



# COMMUNITY NEST

## OUR VISION

Built of changemakers and allies offering support and solidarity, the Community Nest is a place for changemakers to share their challenges, strengths and resources — to lend a helping hand, grow a strong network and feel the power and hope that collaboration provides.

## OUR MISSION AND AIM

To facilitate a community of learning, kindness, solidarity and respect, creating a space to power change from the ground up. We provide opportunities for help with admin, training, capacity building, networking and more.



## OUR PURPOSE

The activities of the changemakers we work with are many and varied, but we know that there are some common barriers that groups may need to overcome.

At the Social Change Nest, we are confident that the tools and resources needed to make social change are within reach, and through the Community Nest, we want to make them more visible and accessible. We also want to equip groups with skills to help them move forward and provide the opportunity to learn, both from us and from others in our network.

## OUR PLAN

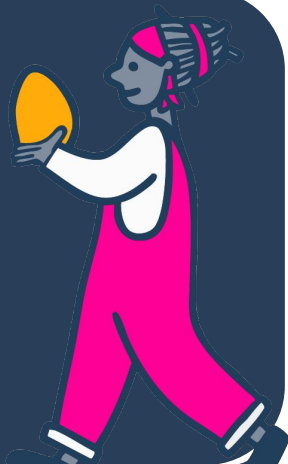
With the help of City Bridge Trust, over the next few years, we'll seek to understand the needs and strengths of the changemakers we work with and offer practical learning.

We'll create opportunities for connection and skill sharing, knowing that building a network means strengthening resilience and sustainability. We'll lean on friends who have expertise in relevant topics, inviting them to share knowledge and offer practical advice. While doing this, we'll be building an empowered community that is rooted in solidarity, because change happens from the ground up, but we know how hard it is to make an impact. We believe change happens by working together.

## OUR PEOPLE

We work with over 600 civil society groups that advocate for a range of causes. You can get a feel for some of their projects on [our Open Collective page](#).

Most groups are servicing a range of community needs. Many have a focus on health & wellbeing, climate, racial activism or mutual aid. Activities include community organising, campaigning, education, workshops, emergency support, and more. When asked, the most pressing needs of our network were around raising funds, managing people, and developing strategies, and we want to address this and provide support.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP



**Share your resources:** If you have any resources that would be useful to our community, please share them with us. We can either host the files or link to where to find them. We don't want to spend time duplicating good resources if they already exist; we just want to make sure they are accessible to those who need them. These resources could be guides, templates, exercises, videos, etc.



**Share your knowledge:** Do you have a specialist subject you could offer training on? Have you spent your whole career reading grant applications and gathering tips on how to stand out? Could you run a workshop using exercises that you've found useful to reach your goal? You don't have to be an expert, just sharing your experience is useful.



**Join our directory:** We're creating a yellow pages of changemakers, supporters and allies. We need people that our community can call on if they need advice or a service. Could you offer a helping hand when it comes to strategy building, or facilitating? Can you provide legal advice? Are you a whizz at design and branding? Do you offer discounted rates for changemakers and unincorporated groups? We want to hear from you.



**Recommendations:** We want to build a crazy strong network, and we want the right people in it. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping our community, please send us your recommendations.



**Can you help in another way?** Could you offer the use of your space or office for meetings? Do you have storage space that's not being used? Do you have volunteer days you'd like to use supporting grassroots change?

Please email [coco@thesocialchangenest.org](mailto:coco@thesocialchangenest.org) if you're able to help in any way. We are open to suggestions and so thankful for your time.

## OUR TEAM

Helping to bring all of this together, find the help you need and facilitate learning, we have a small but mighty team:



**Coco — Programme and Community Development Lead**

Coco is a strong believer in people power and the active role of communities in working toward social change. She has a background in community development, and is excited to meet more changemakers and create spaces for additional training, collaboration and peer learning.



**Aimee — Head of Community and Impact**

Aimee has over 10 years' experience working at the intersection of community organising, social innovation and grant making. Her brain ticks for relationship building and she's always excited to meet and support all the incredible organisations across our portfolio.

Please email [coco@thesocialchangenest.org](mailto:coco@thesocialchangenest.org) if you have any questions