

Mr Walcot's Gift: making a difference in Lambeth since 1667



WALCOTFOUNDATION
tackling poverty by creating opportunity

In the name of God

The Walcot Foundation

We are an independent grant-making foundation. Our work is to break cycles of financial deprivation as they affect people living in Lambeth.

Our approach is to offer **a hand up, not a hand out**. We seek **to tackle poverty by creating opportunity**.

In the last five years we have made over 1500 grants to individuals and organisations totalling more than **£9.4m**.

We fund a wide range of projects within our Governors' triennial priorities,* all of which seek to help low income Lambeth people become financially self-sufficient.

Occasionally we fund special projects. In recent years we spent over one million pounds in ensuring a sustainable Credit Union for Lambeth and in running a bespoke Apprenticeship Scheme for Lambeth young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).

The majority of our grants are for people under 30 (in fewer cases, 30+). Please see our website for more about our work.

Details of recent larger grants can be found at **walcotfoundation.org.uk/showcase**

* walcotfoundation.org.uk/triennialpriorities

Edmund Walcot

Edmund Walcot, our principal benefactor, was a successful local businessman. In his Will of January 1667 he left 17 acres of land in what today is North Lambeth. He directed that the rents from the land were to be used for the relief of the poor.

Today the Foundation's assets are in the form of stock market investments and property centred on the historic Walcot Estate. We use them to generate the income from which we run our grant-making programmes.

We seek to tackle contemporary forms of poverty in contemporary ways. We think Mr Walcot would approve.



Can you help us?

The most useful way you can help us is to make us known to individuals or organisations we may be able to assist with a grant. Please tell them of our grantmaking programmes and point them to our website - walcotfoundation.org.uk

Other ways of helping us in our work –

- **Tell us** – of new opportunities in Lambeth to realise our ambition for low-income residents. We try to keep alert to these and always welcome ideas and suggestions
- **Volunteer your skills** – we don't expect an open-ended commitment. Sometimes the contribution of a skilled person for a single meeting, or a dozen or so hours over a few months has been very valuable. See walcotfoundation.org.uk/volunteers
- **Follow Mr Walcot's example** – consider leaving a gift in your own Will, either to us or another charity of your choice. It is one of the best things we can do for our fellow citizens and future generations
- **Support us in other ways** – you might be a **business person** able with our help to fund an apprenticeship for a local person, a **Lambeth Councillor** able to identify synergies between our work and that of the Council or perhaps someone who knows of **other funders interested in partnering with us** in specific projects. We value our independence but we also value cooperation where it helps us achieve our charitable purposes
- **Governorship** – the trustees of the Foundation are known as Governors. Very occasionally we have vacancies which we advertise. If you would like to hear of these as they arise please sign up to our occasional eNews via our website