

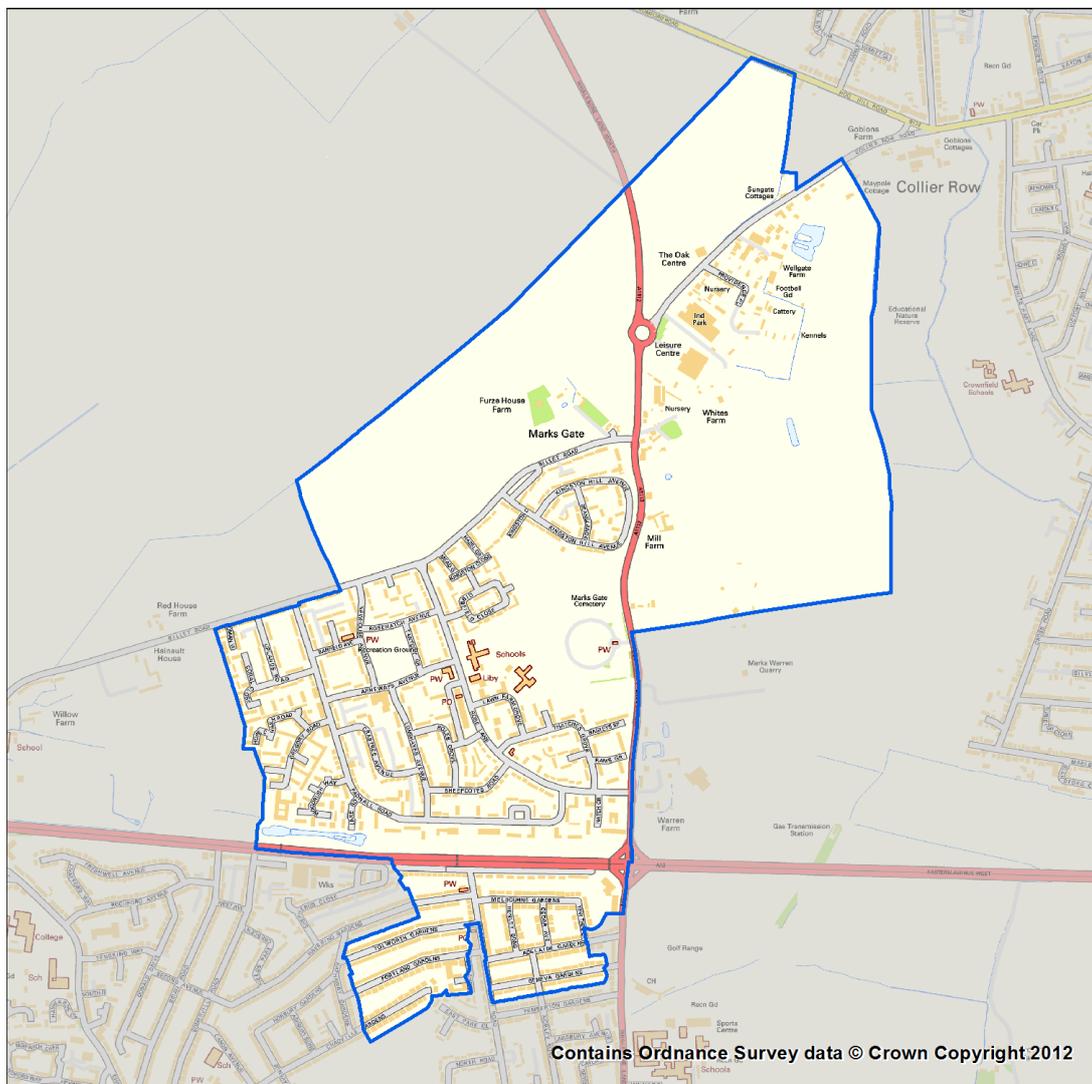


North Meets South Big Local Dragon's Den 2018

Grant Guidelines

North Meets South Big Local are pleased to announce the return of Dragon's Den grants. Applications open 9am on Monday 26 March 2018. Grants are available to individuals and organisations for projects that will primarily and directly benefit residents of the North Meets South area (please see the map below).

All applications must be received by 5pm on Monday 23 April 2018 by our external assessor. Please send your application by email to devwmb1@gmail.com or by post to Gabriel Edwards, Big Local, William Morris Community Centre, 6-8 Greenleaf Road, Walthamstow, E17 6QQ



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Who can apply for a grant?

- Constituted, not-for-profit organisations. These include registered charities, CICs, residents/tenants associations and sports clubs, with their own bank account and appropriate safeguarding, health & safety and equal opportunities policies
- Local individuals. Please contact us so we can help you find a local group to 'host' your application. This is because a Dragon's Den grant would need to be received on your behalf by a constituted group
- Previous Dragon's Den applicants who have successfully completed or run their Dragon's Den project for at least 3 months by the community voting events. The final decision for a new grant will depend on approved monitoring of the previous project

How much can you apply for?

Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Higher awards may be considered in rare circumstances where there is an exceptional priority match.

Project themes:

Your project must address at least one of these core North Meets South themes:

- Green & open spaces
- Strengthening communities (children, families, young people & older people)
- Community economic development (includes mentoring, training & employment support)

Here are some ideas about activities we might fund:

- Homework clubs
- Youth engagement/support
- Community/family events
- Dance/music
- Arts & crafts
- Healthy eating/cooking
- Community growing/gardening
- Sports/park activities
- Sharing skills

What we can fund:

- Costs of delivering an activity including room hire, volunteer expenses, and employed/contracted staff costs
- Event costs (including event registration fees e.g. Temporary Event Notice)
- Equipment costs, where there is a plan for ongoing community benefit
- Insurance costs and DBS checks where appropriate
- Project publicity



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What we can't fund:

- Activities the Local Authority has a legal duty to provide
- Purely for profit commercial ventures and private companies
- Projects that don't offer value for money
- Statutory services e.g. schools, hospitals ('Friends' groups and PTAs can apply)
- Party political, religious or sponsorship activities
- Spending that has already taken place
- Discriminatory activities

Shortlisting:

All Dragon's Den grant applications will be reviewed by North Meets South Steering Group and an external assessor.

If your application is shortlisted you will be invited to attend the Dragon's Den community event on 13 June 2018 at Marks Gate Community Centre, where members of the public will vote for the projects they would like to see funded. You will need to prepare a display about your project and tell people about it. This could include using photographs, copies of your application, props or other information. Please encourage friends and family to come along and support you on the day. North Meets South may also be able to represent you if there are gaps where no-one else is available to attend.

Grant agreement for successful projects:

- Grant recipients must be fully committed to completing their project as described in the application form and as presented at the community voting event. Any changes will need prior approval by the North Meets South Steering Group
- You will need to hold some activity (e.g. sessions, tasters and/or publicity) on both sides of the A12 within the North Meets South area
- All projects must be completed within 12 months of the grant being awarded
- You will need to return a completed monitoring form by an agreed date, saying what activities took place, number of participants and how they benefited
- You will need to provide receipts/invoices as proof of how the grant was spent
- You will also need to provide consented digital photographs of participants or the project in progress, for North Meets South to use in print and on our website

Publicising successful projects:

- You will need to actively publicise Dragon's Den activities on both sides of the A12 to reach people across the North Meets South area
- All Dragon's Den project publicity must include the North Meets South logo
- Publicity fliers must be sent to North Meets South for inclusion in our own publicity

To talk through these guidelines or your application, please call Ola on 07419 285 839.

For general information about North Meets South Big Local, please visit our website:

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