

Your Voice, Your Town

Town Team application process

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Town Team member and leading community-powered change in the Borough of Ealing.

This document includes:

- information on what a Town Team is
- what becoming a member of a Town Team involves
- and how to apply.

You can also find this information on our website:

<https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/>

If you need help, or have questions, please get in touch with Tan Afzal at afzalt@ealing.gov.uk . Closing date for applications is Sunday 21 June 2026.

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What is your Voice, Your Town?

Your Voice, Your Town is about communities creating change where they live. In each of the borough's 7 towns, it brings together residents, businesses, faith and community organisations, and councillors to improve their area and make great things happen.

Led by the community and supported by Ealing Council, this is a new way of working that unlocks the incredible skills, energy, and ideas in our towns enabling people to shape their future and address local priorities.

What is a Town Team?

A Town Team acts as the local decision-making body for Your Voice, Your Town in each of the 7 towns. It sets the direction and priorities and brings people together to take action and make a difference to their local area.

Town Team members are volunteers who join a team in their area and commit to working together to achieve shared goals. Their role is to spot opportunities and help the community drive forward action to make a difference to local priorities. turning great ideas into action.

Town Teams are made up of a diverse range of residents, community groups, faith groups, businesses and councillors, who bring different views and experiences team.

What's a Town Team member's role ?

Being a Town Team member is voluntary role where you will:

- attend regular meetings and events
- work as a team to understand research, data and experiences, to create shared priorities
- help residents, communities and organisations mobilise to address shared priorities
- support new activities that help residents and communities develop ideas, understand information or processes, and take action aligned to shared priorities
- communicate and share opportunities, activities and ideas with others locally
- use your own strengths and assets to develop stronger connections with and between communities in your town

Town Team members are also expected to:

- sign a [participation agreement](#)
- agree to your Town Team's values and ways of working
- support diversity and inclusion across the work of the Town Team
- make fair, open and transparent decisions
- treat fellow Town Team members, residents, community partners and Ealing Council officers with kindness, respect, and without judgement.

What time commitment is expected of Town Team members?

Town Teams typically meet for 2-4 hours a month, including a short online meeting, and an in-person session.

Additional time may be needed depending on a team's priorities. For example, members might help organise or attend local events, promote their community fund, or connect with local groups.

Some members choose to review funding applications, which can take several hours. Others visit funded projects to see and support the impact of their work.

Each Town Team plans its activities together and agrees what members can commit to.

Town	Meeting dates scheduled 2026
Acton	Acton Town meetings to be held on the evening of the last Thursday of each month in person, with online meetings in between when needed.
Ealing	Ealing Town meetings to be held on the evening of the first Thursday of each month in person, with online meetings in between when required depending on the work needed.
Greenford	Thursday 21 May, 6.30-8.30pm, Northolt Rugby Football Club, UB6 8BJ Thursday 4 June, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Wednesday 24 June, 6.30-8pm, Ravenor Farm Studios, UB6 9LB Thursday 9 July, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Thursday 30 July, 6.30-8pm, Northolt Rugby Football Club, UB6 8BJ Thursday 6 August, 6.30-8.00pm, Online Meeting

Hanwell	<p>The current forward plan of meetings is agreed as:</p> <p>Tuesday 9th June, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Monday 29 June, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 21 July, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 11 August, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 1 September, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 22 September, 6.30-8pm Venue TBC Saturday 3 October, All Day, Venue TBC Tuesday 13 October, 6.-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 3 November, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 24 November, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 15 December, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 5 January, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 26 January, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 16 February, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 9 March, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 30 March, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting Monday 19 April, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 11 May, 6-6.45pm, Online Meeting</p>
Northolt	<p>The current forward plan of meetings is agreed as:</p> <p>Wednesday 10 June, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Tuesday 23 June, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 14 July, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC Wednesday 29 July, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Wednesday 12 August, 6.30-8pm, Venue TBC</p>
Perivale	<p>The current forward plan of meetings is agreed as:</p> <p>Tuesday 2 June, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting Monday 15 June, 6.30-8pm, St Nicholas Church, UB6 7AP Tuesday 7 July, 6.30-8.00pm, Online Meeting Tuesday 21 July, 6.30-8.30pm, St Nicholas Church, UB6 7AP Tuesday 4 August, 6.30-8pm, Online Meeting</p>
Southall	<p>A schedule of Southall Town Team meetings will be available here as soon as they are confirmed.</p>

How will town team members be selected?

People will be selected based on their different backgrounds and connections to their town e.g. links to local groups and organisations, ensuring a diverse mix in each Town Team. People will also be selected based on their passion for taking forward positive action and working alongside others productively.

This is intended to be an open and inclusive approach, and we will consider:

Where people live in each of the towns

We want to make sure the process is fair and reaches people from all parts of the town.

People's backgrounds and experiences

Community action works best when it brings together people with different perspectives, experiences and ideas. We want the Town Teams to reflect the people who live in the town. We also want to make sure the process is fair and open, so we're thinking about who can take part — and who might be missing out.

The different networks and communities that you are part of

It's important that the Town Team includes people who can connect with different parts of the community – whether that's sports groups, faith groups, or residents' associations. We also know there are lots of active groups in our towns, so it's important that the Town Team isn't made up of just one group or organisation. This helps make sure it reflects a wider range of perspectives.

Your reasons for wanting to be part of the Town Team

Your application will be reviewed by 3 council officers. Two will be from the Your Voice, Your Town team, and one will be from a different team to provide an independent view. None of the officers involved will live in the town or have formal connections to any local organisations or groups that are applying.

Your Voice, Your Town application form

This application form should take about **10-minutes to complete**. You can [complete it online](#) or print this page out and send it to:

C/o Tan Afzal
Floor 1, blue claw
Ealing Council
Perceval House
14-16 Uxbridge Road
W5 2HL

If you have any questions or need help with your application, please get in touch with Tan Afzal at afzalt@ealing.gov.uk or call or text 07525893580. Closing date for applications is **Sunday 21 June 2026**.

A. About you

1. Your full name: (compulsory)

2. Your contact email address: (compulsory)

3. Your contact phone number: (compulsory)

4. Your home address including postcode: (compulsory)

Equality and diversity: We want to ensure that Town Teams are inclusive and made up of people from a range of different backgrounds. This will also help the Town Team understand and reach a more diverse set of people within their Towns.

5. What is your age? (Compulsory)

- Under 18
- 18–24
- 25–34
- 35–44
- 45–54
- 55–64
- 65 or over
- Prefer not to say

6. What is your gender? (Compulsory)

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- My gender is not listed
- Prefer not to say

**7. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?
(Compulsory)**

- Straight or Heterosexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other sexual orientation
- Prefer not to say

8. Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition? (Compulsory)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

9. What is your ethnic group? (Compulsory)

- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy/Irish Traveller
- White - Roma
- White - Other
- Any other White background (*please specify*)
- Mixed/ multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed/ multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed/ multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Any other Mixed/ multiple ethnic background (*please specify*)
- Asian/ Asian British - Indian
- Asian/ Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian/ Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/ Asian British - Chinese
- Any other Asian background (*please specify*)
- Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British - African
- Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British - Caribbean
- Any other Black/ African/ Caribbean background (*please specify*)
- Arab
- Any other ethnic group (*please specify*)
- Prefer not to say

Other (please specify)

10. What is your religion or belief? (Compulsory)

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion or belief
- Prefer not to say

Other religion or belief (please specify)

B. Your application to the Town Team: this is your opportunity to tell us a little about yourself

11. Which town are you applying to join as a Town Team member:

(Compulsory) Select one.

- Acton
- Ealing
- Greenford
- Hanwell
- Northolt
- Perivale
- Southall

12. Do you want to join the Town Team as: (compulsory) (select each role that applies). Please state the name and address of the organisations in question 13 below.

- Resident (note your home address above will need to be in the town)
- Representative from a local community organisation. If so, please state name and address of the organisation
- Representative from a faith organisation. If so, please state the name and address of the organisation
- Representative from a local business or a business that operates in the local area. If so, please state the name and address of the organisation.

13. Please state the name and address of the local community organisation, faith organisation and/or business

Your connections and affiliations: we want to make sure that people are representative of a wide range of groups and views in a town.

14. What, if any, organisations or groups (whether formal or informal) are you associated with either as a member, supporter, volunteer, trustee, or employee? E.g. sport teams faith group, community group, resident association. (Compulsory)

15. Why do you want to join the Town Team? (compulsory) In 200 words or less, tell us why you'd like to join a town team. For example:

- what motivates you to get involved in your local community
- what you would like to help make happen locally
- how you would like to work with others
- what you could bring (skills, experience, knowledge or ideas)

Town Teams focus on working together to take action on shared priorities and support community-led change. This role is about working together to make a difference, rather than promoting individual projects or lobbying the council

16. Are there any adjustments or support that would help you take part in the Town Team? (For example: meeting times, online options, caring responsibilities, accessibility needs, or locations.)

17. If you are not selected for the Town Team, would you be interested in getting involved in other Your Voice, Your Town activities? (such as events, working groups, or projects)

Yes

No

18. How did you hear about this opportunity?

From a current town team member

Do Something Good Website

Ealing Council social media

Ealing Council email

AroundEaling.com

From a community group

Word of mouth

From a local Councillor

Other (please specify):

Thank you for completing your application, we look forward to reading it and you can expect to **hear back from us by Friday 24 June 2026.**

Who are currently Town Team members and what was their experience?

Over the last year almost 100 people have acted as Town Team members across our 7 towns. You can meet the current Town Team members and hear about their experiences on our website or read a selection below:

Acton - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/actons-town-team/>

Ealing - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/ealing-town-team/>

Greenford - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/greenfords-town-team/>

Hanwell - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/hanwells-town-team/>

Northolt - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/northolts-town-team/>

Perivale - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/perivales-town-team/>

Southall - <https://dosomethinggood.ealing.gov.uk/your-voice-your-town/southall-town-team/>

Zoe Driver, Hanwell Town Team member and Mahaba Cafe staff member.

“I joined the Your Voice Your Town Hanwell team through my work at Mahaba Cafe, a not-for-profit coffee shop on Singapore Road. My background is in marketing and community engagement, and while my connection to Hanwell originally came through work, the Town Team gave me the chance to experience the area in a completely different way. I’ve met inspiring people, learnt from different perspectives, and seen first-hand the creativity and community spirit that shines through in Hanwell. I’ve especially enjoyed working alongside people who genuinely care about making a positive difference locally. Being part of the Town Team has been such a positive experience, I loved every second of it, and I’d definitely encourage others to get involved. I’m really looking forward to welcoming new members to the team.”

Neil Crosby, Southall Town Team member and Blair Peach Primary School Headteacher

“As Headteacher of Blair Peach Primary School, I have a big responsibility to our community, not only to provide a safe, clean environment for our pupils to come to, but also set an example that it’s important to stand up and speak out to make things better. The ‘Your Voice, Your Town’ team has given me an opportunity to work together with a group of people who care deeply about the community and want to make a difference. It has been a positive experience to listen to the issues in the community and have my voice heard too.”

Abi Bedasee, Hanwell Town Team member

“Being part of the Your Voice Your Town team as a neurodivergent person has been a really positive experience for me. It has helped me feel involved, included, and part of something meaningful that I would not normally have had the confidence or opportunity to be involved in. I have enjoyed meeting many different people, hearing their wonderful ideas, and seeing those ideas become reality. Being part of the team has helped me feel that my voice matters and that I can contribute in a

positive way to my community. The experience has also helped me grow in confidence, connect with others, and feel more comfortable taking part in discussions and activities. I am very grateful to be part of a team where different perspectives and experiences are welcomed and valued.”

Peter Truesdale, Acton Town Team member and Acton Business Improvement District Director

“I am proud to be part of Acton’s town team and help allocate our community fund to those projects which will have the greatest impact on the Acton community. I look forward to seeing how it makes a real impact on the community. I hope these projects create a greater pride in Acton and a pulling together of all the diverse communities to create a safer, greener and wonderful place to live.”

Glen Miller, Acton Town Team member

“I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the excellent efforts of the Your Voice, Your Town team here in Acton. It has been both a fantastic opportunity and a profound honour for me to work alongside such a talented group.

This collaboration has been instrumental in advancing work to bridge the long-standing gap in support for our African Caribbean, minority ethnic, disabled, and youth communities in Acton. Together, we are working to ensure public funds serve those who need them most, not just the most affluent.”

Rakiya Dahir, Southall Town Team member, Resident and Director & Founder of HSENA Family & SEND Services CIC

“As a mother and carer of a young person with additional needs, and a Southall resident for over four decades, I wanted to join the Your Voice Your Town Team to give back to the community I call home. Having grown up in the area, attended local schools, and raised my own children here, I value the diversity, resilience, and community spirit within Southall. I am passionate about helping local residents shape positive change within their neighbourhoods.”

Carolyn Blackford, Perivale Town Team member, Church Warden at St Nicholas Church

“I saw this as an opportunity to have a say as to what goes on in the area, to create community connections, and give people a voice or a platform. By taking part I got the opportunity to make some key decisions about how local funds are spent, and that was something I felt pleased about, as it led to local groups being funded for activity to support local people. Though we hear a lot about clean and pleasant in Perivale, it all comes down to community and taking pride in where we live, which we all have to do collectively.”

Shree Patel, Northolt Town Team member, local resident

“I have lived in Northolt for 40 years and wanted to be part of a group that want to make change, be part of something that helps to make people proud of where they live and encourages more community to get together. Once we all got together, I think we worked well in bringing people out to community events and encouraging people to apply for funding. There is still plenty more to do, but we can make a difference if we all work together”

Ann Thompson, Greenford Town Team member, volunteer with Friends of Horsenden Hill

“I joined the Town Team to create more links with the community, learn more about what is happening locally and meet like-minded people who want to help make a difference in Greenford. There are so many people going through difficulties, knowing what’s going on in our neighbourhoods will help to create the change that can help bring people together and improve things for all of us. This team is about grassroot bottom-up community action, funding community-led projects and working together to make that happen is something I have really enjoyed”