

# You Matter Communities Applications 2021

ResourceBank





## Introduction

You Matter Communities is focused on supporting local communities by providing resources, such as volunteer time, small grants and materials, to support community-led solutions to local challenges. You Matter offers local third sector, community organisations and communities different ways to access resources offered by McLaughlin & Harvey as part of the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment. And now, as communities across Birmingham continue to deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, You Matter Communities is focused on supporting community organisations to recover and to help people and communities experiencing disproportionate challenges to build back better, fairer and greener.

We work to protect the environment and promote the reuse and recycling of materials. The You Matter ResourceBank offers community projects free access to excess and unused materials used in the construction period of the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment.

## How it works

The You Matter ResourceBank offers 50 volunteer days of targeted support from our team, during the stadium construction works, for local third sector and community organisations. We use 'deposits' of volunteer time from our experienced team and suppliers - time which can then be used to give real practical support to organisations and individuals who need it. The deposits of time are managed by our Social Value Co-ordinator, who ensures that 'deposits' are matched appropriately with third sector and community organisation needs identified through the application process.



## How it works

We will donate excess materials, including off cuts, over ordered materials, salvaged materials or seconds (rejected on quality) to community projects by the end of the construction period. Materials that we expect to be available and have previously donated are:

- Top soil
- Type 1 hardcore
- Sand
- Drainage pipe and fittings
- Hard landscaping material
- Plasterboard
- Concrete block
- Spare/excess cable and electrical accessories
- Plumbing pipework
- Carpet tiles
- Lighting
- Wall and floor tiles
- Heras fencing
- Paving slabs
- Sleepers
- Wooden pallets

We keep a record of all excess materials throughout the project within a Resource Log. Community projects contact us to provide us with the details of their project and request excess materials. We record the request in the Resource Log and as excess materials become available, we contact the community organisation and arrange for them to collect. Any remaining materials at the end of the project, which have not been donated, will be advertised locally and a YouMatter ResourceBank open day held on site to ensure the reuse of excess materials.



## What's the criteria for accessing unused materials?

Any Birmingham based community organisation can apply to the You Matter ResourceBank for excess materials by contacting Hannah Lamont, Social Value Coordinator on [AScommunities@mclh.co.uk](mailto:AScommunities@mclh.co.uk). We will record requests on our Resource Log and keep you up to date throughout construction on whether resources will be available and the likely timescales. Please be aware that we are not able to guarantee that all requests for resources will be met.

## How do I apply?

You will need to let us know which community organisation you represent, where you are based, the materials you would like to receive if available, and what you would use the materials for. Please also state in your email if you would be happy to have your photo taken when collecting the materials so that we can promote the activity of the ResourceBank and encourage more groups to get in touch.

For further information,  
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