

THE BIG VOTE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



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GENERAL GUIDANCE

What is the Big Vote?

The Big Vote is People Powered Places' voting phase, when Newham residents can take part in deciding how funding is distributed in their local area. A total of £1.6m has been allocated to the programme.

Newham is divided in eight Community Neighbourhoods. Each Community Neighbourhood has an average of £200,000 to spend on projects that improve the local area. An additional £80,000 has been allocated to share between Beckton & Royal Docks and Custom House & Canning Town by the Royal Docks team.

Who can vote

Anyone who lives, learns or works in Newham can take part in the Big Vote. You can **only** vote in the Community Neighbourhood where you live, work or learn in and **you can only vote once**.

Online voting is open to residents who are **13 years old and over**. Younger children who would like to vote and can have a good understanding of the projects and benefits to the local community can do so in person at the events or in libraries, with adult supervision.

How to vote

Everyone has 10 votes that they can use to vote for their 10 favourite projects in their Community Neighbourhood. It is not a ranking exercise and you won't be able to give several votes to a project. You will just choose your top 10.

You can either vote online or in person, but you can only vote once.

Online

Online voting is done on Newham Co-create, Newham's online participation platform, following this link www.newham.gov.uk/thebigvote

You will need to register on Newham Co-create, go to the People Powered Place and go to your Community Neighbourhood folder, for example 'People Powered East Ham'. Here, you will be able to see all the project proposals for your area. You can read more information about each proposal by clicking 'read more'. You can vote for the project by clicking on the 'Vote' button. Once you have selected 10 projects, click 'Submit' at the top of the page. Once submitted, you can still modify your vote until the end of the voting phase on the 12 November.

Please note that when you start clicking on the 'Vote' buttons, you will be asked to fill out your postcode and door number. This is to make sure that no one votes multiple times and everyone only votes in their Community Neighbourhood. If you live, work

or learn in the neighbourhood, indicate the address where you work or learn. For example, Stratford Youth Zone. Make sure you indicate a valid postcode and door number from the Community Neighbourhood area when you vote.

In person

There are two ways you can vote in person:

1. Attend one of the Big Vote events

There are three in-person events organised throughout the voting phase on Saturdays, held in libraries. You can find the schedule below and register [here](#) or just turn up.

Saturday 21 October	Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, E15 1EL
10.00 - 10.30	Arrival
10.30 - 12.30	Stratford & West Ham
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 - 15.30	Forest Gate & Maryland
15.30 - 17.30	Plaistow
17.30 - 18.00	Closing
Saturday 28 October	Beckton Globe Library, 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ
10.00 - 10.30	Arrival
10.30 - 13.00	Beckton & Royal Docks
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 - 16.30	Custom House & Canning Town
16.30 - 17.00	Closing
Saturday 4 November	East Ham Library, 328 Barking Rd, E6 2RT
10.00 - 10.30	Arrival
10.30 - 12.30	East Ham
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 - 15.30	Manor Park
15.30 - 17.30	Green Street
17.30 - 18.00	Closing

Each Community Neighbourhood has a slot where you can find out more about the area, meet the project applicants who will be having stalls in the library and have insight from the leader board.

During the event, you can either get support voting on Newham Co-create or use a paper ballot.

2. In person voting at libraries

In person voting will be available at libraries for those who might not be able to access the online platform and could not attend one of the events. This will be done

through paper ballot. Check with your local library to find out more and when in person voting is available.

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

Can I vote if I don't live in Newham?

You can vote if you don't live in Newham but work or learn in the borough. You will need to vote in the Community Neighbourhood where you work or learn and indicate the address where you work or learn.

You can't take part if you neither live, learn or work in the borough.

How do I know which is my Community Neighbourhood?

You can find your Community Neighbourhood by searching your address [here](#).

Here is the list of the 8 Community Neighbourhood and their wards.

Beckton and Royal Docks Wards	Beckton, Royal Albert, Royal Victoria
Custom House & Canning Town Wards	Canning Town South, Custom House, Canning Town
East Ham Wards	East Ham South, East Ham, Wall End
Forest Gate & Maryland Wards	Maryland, Forest Gate North, Forest Gate South
Green Street Wards	Boleyn, Green street East, Green street West
Manor Park Wards	Manor park, Ilford, Plashet
Plaistow Wards	Plaistow North, Plaistow South, Plaistow West
Stratford & West Ham Wards	Stratford, Stratford Olympic Park, West Ham

What counts as 'working' in the Community Neighbourhood?

You can vote in the Community Neighbourhood if you have paid employment or if you volunteer **regularly** in the Community Neighbourhood. You can only vote in one Community Neighbourhood and you need to indicate the postcode of the place where you work or volunteer.

What counts as 'learning' in the Community Neighbourhood?

You can vote in the Community Neighbourhood if you study in the Community neighbourhood, or attend **regular** educational classes. You can only vote in one Community Neighbourhood and you need to indicate the postcode of the place where you learn.

Why am I not allowed to vote in a Community Neighbourhood where I don't live, learn or work in?

You can only vote in the Community Neighbourhood where you live, work or learn in. This is to make sure that residents who will benefit from the projects locally vote for the change they want to see in their area. It also helps making sure that borough-wide organisations with wider networks are not disproportionately advantaged compared to resident projects.

What if I live in a neighbourhood and work or learn in another neighbourhood?

You can only vote once in the Big Vote. If you live and work or learn in different parts of the borough, you can choose where you prefer to vote, but you can't vote twice.

Can I modify my vote after I submitted it?

You can only modify your vote if you vote online. There is a button reading 'Modify my vote', click on it, then click on the 'Vote' button for projects you have already voted for that you no longer wish to support and click on the 'Vote' button for projects that you would now like to support.

Paper votes can't be modified.

Can I vote on behalf of someone else?

You can't vote on behalf of someone else. All votes are individual. If you would like to support someone to vote, contact your Community Neighbourhood or local library who will be able to advise you on the best way forward. Find contact details at the end of this document.

Where can I find support to submit my vote?

Contact your Community Neighbourhood team for support. Find contact details at the end of this document.

Do I have to register on Newham Co-create to vote online?

Yes, you have to register on Newham Co-create to be able to vote online.

How will you make sure that residents don't vote multiple times?

We have processes in place to check duplicate votes, including comparing votes cast online and in person.

I'm a project applicant, how can I know how my project proposal is doing?

Updates on the number of votes submitted on Newham Co-create will be given at your local in person event. This is the only time you can find out about how many votes your proposal was given so far. Number of votes per project won't be shown on Newham Co-create.

I'm a project applicant, how can I encourage other residents to support my proposal?

All project applicants have the opportunity to have a stall at an in-person event and talk to other residents about their proposal. Newham Council provides A3 boards to all applicants with information about their proposal to help them advertise their project during the event. All applicants have also been sent a communications pack to help advertise the events to other residents. Applicants can also continue to advertise their project proposal during the three weeks of the voting phase.

When does the Big Vote end?

The Big Vote will close on Sunday 12 November at 8pm.

When will the results of the Big Vote be announced?

The Big Vote will close on 12 November. It will take a few weeks to process the results. The aim is to announce the results either by the end of November or early December and this might depend on the number of votes submitted.

How do you distribute funding based on the results?

Project proposals will be ranked by number of votes received, both online and in person. Projects with the most votes will be awarded funding first until the Community Neighbourhood's budget of around £200,000 has been fully awarded. All successful project applicants will have to sign the grant agreement and follow processes to be awarded funding.

Where does the funding come from?

The funding comes from Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). The Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) is a charge on new development to help fund strategic and neighbourhood infrastructure in Newham. An additional £80,000 comes from the Royal Docks Team and will be shared between Custom House & Canning Town and Beckton & Royal Docks.

Why is the budget slightly different from one Community Neighbourhood to another?

Funding allocated to projects from previous cycles of People Powered Places that has not been spent is reallocated to the new cycle to fund new projects. This means some Community Neighbourhoods will have slightly more to spend than the

£200,000 allocated this year. An additional £80,000 is also shared between Custom House & Canning Town and Beckton & Royal Docks.

What if my project is unsuccessful?

A support clinic will be organised in December for all unsuccessful applicants to find out more about other funding opportunities and tips to look for funding. Please note we will not be able to provide feedback as the results are based on the number of votes given by residents.

COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD CONTACT DETAILS

<p>Beckton and Royal Docks Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0853 Email: CN.BecktonRoyalDocks@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Beckton Library, 1 Kingsford Way, Beckton, E6 5JQ</p>	<p>Custom House and Canning Town Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0854 Email: CN.CustomHouseCanningTown@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Canning Town Library 18 Rathbone Market, Barking Road, E16 1EH Custom House Library Prince Regent Lane, E16 3JJ</p>
<p>East Ham Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0827 Email: CN.Eastham@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>East Ham Library, 328 Barking Road, E6 2RT</p>	<p>Forest Gate and Maryland Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0856 Email: CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Forest Gate Library, 2-6 Woodgrange Road, E7 0QH</p>
<p>Green Street Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0857 Email: CN.Greenstreet@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Green Street Library 337 - 341 Green Street, E13 9AR</p>	<p>Manor Park Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0858 Email: CN.Manorpark@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Manor Park Library, 685-693 Romford Road, E12 5AD</p>
<p>Plaistow Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0859 Email: CN.Plaistow@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Plaistow Library, North Street, E13 9HL</p>	<p>Stratford & West Ham Community Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Phone: 020 3373 0826 Email: CN.Stratfordwestham@newham.gov.uk</p> <p>Stratford Library, 3 The Grove, E15 1EL</p>