North Paddington Canalside Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

General Festival FAQs

How can local communities be involved in refining the types of activities included as part of the festival?
The four themes for the festival (Biodiversity, Health & Wellbeing and Culture & Creativity) have been taken from the public engagement feedback for the North Paddington Canalside strategy.

Members of the North Paddington Canalside Activation Working Group will support the curation strategy of the events programme by assessing all shortlisted applications and sitting on the grant moderation panel to select community-led events.
They are active members of the community and work very closely with local people to help improve the Canalside and surrounding areas.

Four of the North Paddington Canalside Activation Working Group members will also be a 'host' for each of the festival days, which will include working with successful applicants to coordinate their activities with other successful applicants delivering their activities on the same festival day.

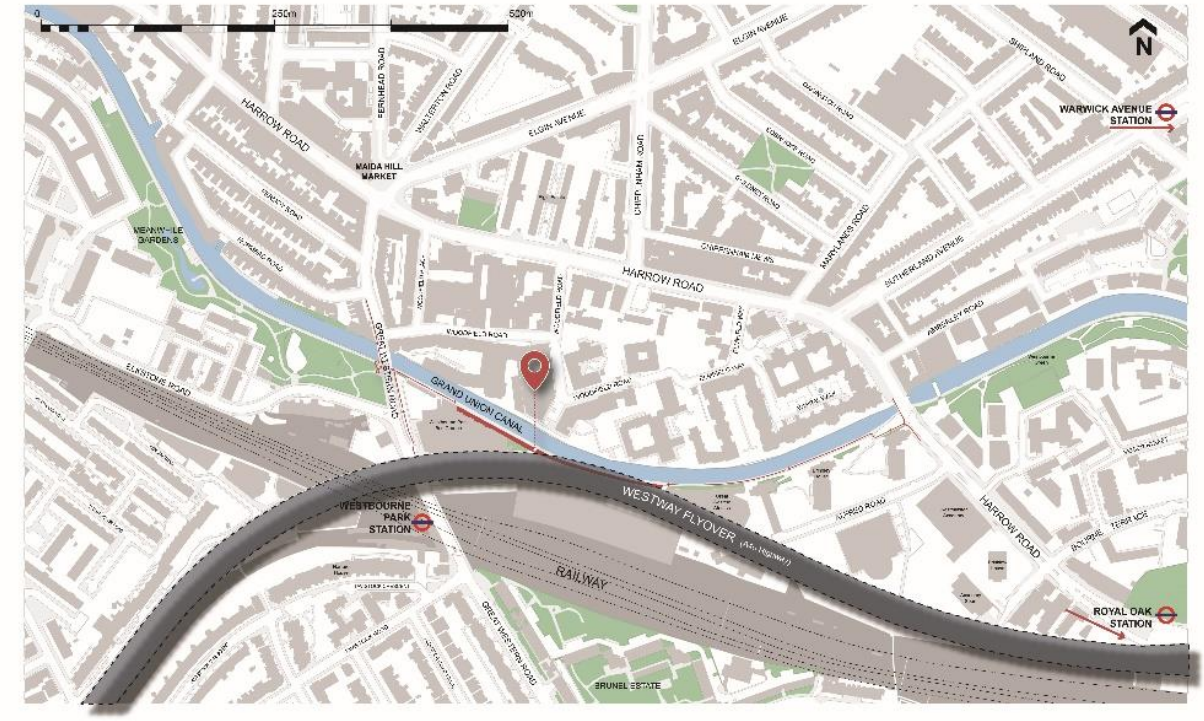
What is the difference between the role of a host and someone that will deliver an activity as part of the festival?
The hosts are members of the North Paddington Canalside Activation Working Group that will work with successful applicants to curate the activities on each of the festival days. They will also deliver an activity themselves as part of the day.

Applicants to the North Paddington Canalside Activation Grant: Round 1 will be responsible for delivering their activity on the festival day. They will work in collaboration with the host and Council officers to ensure they have everything they need to deliver their activity.

Since the Carnival will take place prior to the North Paddington Canalside festival, what is the plan for cleaning and who will be responsible for this?
We are in conversation with Canal & River Trust to ensure the canal will be cleaned after the Carnival. However, volunteering groups will also help clean the canal to ensure this is resolved before the festival.

Veolia have put together a cleansing plan on the instruction of Westminster Waste and Cleansing. They will be undertaking clearance between Harrow Road and Great Western Road bridges on Saturday 28th June.
Canal & River Trust will follow to clear the encampment, and plan to install fencing on Monday 30th June.
To keep on top of the condition of this stretch of the canal, Veolia plan to undertake ongoing regular (monthly) litter picking and clearance along this stretch with volunteers.

What is the exact location of the festival?
The North Paddington Canalside festival is primarily intended to take place under the Westway flyover, as well as to the west in the grassy area in front of Westbourne Park Bus Garage. Please see the map below for further information. However, activities such as paddle boarding, nature walks etc. will extend further along the canal.



Grant Application FAQs

Can organisations based in any borough apply?
Yes. Organisations do not need to be based in Westminster to apply, however preference will be given to applicants based in the City of Westminster and neighbouring boroughs.

Can applicants use some of the grant funding towards purchasing materials required for the proposed activity?
Yes, if materials are a fundamental part of your activity and cannot be delivered without this you can use some of the funding you receive to purchase the materials. This should be outlined in your application form.