

SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS LONDON CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020



Social Venture Partner London meetings are opportunities for partners to hear from inspiring speakers in the voluntary sector and to share information and experiences to develop their understanding and practice of philanthropy. Held in the Boot Room at The Iron Duke pub in Mayfair from 6.30-9pm, the meetings are friendly, informal and, most of all, enjoyable. More information can be found at www.socialventurepartners.org/london



30 January: *What does 'civil society' mean for London? London Plus reports*

Social Venture Partners London (SVPL) has an annual grant giving cycle, with partners choosing the themes and charities they would like to support. In this meeting, partners will report back following their exploratory visits to a number of shortlisted charities. We will also be joined by Martin Brookes, new chief executive of London Plus, which champions volunteering and civil society in the capital. Martin has had an illustrious career leading New Philanthropy Capital and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, as well as being an ex-Bank of England economist. He will be able to give us a unique insight into civil society in London as we start the new decade.

SVPL TRAINING

23 April: *How to be an effective mentor*

SVPL aims to help partners become more informed and productive philanthropists. This workshop, led by Linda Aspey, a qualified executive coach and Time to Think Facilitator, will help partners develop their ability to coach and mentor voluntary sector professionals through a relationship based on mutual respect and openness.

21 May: *How to share your skills effectively*

In this training session, Annie McDowall, a long-standing leader in the voluntary sector and qualified executive coach, will help partners reflect on the most effective ways to share their professional expertise with the voluntary sector. This will involve examining your skill set, assessing what help is most valuable given the unique circumstances of the voluntary sector, and managing expectations for both parties.

19 March: *Final pitch to be SVPL's charity for 2020*

This meeting marks the final phase of shortlisting for SVPL's 2020 giving cycle. After hearing pitches from the shortlisted charities, we will choose which two we will support for 12 months. As part of the decision process we will assess the impact both our monetary grant and our skills can make to the chosen two charities as we look forward to starting our journey with them.

11 June: *What truly matters in London?*

London is a divided city. It has great wealth, but also many issues and great areas of deprivation. At this meeting a range of expert speakers from London's voluntary sector including a major grant maker and a representative from Extinction Rebellion, will inform and illustrate to partners the threats to London's social cohesion and how SVPL can help.



July: *SVPL summer party!*

An opportunity for us to celebrate our achievements with some of the charities we have worked with and some rising stars at a special summer venue. Please invite your friends and colleagues to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and inspiring evening.



24 September: *How can SVPL help make a difference in London 2021?*

As the first step in our 2021 giving cycle, we will explore potential grant themes in more depth, drawing on the issues that emerged at our June meeting. We will conclude the meeting by selecting our two themes for which we will invite applications.

#LDNChallengePoverty

12-18 October: *Supporting London Challenge Poverty Week*

London Challenge Poverty Week is an important week for London, with 4 in 10 of London's children living in poverty. The week brings together an alliance of organisations that work in every area from housing and health to destitution and early years education. The alliance will run a programme of activities in this week to focus attention and share knowledge on the issue. SVPL will be involved in the week in a variety of ways including with our two chosen charities.

10 December: *2021 grant shortlisting*

Partners will begin shortlisting grant applications from dynamic and relevant charities in London working on our two chosen themes and decide which they would like to visit for more information. We will also raise a glass to celebrate the festive season.