# Call for expressions of interest from Voluntary Sector partners in Hounslow

To complete the EOI please write to me addressing the “Expression of Interest Queries” by 10 January 2025 via email. **Fiona.sutherland@thamesreach.org.uk** **with email title Hounslow Reach EOI and we can arrange a call.**

Thames Reach’s mission is to help people who are homeless or vulnerable to find decent homes, build supportive relationships and lead fulfilling lives.

**Hounslow Reach**(part of Thames Reach) provides advice and support to people in Hounslow on behalf of the London Borough of Hounslow.

The service assists Hounslow residents, aged 18 and over, who may have mental or physical health needs, or a learning disability.

With help to:

* maintain their accommodation
* develop skills, such as budgeting
* enhance their confidence
* improve their physical and mental wellbeing
* build links in their local community
* live a more fulfilling and independent life

[Hounslow Reach - Thames Reach](https://thamesreach.org.uk/what-we-do/prevention/hounslow-reach/)

## What we are looking for

As part of our commitment to people in Hounslow we are seeking to work with volunteer and community groups.

We have been developing our service offer during 2024 in Hounslow and are now looking for local partners to support us to connect people with their local communities in Hounslow.

We have a set aside grants of £1000 to £15000 to support Hounslow charities or community groups to assist local people who have been working with Hounslow Reach to improve their sense of wellbeing and community. We are looking for organisations who could work with us on this project for at least a year.

If you share our values and have expertise in providing services or supporting people in Hounslow to be more independent. If you have any questions or an idea and want to talk things through, If you have any questions or an idea and want to talk things through, please contact Fiona.sutherland@thamesreach.org.uk with email title Hounslow Reach EOI.

## We are looking for help for organisations:

* To support people to manage correspondence or communication
* Build and maintain connections in their communities.
* Improving wellbeing
* Build social networks
* Building confidence and skills,
* Who can support people to begin volunteering or employment.

We are particularly looking for organisations that can support people while the core floating support service can step back.

Please indicate your interest in partnering with us by completing our online ‘Expression of Interest’ (EOI), outlining the services you offer.

## More information

Floating Support has a crucial role in Hounslow, working with our more vulnerable residents at risk of losing their independence. Through assertive, person centered support it empowers residents to achieve good outcomes, developing their skills and confidence, raising their aspirations, and reducing social isolation through connecting with their local community. Good floating support is not only highly valued by the residents it supports, but it also prevents and delays the demand for Council and other statutory services and budgets.

The adults we are working with in Hounslow have many strengths, they have also gone through periods of crisis and may have additional needs.

This may include:

* Recent histories of homelessness or offending,
* Addition physical or mental health needs.
* Long periods of worklessness.
* Substance use experience.
* Memory loss.
* Learning difference

## Expression of Interest questions

1. Why are you interested in this opportunity
2. What relevant experience do you have
3. What skills can you bring to the people of Hounslow
4. How do your values align with that of Hounslow Reach
5. Please provide an outline on how you propose to spend the grant amount requested to support people working with the Hounslow Reach service.

## Due diligence:

We will run checks on stability, governance and values prior to any agreement.

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