

# RETROFIT WORKSHOPS 2025



Join us on **Monday 16th June**  
at Kentish Town Community  
Centre, 17 Busby Place,  
NW5 2SP, **6.30- 8.00pm**

We are planning a series of  
workshops over the year to help  
households and community  
groups with retrofit:

- where to start
- retrofit assessments
- feasibility studies for flats  
and streets
- retrofit planning
- making grant applications
- arranging the works

Please come along to take part!



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# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Background to Retrofit Kentish Town
- Outline of workshop programme
- Understanding everyone's context
- Discussion together
- Discussion in groups
- Next steps

# Retrofit Kentish Town co-operative

- RKT became a Community Benefit Co-operative in August 2024
- We are now opening a membership scheme so that everyone who lives in the area can have a stake and contribute
- Ordinary members will be able to attend the AGM and vote to appoint Committee Members and Directors
- We all abide by co-operative principles
- To sign up go to the website and fill out the form
- There is a £5 one-time payment, which includes a £1 share

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PS. We need more Directors and Committee Members, so if you are interested please let us know.

# Workshop programme

The intended stages of the proposed workshop programme are:

1. Gathering and understanding needs
2. Making a plan
3. Visiting case studies
4. Applying for funding
5. Approaches to delivery

Activity	June 2025	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2026	Feb
Initial workshops - gathering and understanding needs									
Workshop 2 and 3, making a plan and visiting case studies.									
Workshop 4, applying for funding									
Applying for funding									
Workshop 5, Approaches to delivery									

Plus free consultation with an Architect.

Discounts for retrofit plans

# Everyone is different

... but there may be people interested in doing similar things:

- overcoming barriers to retrofitting flats - this could result in a funded feasibility study
- developing a retrofit plan for those in houses, this could result in assistance for funding
- doing smaller more affordable measures for those in flats and houses
- a group of neighbours wanting to add solar panels to the street, this could result in a concept design study
- other ideas...

We could arrange different workshops with different groups of people to discuss and progress different types of projects, or work in different groups in the same workshop....?

# Funding is sometimes the biggest barrier

## Local funding

- Camden Climate Fund for households
- Camden Climate Fund for community energy projects (this could fund a feasibility plan for retrofitting a block of flats)

## National funding

- Boiler Upgrade Scheme
- Great British Insulation Scheme
- ECO4
- Warm Homes: Local Grant

# Camden Climate Fund

## Households

- Offers up to £15,000 to cover up to 50% of the costs of energy efficiency improvements (insulation, heat pumps, lighting, windows)
- Open to all homeowners (freehold or leasehold), private tenants (subject to landlord approval), private landlords, council leaseholders

## Community energy projects

- Up to £5,000 to support groups to obtain advice on an energy efficiency or renewable energy project (e.g., consultancy fees, business case assessments or pre-application planning advice and retrofit assessments for flat blocks)
- Up to £50,000 to cover 50% of the costs of a group energy efficiency or renewable energy project (e.g., materials and technologies)

More information at: [camdenclimatefund.commonplace.is](https://camdenclimatefund.commonplace.is)

# Camden Climate Fund

## Climate Action Fund

- For community groups
- Offers up to £10,000 in one application and 2 projects over a year must not exceed £25,000
- Open to 'three or more unrelated individuals'
  - Community groups
  - Neighbourhood forums
  - Charities
  - Faith groups
  - Social enterprises
- Might be possible for resident groups / tenant associations for feasibility studies in converted houses or blocks of flats

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# National funding

## Boiler Upgrade Scheme

- Offers £7,500 of the cost of a heat pump
- Open to all homeowners and private landlords

## Great British Insulation Scheme

- Offers fully or partially funded insulation
- Eligibility:
  - Low-income group:
    - Receive qualifying benefits (e.g., Universal Credit, Child Benefit)
  - General group:
    - EPC rating D to G
    - Council Tax bands A to D
  - Local Authority Flex route

# National funding

## ECO4

- Offers up to £50,000 for insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, etc.
- Eligibility for homeowners and private renters with EPC D or below:
  - Household income less than £31,000
  - Receiving qualifying benefits
  - ECO4 Flex (identified by local authorities or energy suppliers)

## Warm Homes: Local Grant

- Offers up to £30,000 for insulation, heat pumps, solar panels, etc.
- Eligibility for homeowners and private renters with EPC D or below:
  - Household income less than £36,000
  - Receiving qualifying benefits
  - Live in an eligible postcode

# Discussion together

Please say which idea you are closest to:

- overcoming retrofit issues to those living in flats - this could result in a funded feasibility study
- developing a retrofit plan for those in houses, this could result in assistance for funding
- doing small affordable measures for those in flats and houses
- a group of neighbours wanting to add solar panels to the street
- other idea 1
- other idea 2
- other idea 3
- etc.

# In each group

## You

- Who are you representing
  - Your household - house or flat?
  - A building
  - A community group
  - A street / local area

## If flat ...

- If flat, who is your landlord?
- If flat, how many flats in your building?
- If flat, how closely connected are you with other households in your building?
  - Tenant association
  - Share of freehold
  - Engaged landlord
  - None of the above?

## Your Home

- EPC rating?

## Barriers and Opportunities

- What are the common barriers?
- What are you planning on doing anyway?  
What's broken, what's about to break?
- Do you have a retrofit plan?
- What would help?

## Next steps

- What could the next steps be?
- How is it best to communicate?
  - Whatsapp
  - Email
  - Online meetings
  - In person meetings
  - Other?

# Next steps

- Please make sure that we have your details and what you want to get out of this process.
- We'll come back to you with the next steps.