COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS PREVENTION ADVICE PROJECT

Providing social welfare advice for Londoners since 2022

The <u>Cost-of-Living Crisis Prevention Advice Project</u> is a strategic partnership between the <u>Greater London</u> <u>Authority</u>, <u>London Legal Support Trust</u> and <u>London Citizens Advice</u>. It funds 41 local Citizens Advice, Law Centres and other advice agencies, working with community and faith groups, and a training programme known as 'Advice First Aid' to boost the supply of much needed welfare advice for hard-up Londoners. It commenced in autumn 2022. This poster summarises its achievements over 18 months to spring 2024.

Over 39,000 Londoners helped. 15,000 Londoners attended cost-of-living events.

£16.8 million financial improvements for Londoners **5:1** return on investment ¹



38% of people had not received advice before. Over 84% were in a better situation with improved understanding of rights, money and help available. Two thirds were less worried after the advice. ²



85 <u>Advice First Aid Training</u> courses for over 1000 people from community agencies, increasing knowledge of social welfare rights, resources and options.³



Over 200 new partnerships between advice agencies, community and faith agencies across London. Collaboration has strengthened relationships and created new inter-agency referral routes.

For every £1 invested in the Project by the GLA, the finances of Londoners who were advised improved by £4.75.
Results of a client feedback survey responded to be 120 people in March/April 2024.
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3. Advice First Aid training supports people in non-advice roles in community and faith groups to help people in hardship.



"I'm grateful for all the support I've received so far. Nobody else has been this helpful and I feel more hope than ever before. I hope I continue to receive support from you."

