

# MEMORIAL GRANTS

Charities apply to the Memorial Grants Programme through the Grocers' Charity website to be considered for a grant of up to £5,000, occasionally more. Applications are reviewed and shortlisted by the Charity Manager, with input from the Charity Liaison team before being ultimately decided upon by the Education & Charities Committee and ratified by the Court of Assistants. We adhere to a set of criteria, as outlined on our website, and professional standards when assessing applications.

The work we have been privileged to support includes organisations such as HandsOn London who run the annual winter coats campaign Wrap Up London which collects, annually, over 22,000 coats to pass onto the most vulnerable across the Capital. And Finding Rhythms who assist and support prisoners and ex-prisoners in finding new patterns of behaviour. Below are case studies of grants that were made in the 2017/2018 Grocer year.

## RELIEF OF POVERTY AND YOUTH

### SCHOOLREADERS

Schoolreaders is a registered charity set up in 2013 to address the problem of widespread illiteracy in primary school children across the UK. They are the only national literacy charity in the UK which recruits, matches and supports reading volunteers to help primary school children, at no cost to the school. They recruit reading volunteers from the community (through the WI and other networks) and match them to primary schools in their local area. The school carries out the necessary security checks and links the volunteer to those pupils who need extra one-to-one reading support.

They partner with 1,000 volunteers and 400 schools in eleven counties. On average each volunteer spends 2 hours every week reading with 10 children. Many volunteers are elderly and isolated,

Schoolreaders also helps to give them renewed purpose in life.

Schoolreaders want to increase to 1,500 volunteers, supporting over 10,000 children every week. They prioritise disadvantaged areas within each county to ensure they reach those children most in need of support. Our funding enabled them to provide weekly one-to-one reading support to an additional 330 primary schoolchildren, typically between the ages of 5-9. The support helped children to achieve their full potential both at school and likely in later life.



### A SELECTION OF GRANTS

Finding Rhythms	£45,640
Mousetrap Theatre Projects	£36,000
Clapton Common Boys Club	£10,400
Alexandra Rose Charity	£10,000
TalentEd	£10,000
Hands On London	£9,000
The Lord Mayor's Appeal	£6,000
CleanupUK	£5,000
Peer Power Youth	£5,000
S Pinter Youth Project	£5,000
Schoolreaders	£5,000





## CLEANUPUK

CleanupUK started as a charity in 2007 on the strength of the results of a survey sent to all 423 local authorities in the UK and following an award from UnLtd, The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs. The charity's mission is to bring about cleaner, stronger and safer communities by involving people in volunteer litter-picking activity.

CleanupUK believes that a more concerted and co-ordinated volunteer effort at the grassroots

offers an achievable, sustainable solution to stemming the tide of litter and creating a cleaner, safer environment and stronger communities. They run Litter-Action, a Campaign to Protect Rural England, and support its 10,000 UK-wide litter volunteers; they deliver litter advocacy work and run the Beautiful Boroughs Project across eleven littered and deprived London boroughs with plans to expand to Birmingham.

Today twenty-nine resident groups in Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Greenwich and Waltham carry out regular litter clean-up organised by CleanupUK. Our funding supported the engagement with Mossbourne Community Academy where students are involved in litter picking in Hackney and in their own home neighbourhoods.