co-location agreement with organisations in the borough. The Council are looking for a community group or organisation which provide valuable services to the community to partner with in order to share the space at Kensal Library. This partnership will look to support the Council’s aims and objectives, improve the usage of the library sites and provide additional services for our community.

Kensal library, located on Golbourne Road is the focus of this work initially, but conversations will not be limited to this library alone should there be interest shown in other sites. The space that your organisation would be located in is situated in the basement of the building, with access to a toilet and a kitchen space.

Please find below a series of questions which will form the initial part of our partner selection process. You have until the 11th of April to complete this application. Please email your completed application form to Katrina.Palmer@rbkc.gov.uk.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback please do not hesitate to email Katrina.Palmer@rbkc.gov.uk.

Many thanks - we look forward to hearing from you.

Please feel free to expand the boxes, as required, when providing your responses to the questions set out below.

| **Name of Community Group**  |  |
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| **Principal contact**  | **Name:**  |
| **Job title:**  |
| **Email:**  |
| **Phone no:** |

| 1. **Please outline the purpose and aims of your organisation.**
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| 1. **How is your organisation governed?**
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| 1. **What are your organisation's plans for the future?**
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| 1. **Below is a summarised list of our partnership principles. Please outline how you will maintain effective partnership working and these principles.**
* **A connection is made through the partnership with the demographics and heritage of the local area whilst delivering on social value outcomes that benefits the community.**
* **To use the space within the library to run interactive activities for and with the local community encouraging participation and engagement with all sections of the community particularly where there is under-representation or under-engagement.**
* **To provide cultural opportunities for children and young people to connect with and reach out to those who are most vulnerable and isolated.**
* **To provide flexible creative spaces in libraries and to support start up retailers and provide the opportunity for local businesses post COVID to benefit from space within the library.**
* **To provide opportunities for communities who need it the most to access literacy, digital literacy, learning, skills, employment and self-employment support from their local library.**
* **To improve financial sustainability of the library through sharing operating costs.**
* **Library services are maintained, promoted and enhanced through the partnership while increasing footfall to maximise income opportunities.**
* **To support the Greener living agenda by helping to run an energy efficient building in partnership with the Council and to connect local residents to information which promotes health and wellbeing.**
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| 1. **RBKC’s Council Aims are listed below. Please outline how you will add value to the Council and how you would contribute to these aims.**
* **Grenfell Recovery**
* **A great place to live, work and learn**
* **Supporting and safeguarding vulnerable residents**
* **Healthy, green and safe**
* **A place of culture of visit and explore**
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| 1. **RBKC's Council Values are listed below. Please outline how you would work in a way that would complement and contribute to these values.**

**Putting communities first*** **we put local people at the heart of decision making in everything we do**
* **we seek to include and involve: all voices matter**
* **we provide quality services that are responsive, effective and efficient**

**Respect*** **we listen to others and value the personal experiences of people in our communities and each other**
* **we adopt a fair and involving approach regardless of any way in which an individual is different to us**

**Integrity*** **we act with openness, honesty, compassion, responsibility and humility**
* **we let people know how we are doing and communicate why and how decisions have been made**

**Working together*** **we work together and in partnership with everyone that has an impact on the lives of our residents**
* **we want to understand, learn from each other and continually adapt**
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| 1. **What social impact does your organisation have?**
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| 1. **What are the key community groups that your organisation has the most contact with?**
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| 1. **How are you funded and what is your turnover?**
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| 1. **What can you contribute to rent?**
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| 1. **How long would you wish to share the library space?**
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| 1. **What are your space requirements?**
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