



...a London 2012 Changing Places Initiative

Transform

Helping support the transformation of community spaces

What is Transform?

Transform is a core part of the London 2012 Changing Places programme, an initiative which aims to help the communities surrounding the Olympic Park and other competition venues to secure lasting social and environmental benefits as a legacy of the Games. Funded by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and The City Bridge Trust Transform allows Groundwork London to give time and materials to support local community groups transform their rundown and underused green and open spaces into thriving community resources. The scheme also works to encourage all participants and the wider community to waste less and recycle more. The scheme runs until 2013 and aims to help groups increase their confidence and capability to sustain these projects into the longer term.

Who do we help?

We help community groups of three or more people who meet regularly. Your group does not have to be formally arranged or constituted, but it does need to put energy and enthusiasm into your project. Your group needs to be based in Greenwich, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets or Waltham Forest.

How can we help?

We can help you get your project off the ground. We will provide you with professional advice and support to kick-start your project– whether the need be gardening, design, artwork, fundraising or just general labour! We will also be able to buy some materials, plants and tools for your site to help establish it fully. We would prefer not to completely organise the project for your group, but we will be on

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hand to help provide advice, guidance and expertise as needed. Our staff can help you transform your local spaces by setting up a community garden or food growing project; fundraising towards a new/improved play area; carrying out a piece of public art; or any other ways you can think of for making your space work better for you and your local community. All of our projects will incorporate support for you and your local community to explore ways to live in a more environmentally sustainable way and we would look for commitment from the project leads to this. Tell us your ideas, and we will see if we can help you.

How to apply?

1. Call us to discuss your project on the number below. This will help you to determine if your project is eligible and will greatly enhance the chances of your application being successful.
2. Complete your application form. Please see guidance notes accompanying the form for further information.
3. Return your completed form to:
Rosie Hardicker (Transform Officer)
6 Lower Clapton Road, London E5 0PD
E: rosie.hardicker@groundwork.org.uk
T: 020 8985 1755
4. A Groundwork London officer will then visit your group to assess it and report back to the selection panel.
5. You can apply at any time up until the end of July 2012. Your application will then go to the London 2012 Changing Places selection panel which meets on a bi-monthly basis. This process can take up to eight weeks and all applicants will be informed of the panel's decision.

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6. Whether or not your application is successful is entirely at Groundwork's discretion. The decision of the selection panel is final.

We strongly encourage you to give us a call before you submit your application and at any time throughout the application process if you have any questions. We are always happy to answer questions and look forward to hearing from you.

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