

# Facilitator call out Social Value Project



The BD\_Collective is a network of networks, big and small, thematic, or geographic, short or longer term, coming together to make the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham a better place to live and work.

The work of the networks is diverse but is bound together by shared values. They link people who are ready to put the community ahead of their organisation.

Each network:

- Connects people across the social and public sectors.
- Builds trust between people and between organisations by working through shared challenges together.
- Shares accountability, so that all decision making is transparent.
- Shifts power to devolve decision making to those most impacted by the decisions.

## Background

There is a small secretariat team who supports the work of BD\_Collective, including communications, event organizing, co-ordination for partnerships and network/consortium development. We have intentionally kept this team small to ensure we don't slip into a centralized system and are keen to continue with this model.

In the last few months, our activity has increased, and we are keen to find people who will work freelance with us on specific projects. We will advertise these individually [here](#).

## Social Value Strategy Implementation.

BDGiving was invited to facilitate a workshop for interested parties to explore the social value strategy currently in place in Barking and Dagenham. LBBD wanted to have a better understanding of the support needed and general pressures across VCSEs in the borough year-on-year. They also wanted to identify and understand how these community needs evolve in a fair and transparent way. Collectively, we all wanted to ensure that Social Value matches these needs as much as possible.

This workshop developed a series of recommendations that the Council are keen to implement, and we have agreed that BD\_Collective will lead on this. We are looking for a facilitator who will work with a range of people over the next year to build on the recommendations to...

- Expand the social value advisory panel.
- Create a Social Value charter.
- Test resident engagement in commissioning process.
- Monitor the impact of Social Value locally.

## The type of person we are looking for will...

- Have a good understanding of Social Value.
- Be relationally wired with excellent facilitation skills.
- Be able to bring a range of people together to collectively design and implement the project.
- Be able to work collaboratively with council and other partners, involving them in the process.
- Have proven experience of similar work.

## Scope of the work

This project will last for approximately one year with up to 15 days of activity during that time. This will include facilitating workshops, liaising with partners, implementing the plan and writing up the Charter.

We are open to a conversation about day rates on the assumption that applicants will have a good understanding of the scope and sector this work sits within.

The report from the initial workshop is available on request.

## Application process

Please write a cover letter of no more than 700 words explaining your interest in the role and demonstrating how your skills would be best suited. Please email to [avril@communityresources.co.uk](mailto:avril@communityresources.co.uk)