

## Some of the contributors featured as part of our Economic (In)Justice action pack

### With huge thanks

#### **The Advocacy Academy Housing Campaign**

<https://www.londonclt.org/lambeth>

A group of young leaders from the social justice youth organisation Advocacy Academy orchestrated a housing campaign in Brixton to secure more affordable housing to the city's residents.

In March 2017, Cabinet Leader for Housing, Matthew Bennett, and Leader of Lambeth Council Lib Peck heard testimonies of how the lack of adequate housing with impacting upon lives, and agreed to help find a community land trust site in Lambeth. They were taken on a tour of St Clements CLT to witness how London Community Land Trust was already benefiting lives.

In November 2017, organisers with the Advocacy Academy met with Deputy Mayor for Housing, James Murray to support land trusts on all GLA and TfL owned small sites including a patch of scrubland on Brixton Hill. In 2018, London's Mayor Sadiq Khan announced the site would be put out to tender for community-led housing. Lambeth residents have since voted to select the architects to work on the project.

#### **Incredible Edible**

<https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/>

The Incredible Edible project is an urban gardening campaign launched in 2008 by Pamela Warhurst in Todmorden, West Yorkshire. The initiative seeks to build community by planting produce around the local area, change behaviour towards the environment and promote sustainability. Since its founding, Incredible Edible has spread to hundreds of communities worldwide including 120 groups in the UK and over 700 globally.

#### **Greenbank Academy, Liverpool**

<https://www.greenbank.org.uk/>

Greenbank College offers courses for young people in Liverpool and surrounding areas to provide opportunities for disabled learners and those from other disadvantaged groups. The organisation seeks to offer opportunities to those living with disabilities that would otherwise not have been available particularly in education, sport and recreation. Their vision is to transform lives through challenging perceptions and inspiring self-belief. Greenbank College offers courses for approximately 500 students each year. These classes are small, friendly and designed to be encouraging in order to help students achieve their full potential. Greenbank's founder is Paralympian Gerry Kinsella.

#### **Evenbreak**

<https://www.evenbreak.co.uk/en/about-evenbreak>

Evenbreak is a jobs board to help disabled candidates find employment. The website launched after employers were struggling to attract disabled applicants and disabled candidates needed to know

which employers were inclusive. Employers advertising on the site are actively aiming to attract disabled candidates. All members of the team are disabled and use their lived experience to understand the challenges faced by those with a disability seeking employment.

### **Black Thrive Global**

<https://blackthriveglobal.com/>

Black Thrive Global evolved from the work of the Black Thrive Lambeth partnership which was established in 2016 to address the inequalities that negatively impact the mental health and well-being of Black people in Lambeth.

The Black Thrive partnership brings together individuals, local communities, statutory agencies and voluntary organisations to address the structural barriers that prevent Black people from thriving.

### **Local Equality Commission, Forest of Dean**

<https://www.facebook.com/localequalitycommission/>

Working for the rural community to combat racial and economic inequality.

Support local initiatives. Inspire youth. Bring people together #BLM #EqualityMatters

The LEC came out of community members' experience of organising an event in support of Black Lives Matter in summer 2020: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-55044173>

### **Friends of the 65 Bus**

<https://friendsofthe65bus.org.uk/>

The 65 is a rural bus service operated by Monmouthshire County Council and runs from Chepstow to Monmouth along the Wye Valley High Road through seven villages, offering beautiful views of the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons.

The Friends of the 65 Bus was founded after a successful campaign to save the bus service. In June 2018, passengers discovered the route was to be withdrawn and a regular passenger started a high-profile campaign with villagers along the route to save the service. The group lobbied councillors and MPs, involved the local press and set up an online petition that received 1,400 signatures.

Today, the bus remains vital for those who are isolated, vulnerable or without a car, but is now increasingly popular with other residents and visitors. Friends of the 65 Bus works to promote and develop the service, working closely with Monmouthshire County Council and local communities and building links with walking groups and other leisure users.

### **Sharewear Clothing Scheme**

<https://sharewearclothingscheme.org/>

The Sharewear Clothing Scheme provides emergency clothing, shoes and bedding to people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The scheme is run by one part-time paid member of staff and over 50 volunteers and 10 trustees and all clothing is donated by the public through various donation points. The initiative was founded in March 2014 by five Catholic women and today the team consists of a variety of people who profess several different faiths.

### **Peach (The People's Empowerment Alliance for Custom House)**

<http://www.peach-e16.org.uk/>

The People's Empowerment Alliance for Custom House (PEACH) seeks to empower the community in Custom House in the London Borough of Newham and to improve their jobs, housing, safety and health.

PEACH was founded in April 2013 to bring about urban regeneration in London to broken up communities and those left out of the decision-making process. It was created with a community organising approach in mind, to build the power of its community so it can influence or make decisions that affect it whilst providing economic and social spaces and improving its health and environment.

### **Black2Nature**

<https://www.yearofgreenaction.org/green-actions/black2nature>

Mya-Rose Craig is the founder of Black2Nature which was set up in 2016 following a conference she ran which asked how to get more Visible Minority Ethnic people engaged with nature.

As a young British Bangladeshi birder, she recognised she was unlike most people living in the countryside. She created a nature camp for teenagers, Camp Avalon 2015 aged only 13 and ever since, Mya has organised eight more camps for VME young people from inner-city Bristol. These trips often provide children with their first experience in the country and provides opportunities to engage with nature in their own way as well as inspiring visitors.

### **Everybody Dreams, Tottenham**

The public unrest and the riots that occurred in Tottenham in 2011 scared the community and as a consequence our young people are all too often viewed negatively as a result. Even though none of our pupils were involved in the troubles they have been adversely affected. So as one of our ways to address the negative perceptions of our community and demonstrate what fabulous young people we have in Gladesmore the whole school participated in a project. Pupils wrote, recorded and promoted a single and video called Everybody Dreams.

[Click here to see the video on youtube.](#) Our song got to Number 33 in the charts and has gained wide acclaim. The message is clear. Our young people have dreams for a bright future and are determined to do their best to achieve.

[Click here](#) for a list of celebrities supporting Everybody Dreams. See the Opening Ceremony of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club's new stadium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFWLQFL1iTY>

### **Artimage**

<https://artimage.org.uk/artists/c/pogus-caesar/>

Dr Pogus Caesar is a conceptual artist and photographer who utilises multiple media. He was born in the West Indies, before moving to Birmingham, England. Caesar was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Birmingham City University in 2018 for his contribution to the visual arts. He began his career as a pointillist painter and later photographed diverse communities worldwide, capturing prominent figures and historical events. His work has been exhibited widely and his photographs

and artworks have been acquired by the Victoria and Albert Museum, National Portrait Gallery and Leicester Museums & Galleries amongst others.

**Rowan McCabe** - <https://rowanthe poet.com/home/about/>

Rowan McCabe is a poet and performer from Newcastle upon Tyne who became the world's first Door-to-Door Poet. McCabe knocks on strangers' doors, asks what matters to them and creates a poem from their answers, before bringing it back and performing it to them on their doorstep. He has now performed on national television, at Glastonbury Festival and the Royal Albert Hall. The National Trust has also invited him to be poet in residence at Wordsworth's house.

**Centre for Sustainable Fashion** - <https://www.sustainable-fashion.com/dress-for-our-time>

Designer and researcher Professor Helen Storey harnesses the power of fashion to present some of the most pressing issues of our time. These largely focus on climate change and the mass displacement of people. *The Dress For Our Time* piece is made of a decommissioned UNHCR refugee tent that used to house a displaced family at Zaatari Camp in Jordan. The project seeks to change the way people think about the issues. Helen Storey brings groups of supporters from Unilever, the Met Office and the UNHCR and those from a variety of science, business, education and fashion backgrounds to find new ways to prompt discussions about critical issues of climate change and the mass migration of people.

### **Craigielea Campaign**

In 1988, an employer at the Craigielea Care Home in Gateshead sacked 19 members of staff, some of whom had been long-serving nurses and carers at the home. The National Union of Public Employees had previously been given notice a 12-hour stoppage over the attitude of the matron, the lack of proper disputes procedure and the treatment of patients. However, new anti-union laws allowed the employer to sack the staff and refused to negotiate.

In response, former staffers organised with the union to call for their re-instatement and fair treatment and the Craigielea campaign was born. They recorded a song describing their struggle entitled "Standing Strong, Holding On". This was successfully taken up by trade unions, the labour movement and local radio and TV which effectively promoted their campaign. The play "Sacked for Caring" came out of their contact with Richard Stourac and drama students and was performed at the national Labour Party conference in London. The campaign lasted nine months and the creativity and hard work of the sacked staffers led to future job opportunities and condemnation of the employer, even by the Bishop of Durham for their ruthless action.

### **Craftivist Collective**

<https://craftivist-collective.com/>

Craftivist Collective is a group of people who are devoted to using carefully crafted works to encourage them and others to 'be the positive change they wish to see in the world.' Sarah Corbett, an award-winning campaigner, the founder, came up with the idea in 2009 by developing her own unique 'Gentle Protest' approach to craftivism before gathering support from friends and strangers across the globe.

The Craftivist Collective today has several thousand members who are developing tools and projects to organise group 'stitch-ins' amongst other events. Sarah has now delivered workshops, talks and events to over 12,000 worldwide and published her book *A Little Book of Craftivism* in 2013.

### **PSOOL Police Spies Out of Lives**

<https://policespiesoutoflives.org.uk>

Police Spies Out of Lives is a campaigning support group seeking to combat sexual and psychological abuse of campaigners and others by undercover police officers. They support women who have been subject to this abuse and work to expose the immoral and unjustified practice of these undercover relationships.

The group is made up of campaigners from a variety of backgrounds with different political views and interests, but share the same belief that everyone has a right to participate in the struggle for social justice without fear of persecution, objectification or interference in their lives.

### **Islamic Help, Birmingham**

Islamic Help is a charity founded in 2003 which provides urgent aid and sustainable relief to those most in need across the world including in the UK. They deliver sustainable solutions that empower disadvantaged people through emergency relief, food, water, education and orphan care amongst others. Since its founding, Islamic Help has worked in over 20 countries and empowered people who have been affected by conflict, poverty and natural disasters including in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Gaza, Yemen, Cameroon, France and Australia.