

# Community support and opportunities: grants, jobs and apprenticeships, and progress so far

## Community support

There are three separate sources for community support that are being delivered in the Camden area.

### CEF/BLEF funds

Two funds are available to local communities and businesses to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase One of HS2 between London and the West Midlands: the Community and Environment Fund (CEF) and the Business and Local Economy Fund (BLEF). There have already been a number of announced funding awards for projects in the Camden area. For example, the Castlehaven Community Association has secured a £74,000 grant from CEF. This will fund a team of 20 volunteers to recruit and train local people to organise community events and clean ups, help develop a local nature park, promote wildlife habitats and address specific environmental issues that emerge throughout the construction of HS2.

You can find out how to apply to the funds here: [www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/grants\\_hs2-funds/](http://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/grants_hs2-funds/)

The latest update on projects that have successfully secured funding is available here: [www.hs2funds.org.uk/home/projects-funded-by-hs2-funds/](http://www.hs2funds.org.uk/home/projects-funded-by-hs2-funds/)

## Contractor community investment

Our contractors are seeking opportunities to develop relationships with community partners, which will enable them to share the skills and knowledge that exist within the Project.

In 2022, MDJV delivered over 112 days of volunteer time from across the joint venture and via our sub-contractors. We worked with a range of partners: supporting homeless charities; Euston Foodbank; local voluntary organisations like the Living Centre and Regent's Park Estate Community Champions; nine schools in Camden; and the Wellcome Foundation.

A range of activities were undertaken, including litter picking; production of a ground survey; transporting materials; painting and decorating and mentoring.

At the site of the old Maria Fidelis school, a new Euston Community Hub will open in Spring 2025 for the benefit of the local community to find out more about the projects in Euston. The hub will also be a vibrant and dynamic space for local charities and organisations to deliver a range of community activities.

If you would like to discuss any investment opportunities that you would like our contractors to consider, please contact the engagement team at [hs2incamden@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2incamden@hs2.org.uk)

# Jobs and apprenticeships

Ensuring that people from local communities can access employment opportunities at HS2 is an integral part of the project. There are a number of contractors operating in London with live vacancies that are open to people from the Camden area.

We have agreed a target with Camden Council that 8% of London apprenticeship starts should be comprised of Camden residents or people being supported by Camden Council services.

If you are interested in working on the HS2 project, please view the latest vacancies at [www.hs2.org.uk/jobs](http://www.hs2.org.uk/jobs).

We will continue to provide updates on progress in this area through the flash reports.

