



Partners in Our Journey



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Wood That Works exists to make creative, practical making accessible to everyone - regardless of background, ability, or circumstance. Everything we do is rooted in that belief.

“My woodwork sessions are the absolute highlight of my week”
- participant



“I was at my lowest ebb until I discovered wood that works”
- participant

We work hard to sustain ourselves. Through workshops, furniture restoration, and vintage market and bespoke sales, we generate over half of our own income - something we're proud of. But with a team of three, teaching and running a workshop six days a week, there are real limits to how many people we can reach alone.

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That's why partnership matters. Every contribution - financial, practical, or collaborative - directly widens access to safe, inclusive, creative spaces for people who might otherwise never have them.

“Building communities has never been so important and Wood That Works is a really special place”
Councillor Anna Wright



“My life has transformed for the better since finding wood that works” - participant

Together, we can ensure that more people - across Camden and beyond - have access to the kind of space where real change happens.

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Since 2019, Wood That Works has grown through the generosity of individuals, community organisations, charitable and corporate funds, who share our belief in safe, inclusive, and creative spaces where people connect, learn practical skills, create and thrive. We are deeply grateful to every partner, funder, and supporter who has been part of that journey.





Funding & Development Chronology



HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY PARTNERS (HNCP)

'Doorstep Project' afterschool club introducing children on the Whittington Estate to practical making skills.



(CIL) COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

'Women's Empowerment Project' - challenging traditional stereotypes around women and woodworking - 12 two hours per week for 24 women - to learn basic skills in carpentry.



NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

'Women's Empowerment Project' - challenging traditional stereotypes around women and woodworking - 12 two hours per week spaces for 12 women - to learn basic skills in carpentry



LADY GOULD'S CHARITY

'Women in Trades' - 12 week carpentry course - support for 12 women to learn to build using hand and machine tools.

SHAFTESBURY CAPITAL PLC

'Make and Mend Summer Project' - for children and young people to learn the art of furniture restoration and working with wood.

2019

CAMDEN COUNCIL

Provision of a converted disused undercroft carpark to establish a community workshop focused on wellbeing, creativity and woodwork.



2021

2022

ORIGIN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

'Count Me In' - Six-week basic carpentry skills project for primary carers and young people living with disabilities.



2022

2023

FUTURE CAMDEN FUND

'Restoration Revolution Project' expansion of our upcycling arm with support towards purchase of a vehicle enabling us to capitalise on increasing furniture donation opportunities.



2024

2025

YOUNG CAMDEN FOUNDATION

'Young Makers Summer Project' a two day - introduction to basic carpentry skills.



2026

2026

CAMDEN GIVING

Two-year project extension fund empowering women through learning new practical and creative skills.





Since 2019, Wood That Works has grown through the generosity of community organisations, charitable funds, and local partners who share our belief in safe, inclusive, and creative spaces where people can connect, learn, and thrive.

Wood That Works CIC has developed through a shared commitment to community wellbeing, creativity, and practical skill-building. Together with our supporters and partners, we have created opportunities for hundreds and hundreds of children, women, men, disabled participants, and the wider Camden community to access woodworking, restoration, and therapeutic creative activities within a welcoming environment.

We work hard to remain self-sustaining through our workshops, furniture restoration, and upcycling projects. However, external funding and partnership support remain essential in helping us expand our reach and keep our activities accessible to people who may otherwise face financial or social barriers to participation.

Every contribution - whether financial, practical, or collaborative - has helped create opportunities for people who may otherwise never have accessed woodworking, restoration, or community making spaces, and we remain deeply grateful to every organisation and individual who has become a partner in our journey.