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## **Coin Street Family and Children's Centre Wins King's Engaged Research Awards 2025**

Coin Street Community Builders is proud to announce that our Family and Children's Centre has won the prestigious King's Engaged Research Award 2025. The esteemed communicating research (Local) Award celebrates the centre's impactful collaboration with King's College London, focusing on research and programmes that create meaningful, positive change for local families and children.

The award highlights the innovative approaches taken by the Family and Children's Centre team to address challenges faced by families in the community, delivering practical support and empowering solutions. Claudia Garcia, a member of the award-winning team, played a significant role in this achievement, contributing her expertise and dedication to ensuring the success of these vital initiatives. Other members of the winning **Developing Brain Workshops (FoLSM)** were Tomoki Arichi, Leyla Hadiyat and Fatemeh Mozaffari.

In addition to this recognition, the partnership between Deanne Naula from Coin Street's Youth and Community Programme and the School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Sciences (BMEIS) was nominated.

Since first partnering in 2021 as part of King's Civic Challenges, BMEIS researchers and support staff have developed a strong working relationship with Coin Street through open conversations and knowledge sharing. This collaboration has been instrumental in understanding local needs, as well as identifying areas of mutual interest, further strengthening the connection between innovative research and community impact.

**Claudia Garcia, Senior Early Years and Family Coordinator said:** "This initiative was in response to local families' need and desire to learn more about why some children develop differently. Being part of the team at Coin Street's Family and Children's Centre, and contributing to this incredible collaboration with King's College London, has been a really enriching experience. Winning this award is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our team to provide the best start for children and families. We're proud to see our efforts recognised in this way."

Coin Street Community Builders congratulates the entire Family and Children's Centre team and celebrates the nomination of the Youth and Community Programme partnership. These achievements underscore the power of collaboration and the transformative impact of community-driven initiatives.

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**Notes to editors**

Coin Street and King's College London have worked closely together on several projects to support local families, including most recently, delivering a series of workshops for parents with neurodivergent children in early years, funded by Lambeth Together Waterloo and Southbank Health and Wellbeing Fund.

**Photos**

Please credit Jack Latimer

**About us****Coin Street Community Builders**

Coin Street Community Builders (CSCB) is a social enterprise working in Waterloo and North Southwark. Our site covers thirteen acres and includes co-operative homes, parks and gardens, shops and design studios, galleries, restaurants, a nursery and family and children's centre, sports pitches, and we provide a range of activities for the local community. <https://coinstreet.org/>

**Kings College London**

The School of Biomedical Engineering & Imaging Sciences Rayne Institute is committed to improve the way healthcare through the use of advanced engineering is delivered.

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/winners-announced-for-the-2025-kings-engaged-research-awards>

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