

THEIR STORY

Their Story is extremely proud to announce that we have won the **Craig MacDonald Award**. The award, presented by The Paddington Development Trust, was created in memory of its Vice Chair and is for young people or youth organisations using technology for good in Westminster. Their Story will receive £2,000 to work with young people between the age of 16-25 in Westminster.

IN SHORT...

[Their Story](#) is a multimedia news and story platform based in West London. We create and share short films about residents and cover local news as a way of connecting communities.

Co-founders Ellie and Isotta became friends aged 4 after meeting at the school gates of their primary school on Harrow Road, London. Many years later, driven by a passion for their local area and the people and stories they grew up with, Isotta and Ellie founded Their Story. Both hail from multi-disciplinary backgrounds within Innovation and Journalism.

WHO WE WORK WITH...

We work with local residents all over West London. After years of working in the local community, we found that the process of telling and sharing a local story can connect people from all walks of life. We believe that rich, important stories are everywhere and we are passionate about facilitating new perspectives and channels of communication in local communities. We prioritise collaboration in all of our work and seek to make all of our films publicly accessible and free.

WHERE WE ARE NOW...

We've come a long way from our socially distanced meetings in mid 2020 to getting our first film commissions and winning grants from Peabody Housing, Queen's Park Community Council and now the Paddington Development Trust.

We hope to use the funds to commission and pay young people in our area as well as offer support and training for those who haven't had experience in the industry before. We want to make sure that local young people are given the opportunity to follow their passions. Local journalism has never been more important and we hope that we can honour Craig MacDonald's memory by continuing, in some way, the work he was passionate about doing.

Please check out our website or follow us on social media at:

[@TheirStoryFilms](#) www.theirstoryfilms.co.uk

Press photos:



Co-founders Ellie and Isotta



QPG Hub delivering Ida Restaurant food to local residents during 2020 COVID pandemic filmed by Their Story for Lockdown Meals short film.



QPG Hub preparing food for local residents during 2020 COVID pandemic



Local teenagers at the inaugural Queen's Park Summer programme 2020 filmed by Their Story for the QP real film