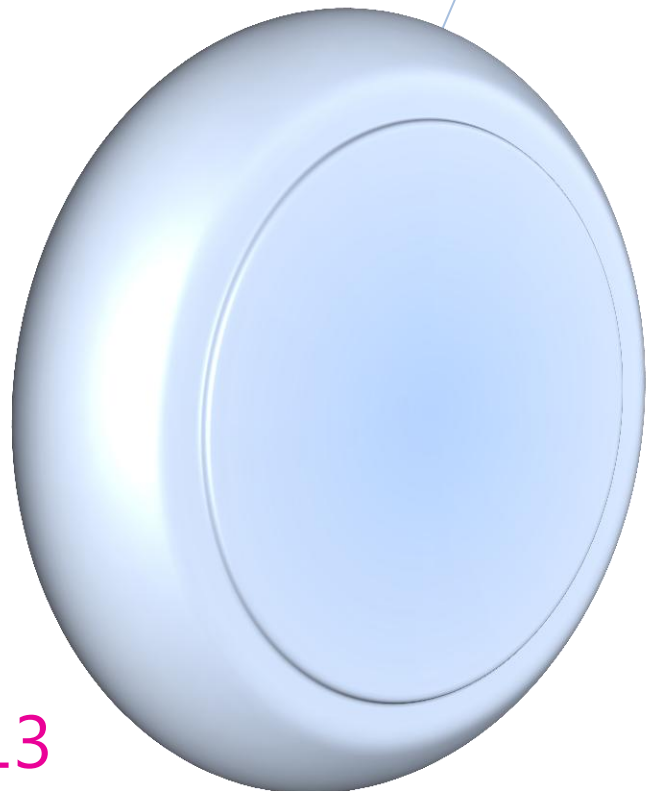# Community First
Questionnaire 2013

Community First
Small Grants for Local Communities

Overview of the Programme

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.

The Community First programme will:

- Support local projects that improve the quality of life for local people
- Promote a sense of ownership not only of problems but of local opportunities and resources
- Start more neighbourhood groups and revitalise existing groups
- Introduce a new approach to funding projects - leveraging time, money and other resources - helping neighbourhoods play a leading role in regenerating their area

It will result in:

- Communities being able to help themselves and others
- Neighbourhood groups that are better able to express their needs and influence decisions made about that community
- Neighbourhood groups that are better able to take control of resources needed to make a difference – enhancing   confidence, capability and partnership

Grants are awarded for projects that support community members to address the local priorities as identified by their local panel. Community First Programme seeks to empower local people. The programme seeks to address these barriers through individual projects.

In May 2012 Osmani Trust successfully registered three wards in LAP 1 & 2 for Community First. There are small grants of £250 – £2,500 available for community members and groups who are working in or from the following wards:

1) Mile End and Globe Town
2) Bethnal Green North
3) Bethnal Green South

Upon successful outcome of application the first Community First Panel meeting was setup. Since May 2012, Osmani Trust has run two funding rounds and has supported over 20 groups to deliver community based interventions.

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Community First Panels are required to create a Plan that sets out what we will do to improve our local area. The Community First Panel will then fund projects or activities that compliment the Community First Plan. This questionnaire is part of the consultation process and your chance to participate in Community First and ensure that funds in the next two years are spent on areas identified by local communities. We would be very grateful if you took a few minutes to fill in the following questionnaire for the development of the Community First Plan. All personal information will be kept confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Section A: About You

1. **Name:**   _____

2. **Telephone:**   _____

3. **Email:**   _____

4. **Are you a: (Please tick all that apply)**

□ Local Resident

□ Local Business

□ Visitor

□ Other (please specify)   _____

5. **Area of Residence:**

□ Bethnal Green South

□ Bethnal Green North

□ Mile End and Globe Town

□ Other (please specify)   _____

6. **Working Status (please tick):**

□ Full Time Employed	□ Part Time Employed
□ Not working but seeking work	□ Not working / not seeking work
□ Student	□ Retired
□ On JSA / Benefits	□ Decline to state
□ Self employed	

Section B: Funding Priorities

7. We are looking for around 3 – 5 funding priorities. Below are the existing funding priorities. Please can you indicate whether these should still be the funding priorities for the next two years?

Please rank the following from 1 to 10, 1 being a low priority and 10 being a high priority. (Please circle)

a) Young People 11-21
   a. Increase the range of positive activities available for young people
   b. Empowering young people to be future leaders through local initiatives
   c. Develop young people's skills through accreditation and bite-sized qualifications

Low				Medium				High	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

b) Grass Roots Sports/ Health and Wellbeing
   a. Increase access and participation in grass roots sport and physical activity
   b. Increase the capacity of local sports clubs through skills development
   c. Support members of the local community to be more active, eat well and maintain a healthy weight and positive mental well being

Low				Medium				High	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

c) Old People
   a. Increase support for older people living alone and reduce social isolation
   b. Increasing access to advice and information
   c. Increased health and wellbeing

Low				Medium				High	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

d) Leadership, Citizenship and Excellence
   a. Taking positive action locally
   b. Skills development of local people

Low				Medium				High	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

e) Community Spirit and Intergenerational Work
   a. Promote tolerance and understanding between young and old people
   b. Promote neighbourly behaviour

Low				Medium				High	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

8. What projects would you like to see funded in the local area?

Please rank the following from 1 to 10, 1 being a low priority and 10 being a high priority.
(Please circle)

a) Providing learning opportunities to residents seeking accredited training and qualifications.

Low				Medium			High		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

b) Supporting families and children to get the best possible start in life.

Low				Medium			High		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

c) Building on the legacy of London 2012 by promoting grass roots sports.

Low				Medium			High		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

d) Encouraging residents to eat healthy food and staying active.

Low				Medium			High		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

e) Creating a safe place for local residents to live and socialise.

Low				Medium			High		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

f) Support and training for young people to help them find employment or start businesses

	Low				Medium				High
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

g) Creating and promoting green spaces and environmentally friendly projects

	Low				Medium				High
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Other (please list up to three suggestions)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Section C: Volunteer Audit

9. Would you be interested in becoming a Community First Panel member?

☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Would you be interested in offering volunteer support to future Community First projects?

☐ Yes
☐ No

11. If yes, please indicate what skills you have to offer?

_____

12. Please indicate if you have access to in-kind resources that you have on offer for community projects, either free or discounted?

_____

13.   Do you have any other comments that you would like us to take on board?

_____

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Thank you for your time. Your answers and opinions will help shape the funding priorities for Community First for the next two years.

Section D: Equalities Monitoring

Osmani Trust monitors the delivery of services to ensure that they are representative of all communities and that all service users are treated fairly. The information you provide on this questionnaire will remain strictly confidential, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Age

_____

Or alternatively, the following age banding:

□ *12-19*   □ *35-54*   □ *Prefer not to say*
□ *20-25*   □ *55-64*
□ *26-34*   □ *65+*

Disability

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?
Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long-term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

□ Yes
□ No
□ Prefer not to say

Please state the type of impairment that applies to you.

People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may indicate more than one. If none of the categories apply, please mark 'Other' and specify the type of impairment.

☐ Physical impairment, such as difficulty using your arms or mobility issues which means using a wheelchair or crutches
☐ Sensory impairment, such as being blind / having a serious visual impairment or being deaf / having a serious hearing impairment
☐ Mental health condition, such as depression or schizophrenia
☐ Learning disability/difficulty, (such as Down's syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment (such as autistic spectrum disorder)
☐ Long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Ethnicity
Are you:

Asian or Asian British
□ Bangladeshi
□ Chinese
□ Indian
□ Pakistani
□ Other Asian background

(Specify) _____

Mixed/Dual Heritage
□ White & Asian
□ White & Black African
□ White & Black Caribbean
□ Vietnamese
□ Other Mixed background

(Specify) _____

Black or Black British
□ Caribbean
African
    □ Somali
    □ Other African
□ Other black background

(Specify) _____

White
□ British
□ Irish
□ Gypsy / Roma
□ Irish Traveller
□ Other White background

(Specify) _____

Other
□ Any other ethnic background

(Specify) _____

□ Prefer not to say

Gender
Are you:

□ Female
□ Male
□ Prefer not to say

Religion/Belief
What is your religious belief?

□ Buddhist
□ Christian
□ Hindu
□ Jewish
□ Prefer not to say

□ Muslim
□ Sikh
□ No Religion
□ Other religious beliefs (specify)

_____

Sexual Orientation
How would you define your sexual orientation?

□ Bisexual
□ Gay
□ Other

□ Heterosexual
□ Lesbian
□ Prefer not to say