

EVERY CHANCE TO

**THRIVE**



IMPACT REPORT 2025



## OUR CEO'S MESSAGE

Across London, too many young people are held back by circumstances beyond their control. Poverty across the capital is having a real impact on their lives, meaning they miss out on their chance to access positive activities and safe spaces to grow. Youth work makes all of this possible. Every day, youth organisations give young people a place to explore who they are, what they're capable of, and the chance to shape their own futures.

We're proud to stand alongside the many organisations in our network who support 616,000 young Londoners across every borough. Together, we see what happens when the right support is in place for young people: ideas take shape, confidence grows and new paths open up.

Last year, around 24,000 young people took part in our programmes, gaining skills, developing creativity, taking on leadership roles, and experiencing the confidence-building power of outdoor learning at our centres, Woodrow and Hindleap. We see every day the difference these opportunities make, as young people go on to achieve extraordinary things.

With the launch of the first National Youth Strategy in decades, last year marked an important moment. It signalled a shift in tone – recognising young people not as problems to be solved, but

as individuals full of promise and potential. It reflects what young people have been telling us for years: they want safe places in their communities, real opportunities to grow and contribute, and a genuine say in the decisions that affect their lives. Crucially, it also recognises that this can only work with a strong, sustainably funded youth sector behind it.

Against a backdrop of rising demand and stretched resources, our members continued to deliver outstanding youth work in 2025. We were proud to play a leading role in supporting them. We created more than 2,800 opportunities for youth professionals to take part in our training and networks, helping them build skills and share knowledge. At the same time, 146 organisations held the London Youth Quality Mark, demonstrating their commitment to high-quality youth work.

Through programmes such as Rise Up and Trusted Youth Allies, we also invested in youth practitioners supporting young Londoners affected by violence, strengthening the wider ecosystem of support for young people.

None of this happens without our members – brilliant organisations rooted in communities across London, doing the work, day in, day out. My deepest

thanks go to each of you, as well as to our Youth Board and team, trustees, partners and funders. Your commitment to young people throughout London makes this work possible.

**Together, we are helping young Londoners build the futures they deserve.**

**Pauline Daniyan**  
CEO, London Youth



***“Every day, youth organisations give young people a place to explore who they are, discover what they’re capable of and shape their own futures.”***

# OUR MISSION

*We champion and strengthen London's youth organisations so young people have the opportunities and skills they need to succeed.*

# OUR VISION

*For all young Londoners to grow up healthy, able to express themselves, navigate a fulfilling career and make a positive contribution in their communities.*

Photo by Demoy, a young photographer, taken at one of our member youth organisations, Project Zero.

## THE REALITY YOUNG

## LONDONERS FACE

**Not every young Londoner has the same start in life. One in three is growing up in poverty, and across the city, what's available – support, space and chances to take part – isn't equal. For those from marginalised communities, the gap is often wider still. The cost of living, limited access to support, and a lack of spaces to belong all shape how young people see themselves and what they feel is possible.**

But that's only part of the picture. Young people across London have enormous potential. With the right support, space and trust, they build confidence, develop skills and start to see new possibilities for themselves. They only get one chance at growing up.

**Together, we have to get this right.**

## HOW WE'RE CHANGING

### THE STORY

We're a charity working with a network of nearly 600 youth organisations across London, alongside our two outdoor learning centres, Woodrow and Hindleap. For 139 years, we've supported youth organisations across the city, especially where it's needed most and for those too often overlooked or facing barriers to opportunity.

Through our programmes, training and advocacy, we support youth workers to deliver high-quality youth work across London, now and for the long term. And through our outdoor expertise, we challenge young people to be the best they can be through exciting adventures away from the city.

We see the impact of that work every day, in the confidence young people build, the belief they carry with them, and the choices that start to open up.

We're committed to becoming an anti-racist charity, embedding anti-racist principles and actions across our work, culture and partnerships. This is grounded in our values – being ambitious, inclusive, collaborative and accountable – and shapes how we work together to support young Londoners every day.



## OUR 2023-26

### STRATEGIC GOALS



Create vital opportunities for 25,000 young Londoners who have the greatest need



Develop youth organisations and lead the sector into a sustainable future



Inspire young Londoners with outdoor learning and trips away from home



Secure our financial sustainability; galvanising a network of supporters



Be a forward-thinking, inclusive organisation, where people feel motivated, heard and valued

Explore our strategy at [londonyouth.org/about-us](https://londonyouth.org/about-us)



# OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

With the help of our members, partners and supporters, we've reached young people across London, including those facing the greatest barriers. Together, we've opened up opportunities through inspiring programmes and life-changing outdoor experiences that help them grow, lead and take charge of their own futures.



## OUR NETWORK

**616k** 

young people supported by our members

**597** 

youth organisations across all 32 London boroughs were members of London Youth

**139**   
**years**

supporting youth organisations and young people



## IMPROVING QUALITY

**220** 

training and network sessions created 2,813 spaces for youth professionals to build their skills and strengthen their work

**146**

member organisations held a London Youth Quality Mark in 2025

## INSPIRING SKILLS

**11** 

programmes delivered across sports, employability, arts, youth involvement and mental health, reaching 7,445 young people

**12** 

Insight Days delivered to young people across finance, technology, property, hospitality and construction



**44,455**

young people's visit days were held at our two outdoor learning centres

**23,994**

young people took part in our programmes, events and activities, or enjoyed our outdoor learning centres



## IMPROVING ACCESS

**413** 

member organisations accessed our offer last year – around 70% of our membership

**197** 

member organisations joined our youth programmes or used our outdoor learning centres



**56%**

of young people on our programmes were from the most socio-economically deprived communities in England

Our previous reporting period covered 16 months (September 2023 to December 2024), so these 2025 figures are not directly comparable with those for 2023-24.

# MAKING MORE POSSIBLE FOR YOUNG LONDONERS

For many young Londoners facing poverty, isolation and mental health challenges, opportunities to build confidence and skills are harder to access than ever. In today's digital world, supporting them isn't just important, it's essential.

We're determined to provide free activities away from the pressures of school, where young people feel connected and capable. Working with youth organisations across London, our programmes create welcoming spaces to learn, make friends and try new things.

In 2025, we reached 7,445 young people through 11 targeted programmes and events spanning sports, creative arts, employability, mental health and youth involvement. Our sports activity programmes supported 2,453 young people in underserved areas to take part in regular physical activity, with benefits far beyond fitness.

By creating inclusive opportunities, we help young people move forward – whatever they're facing – building confidence and finding their way in an increasingly complex world.



*“I learned a lot about the digital sector and the opportunities available within it, and how to get there, even if you're coming from a different background. I learned a lot about how to speak well in an interview, because I think that was a massive barrier for me before.”*

Young person,  
Digital Talent participant

**97%**

of young people surveyed enjoyed taking part in our programmes last year



*“It has made my social anxiety and confidence way better.”*

Young person, The Sir Simon Milton Young Creators Programme Westminster participant



**85%**

of young people gained skills, knowledge and access to opportunities after taking part in our programmes and outdoor activities



**78%**

of the young people we worked with came from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, with targeted programmes such as Good for Girls reaching 95%



**95%** 

of young people supported through our Good for Girls programme felt equipped to manage their mental health and wellbeing, and across our offer, 87% reported an improvement

**“It has helped me by understanding my feelings and how I can talk about them.”**

Young person, Good for Girls participant



**84%** 

of young people who took part were doing better physically and/or emotionally, including improving confidence, resilience and motivation

**ACTION FOR CONSERVATION'S STORY**

**RECONNECTING WITH NATURE**

**Action for Conservation, supported by our Summer Skills Grants Programme – funded in 2025 by CVC and Infosys, with additional support from RDAS – created opportunities for young people to connect with nature and understand their role in protecting it.**

*“We were able to run our South East Summer Camp where young people immersed themselves in five days of practical conservation activities, workshops with environmental professionals and nature connection activities. They worked alongside South Downs National Park Authority Rangers, helping to restore chalk grassland habitats for lizards, insects and other wildlife. They gained a first-hand understanding of how rangers, volunteers and National Park staff maintain natural spaces for both visitors and wildlife.”*

*“One of the most unforgettable moments came when the young people had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in bird ringing with Sussex Bird Group and contribute data about migrating bird populations to a national database.”*

*“They also discovered that conservation isn't a single career path. Many left inspired by the possibility of turning a passion for nature into a career.”*



**647**

young people benefitted from 2025's Summer Skills Grants programme, and over 90% felt more confident as a result



# 746

young people were reached through our Getting Active programme in 2024–25, with 92% making positive changes to their lifestyle

## SOUTHWARK STORM'S STORY

### BUILDING INCLUSIVE SPACES THROUGH SPORT

**Getting Active is our flagship sports development programme, helping young people in underserved areas of London access sport and physical activity through structured sessions. Last year, Southwark Storm was one of the youth organisations taking part, using the funding to launch safe, accessible, women-led sports sessions.**

*“The Getting Active programme has been a real turning point for us. It allowed us to launch women’s sessions that we’d long known there was a need for, but previously didn’t have the capacity or funding to deliver.”*

*“Making sessions free or subsidised made a big difference. We had new faces every week, many of whom told us they wouldn’t have attended if there had been a cost barrier.”*

*“The programme also highlighted the importance of the social side of sport. For many participants, particularly LGBTQ young women, sessions were as much about connection and belonging as physical activity. Feeling welcomed, meeting new people, and being part of a supportive community turned out to be just as valuable as the sport itself.”*

*“From an organisational point of view, Getting Active has helped us develop a more inclusive, community-led approach. We gained practical insights around session timing, representation among coaches and volunteers, and creating clear pathways into leadership.”*

**“Getting Active gave us the platform to test, learn, and grow, and we’ll be using that learning to shape our future delivery.”**

## SAID'S STORY

### NEW PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

**We work with our corporate partners to design and deliver insight days that open up new career paths. In April, we brought together 13 young people from three member organisations for a day of insight into the insurance industry at Howden. Following the session, all young people were invited to apply for a four-week paid internship, six of whom were recruited and went on to complete the programme. For Said, the internship marked the start of something bigger:**

*“Just finished my first week at Howden as an intern and what a week it’s been. From day one, I’ve been immersed in a dynamic mix of learning, collaboration and creativity. Alongside exploring the world of insurance, I had the chance to work with an outstanding team on a short film project as part of a competitive challenge involving seven other groups.”*

*“The standard was incredibly high, which made our win more meaningful and a true reflection of our shared creativity and focus. Each session felt like a masterclass in industry insights and storytelling. It was an experience so energising, I’d relive it in a heartbeat.”*

Said secured a permanent role with Howden as a Claims Operations Analyst, turning a four-week opportunity into a long-term career – a clear example of what’s possible when employers create accessible pathways into work for young people.



# 12

insight days were hosted by us in 2025, giving young people meaningful exposure to the world of work and the chance to meet professionals

# TOGETHER FOR YOUNG LONDONERS

Youth workers change lives. We see and hear it every day. The difference they make – helping young people build confidence and self-belief – is invaluable. We're here to support London's youth workers so they can do their best for young people.

We provide our member youth organisations with vital training and specialist guidance on areas including safeguarding, quality standards and accessing funding. We also represent and advocate for London's youth work community, drawing on our collective experience.

Our membership reflects the diversity of communities across the capital, collectively reaching over 616,000 young people. Through 32 peer networks and events, and 189 professional training sessions, we created spaces for 2,813 youth professionals to come together, exchange ideas and strengthen their practice.

We continue to lead and influence youth work across London, bringing organisations together, amplifying the voice of youth workers and promoting high standards of practice. This means youth organisations are better equipped, better connected and better supported to deliver great youth work for young Londoners.

*"It made me think about the processes and systems we have in place... I found it useful to share practice and get ideas from others."*

London Youth training

*"We really benefit from being members of London Youth. They've been instrumental at helping us build networks and supporting with capacity building. This has helped us develop our own offer."*

Mary's Youth Club

82% 

of youth practitioners agreed they gained new knowledge from our training, and 85% felt more capable to apply what they learned

91% 

of our members are happy with our offer, and 87% agreed that being part of London Youth helped their organisation better support young people

81% 

of youth practitioners agreed they'd gained useful new knowledge and skills at our networks

83% 

of our members feel that we are advocating well on behalf of the youth sector



***“It’s a real honour to be recognised by London Youth, and we truly appreciate the time and support you’ve given throughout the [Quality Mark] process. The assessment was a great opportunity for us to reflect on our work and celebrate what we’ve achieved as a team.”***

London Youth Member

**68**

youth organisations and 80+ youth work professionals improved the quality of their mentoring offer by participating in the Mentoring Support Programme

**635**

adults trained ‘through the Trusted Youth Allies programme’, helping parents, carers, youth professionals and community leaders to better support young Londoners who are victims or witnesses of crime



***“I will use what I have learned to develop our programme for young people.”***

London Youth Member

**12**

youth practitioners in Islington were supported through regular one-to-one external supervision as part of the Quality, Leadership and Impact Partnership (QLIP), creating space to reflect on their professional development, navigate challenges and approach problems in creative ways



## NINA'S STORY

### RISE UP STRENGTHENED MY PRACTICE

**The Rise Up programme, funded by London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and delivered by London Youth and our partners, builds the skills and confidence of youth practitioners like Nina to better support young Londoners affected by violence.**

*"Participating in the programme has been one of the most impactful experiences of my life. As a Psychosocial PhD student and frontline youth practitioner, my passion has always been to understand and address youth violence beyond statistics, by centring lived experience. It deepened my knowledge, strengthened my confidence, and equipped me with a richer, more practical toolbox to support young people affected by violence.*

*"Drawing on my own journey, growing up in south-west London, experiencing exploitation and criminality, and transforming pain into power, the programme validated both my personal and professional purpose. I am living proof that anyone can turn their life around with determination, motivation, support and positivity.*

*"Rise Up reinforced the vital role frontline workers play and inspired me to take my work further. As a direct result, I was recently appointed Intervention Development Coordinator with the Under Radar Project, supporting young women at risk of exploitation and crime to recognise harm, break free, and rebuild their futures through trauma-informed, person-centred support."*



# 507

youth practitioners across London have benefited from Rise Up programme training since 2020

## SUNBEAMS' STORY

### EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH WORK

**Sunbeams is a Hackney-based charity supporting girls from a marginalised faith community with early mental health and wellbeing support. They undertook the London Youth Bronze Quality Mark process to strengthen their foundations and meet best practice and safety standards.**

*"Achieving our Bronze Quality Mark helped us tighten systems, clarify roles, and build confidence as a team. It has strengthened our day-to-day practice and supported conversations with partners and funders about the quality of our youth work.*

*"The process was clear, well-structured, and supportive. London Youth were approachable and realistic, helping us think carefully about our practice while offering guidance that felt practical and proportionate to our size and context.*

*"The Quality Mark provides a clear framework for improvement and a trusted way to demonstrate good practice. It is particularly valuable for organisations wanting to grow sustainably without losing sight of their values.*

*"What stood out was the way London Youth understood real-world pressures on small organisations. The process felt supportive rather than burdensome and genuinely helped us improve, rather than simply meet requirements."*



# 35



youth organisations achieved a London Youth Quality Mark this year, bringing the number of members with a valid Quality Mark in 2025 to 146

# OUTDOORS, NOT OUT OF REACH

For many young people, time outdoors is becoming less common, replaced by screens and fewer opportunities to explore. The benefits of outdoor learning are clear, yet access to these life-enhancing experiences remains uneven and underfunded.

We believe every young person should have the chance to take part. At our outdoor learning centres, Woodrow and Hindleap, young people get outdoors, take on new challenges and build confidence through hands-on activities. Here, they push themselves, try things they wouldn't normally, and discover what they can do.

At Woodrow, we were proud to win an award at the Buckinghamshire Business Awards, recognising our commitment to making every visitor experience the best it can be. At Hindleap, our new Kids' Fund began supporting school children from underserved communities to experience life-changing residential.

Last year, 16,549 young people visited Woodrow and Hindleap. For many, it was their first time away from home, building independence, confidence and memories that stay with them, supported by skilled instructors every step of the way.

Explore our outdoor offer at [woodrowhighhouse.org](http://woodrowhighhouse.org) and [hindleapwarren.org](http://hindleapwarren.org)



## 77%

of young people said their wellbeing improved, with 73% feeling more connected to their peers, following their time at our centres

## 72%

of young people said they felt more confident in their ability to achieve something, with 67% more willing to try something new, after visiting our centres

## 16,549

young people participated in activities at our two outdoor learning centres, with a further 715 attending our Woodrow swimming lessons

*"I loved the zip wire and rock climbing - loved the whole experience!"*

Young person, Hindleap

*"I took so much away from this experience. I learnt how to be resilient, responsible and understand my peers more."*

Young person, Woodrow

# DIVERSITY IN THE OUTDOORS

Careers in the UK outdoor centre sector are often shaped by access and opportunity. While trainee and apprenticeship routes exist, ethnic diversity among instructors remains low, reflecting persistent institutional barriers and limited sector-wide data to track progress.

To address this, we launched our Diversity in the Outdoors programme to better understand representation across the sector and the barriers facing young people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. Alongside research, the programme supports practical pathways into the sector through residential experiences, relatable mentorship, work placements and supported employment.

*“It’s helped me in unimaginable ways through boosting my confidence and working with different people from different backgrounds. It’s really made an impact on how I view things.”*

Young person, programme participant



## TRAVIS'S STORY

### BREAKING BARRIERS

Former London Youth instructor and Inside Out Recruitment London CIC founder Travis shares what drew him to our Diversity in the Outdoors programme, why representation matters, and how he is creating opportunities for future generations.

*“I’ve worked as an outdoor instructor for the past six years and been involved in youth work since I was 16. As a young person, I took part in lots of residential and adventure days, which had a big impact on me. That experience eventually led me to start Inside Out, after seeing how little diversity there was in the outdoor sector. With a shared goal of making the outdoors more accessible for young people from inner-city communities, I felt London Youth’s Diversity in the Outdoors programme was a perfect fit.*

*“The programme gives young people the chance to experience different areas of the outdoor industry and gain valuable experience working alongside instructors. It offers the opportunity to earn relevant qualifications and supports their journey towards becoming freelancers or full-time instructors. Having access to these opportunities and support is incredibly valuable for those just starting out. It provides guidance and a space to ask questions. Young people need role models to assist in their development. The more role models we have, the better the outdoors will be. The outdoors is for everyone.”*

# 96%

of employees, managers, delivery staff and apprentices in the outdoor centre sector are White, highlighting a lack of diversity across the workforce

London Youth’s 2025 Ethnic Diversity in the Outdoor Sector report



# FROM VOICE TO ACTION

**Almost half of young people in England feel their voice doesn't matter in decisions that affect their lives. We're changing that by putting young people at the centre of what we do – not just as participants, but as decision makers.**

Last year, our Youth Board, along with young people across our network, helped shape the government's new 10-year National Youth Strategy. Through the

Deliver You survey, they joined more than 14,000 others in sharing their views and priorities for the future of youth services.

Our Youth Board also helped highlight the power of youth work, champion better opportunities and influence policies affecting young people. They contributed to a DCMS National Youth Work Focus Group and met with the Independent Office for Police

Conduct, sharing their perspectives on accountability, stop and search, and the police complaints system.

Alongside this, we worked with our members through our youth leadership programme, funded by Jimmy Dixon Charitable Trust, to strengthen youth participation and build environments where young people are active partners in shaping their future and the services that support them.

# 117

young people were supported through our youth participation work to secure leadership roles across our member organisations, including in youth boards, as peer evaluators and as peer mentors

# One

Youth Board member was selected as one of 10 young people to speak at an APPG on Youth Affairs, helping inform Ministers on priorities for the new National Youth Strategy





Iman's photo, taken at Coin Street

## IMAN'S STORY

### MY YOUTH CLUB FEELS LIKE MY SECOND FAMILY

**During Youth Work Week, three young people from our member organisations – Iman, Demoy and Anne – created a photographic project exploring the role youth work plays in their lives. Supported by photographer Polly Braden, they produced honest images capturing the spaces and moments that matter to them. Iman explains why safe, creative spaces matter.**

*"I've been going to Coin Street for six years, since I was 13. I enjoy the openness of the people; everyone has always made me feel welcome and comfortable. The youth workers have never made me feel like I couldn't be my full self."*

*"London is a lonely place and pushes the idea of individualism, which isn't a bad thing; however, we're losing the idea*



*of community: the everyday connections, shared spaces, and collective support that bring people together. There aren't places for young people to hang out anymore that are safe and trusted people they can talk to outside of school and their homes. That's where youth work and community centres fill that void. It's so important to have community surrounding our young people to support and uplift them.*

*"My youth club feels like my second family. It's my third space, somewhere I can walk into and instantly feel at ease. Whether I need advice, a laugh, or just someone to listen, my youth workers are always there. They've helped shape me into the person I am today. I've learned to be confident and unafraid to use my voice. They've given me so many opportunities to grow."*

## DANIAL'S STORY

### MY YOUTH BOARD JOURNEY

**Our Youth Board brings together 15 young Londoners aged 16-25 from across our network, reflecting a wide range of perspectives across the capital. Youth Board member Danial reflects on his experience and the importance of spaces where young people can develop new skills.**

*"I've been visiting London Youth's member youth organisations and interviewing local volunteers to gain insight into how youth work supports young people. It's motivating to see firsthand how, with adequate support and resources, disadvantaged young Londoners can achieve their full potential."*

*"I've met youth leaders from different walks of life, across sports provision, mental health support and even expedition work. It showed me how diverse the opportunities for young people can be. By helping them realise their full potential in areas they may not have previously been aware of – through outreach, networking and mentoring – young people can feel happier and more fulfilled."*

*"Being part of the Youth Board has also highlighted the structural inequalities young people face today, including in employment, access to the arts, and mental health support. No matter what career I choose, I hope to do outreach work that helps overcome these barriers. I hope to work in public policy, government, or any area that allows me to remain a fighting force for equality and social justice."*



***"It's motivating to see firsthand how, with adequate support and resources, disadvantaged young Londoners can achieve their full potential."***

# PUTTING YOUTH WORK ON THE MAP

Since 2023, we've been sharing insights to build a clearer picture of London's youth sector. This evidence is already shaping the support we offer and strengthening our case for better provision and long-term sustainability. By making it publicly available, we hope to drive lasting change for youth work across the capital.

Our Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Data Tool is an interactive, map-based resource offering a borough-level snapshot of our membership. Drawing on data from 501 London Youth members surveyed in 2025, it highlights the organisations delivering youth work, the young people they reach, and the workforce behind it.



Explore more insights from our VCS data tool at:  
[londonyouth.org/datatool](https://londonyouth.org/datatool)

## YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

# 63%

of organisations have an income under £500,000 and a quarter are micro and small organisations (£100,000 or lower)

# 77%

of our members are experiencing increased operating costs

## WORKFORCE

# 85%

of our members are equity-led, meaning they are led by a minority group

# 29%

of our members' workforce is employed – with 71% made of volunteers

## YOUNG PEOPLE

# 66%

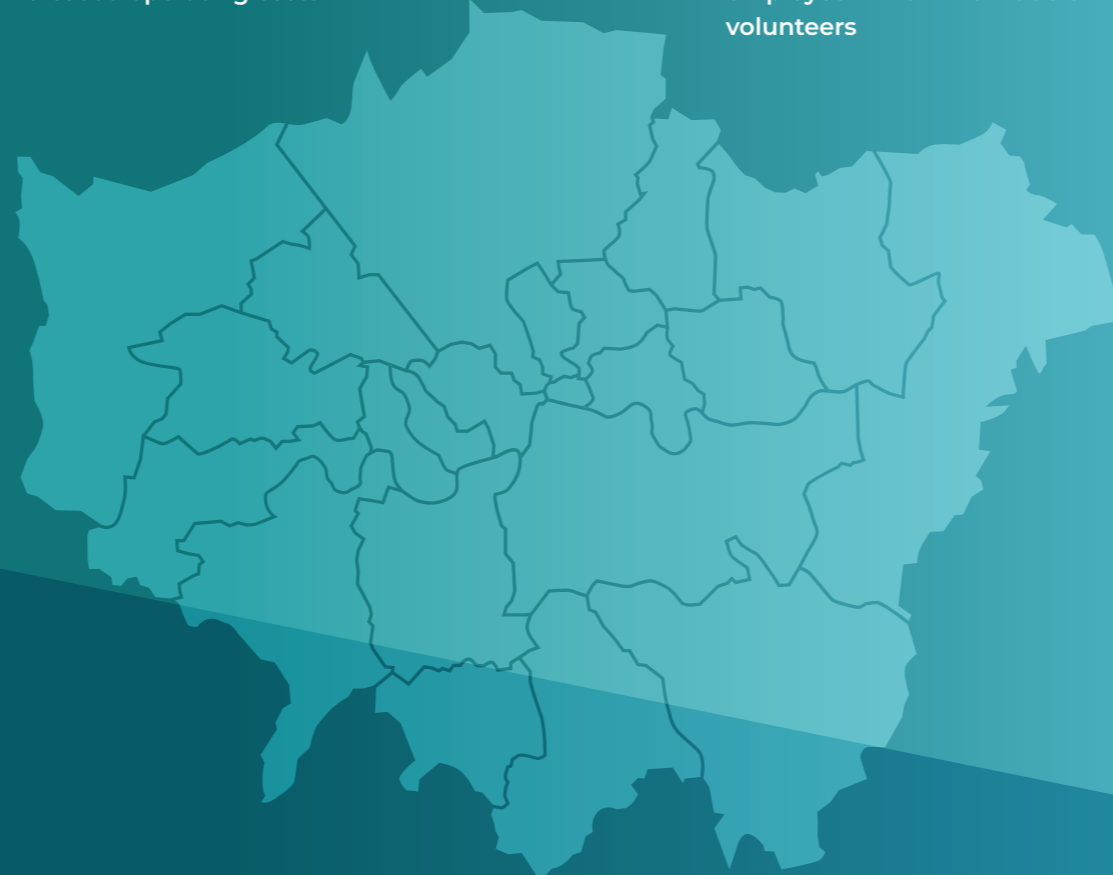
of our members work with young people who have been affected by violence

# 64%

of our members work with young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEET), or at risk of dropping out

# 78%

of the young people our members work with are from Black, Asian and/or minoritised ethnic backgrounds



Last year, we partnered with Superhighways to develop the **first comprehensive, interactive map of youth organisations across London**. Our latest estimates suggest there are around 1,800 voluntary and community youth organisations delivering youth work in the capital. Around a third of these are part of the London Youth membership network. The tool includes a map of registered locations of youth VCS organisations and groups, with publicly available information such as registered location, income, description and delivery focus. The project was supported by young people, who gained hands-on experience of a complex data initiative and developed new career skills.

Discover more at  
[londonyouth.org/sectormapping](https://londonyouth.org/sectormapping)



# SHOWING UP FOR YOUNG LONDONERS

Last year, the support of our members, Patron, ambassadors, funders and community of supporters helped us champion youth work across London.

Together, through inspiring events, fundraising and hands-on corporate volunteering, we created more opportunities for young people. From celebrating outdoor learning to backing vital youth programmes, you've helped more young Londoners access the experiences, skills and relationships they need to grow. Your energy and generosity make this work possible.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### CELEBRATING LONDON'S YOUTH HEROES

During Youth Work Week 2025, we welcomed 250 guests to the London Youth Awards to celebrate those going above and beyond in support of young Londoners. From outstanding youth organisations to dedicated youth workers, volunteers and young leaders, the awards recognised the scale and impact of youth work happening across the capital. The evening featured inspiring performances from our member organisations and was attended by our Patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Our event, supported by Visa, alongside awards sponsors Infosys, and performance sponsorship from RDAS and Gala de Danza, highlighted the growing commitment to youth work in London.

## LIFE-CHANGING SPACES

As part of his London Youth patronage, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh visited one of our member organisations, St Andrew's Youth Club in Westminster, spending time with young people and staff during Mental Health Awareness Week. The visit, attended by a range of funders and supporters, highlighted the role our member organisations play – providing safe spaces, supporting wellbeing and helping thousands of young Londoners build the skills and confidence they need.

*“London’s youth clubs were there for me when I needed them most. Youth centres in this city gave me that sense of community, allowed me to find my voice, and allowed me to make friends. I wouldn’t be where I am today without them. I’m proud to use my voice to shine a light on the people doing that work today, against all odds.”*

Efe Obada, London Youth Ambassador, broadcaster and NFL player, recipient of London Youth’s Prince Philip Award 2025



## HIGHLIGHTS

### CONNECTING LONDON'S YOUTH SECTOR

In 2025, we hosted an evening at Salesforce Tower, bringing together youth leaders, supporters, partners and changemakers to explore the challenges facing London's youth sector. Guests met grassroots leaders, heard first-hand how youth work shapes young lives, and took part in a panel exploring funding pressures, leadership and innovation. The evening also marked the welcome of five new London Youth trustees, strengthening our shared commitment to sustaining youth work across the capital.



### POWERED BY PASSION

Our incredible supporters raised vital funds by taking on personal challenges in support of young Londoners. From the London Marathon to the Hackney Half, and cycle rides to Brighton and across Jamaica – every mile made a huge difference.

If you want to take on a challenge today for young people, visit [londonyouth.org](https://londonyouth.org) to find out more about fundraising for our work.



### SHARING SKILLS AND INSPIRATION

Our corporate partners brought energy and expertise to support young Londoners and improve experiences at our outdoor centres. At Woodrow, Imperial Business School volunteers improved the cycle circuit, while at Hindleap, volunteers from Visa helped lay the foundations of a new sensory garden – just some of the many ways partners showed their support. Across 12 Insight Days, partners also shared their expertise with young people and youth workers, building employability skills and opening doors to new opportunities.



### THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to everyone funding youth work across the capital.

Now, more than ever, young people need youth work. From corporates to major donors, trusts and foundations, to government and individuals, our supporters power life-changing youth work and outdoor learning – through funding, events, volunteering, expertise, and so much more. In a challenging climate, thank you for standing with us and showing that young people matter.

**Your support is helping more young people reach their full potential.**



# **ONE CHANCE. LET'S GET IT RIGHT.**

**In a city of extremes, too many young people are shut out of opportunity. Young Londoners have made it clear that the pressures they face are all connected: loneliness and isolation, worries about money and the future, and too few safe, affordable places to spend time with friends.**

They only get one chance at growing up. Together, we have to get it right.

We know young people have enormous potential and, with the right support, the power to shape their own lives. Together with youth organisations across London, and a wide community of supporters, we're seeing more young people step into new experiences – building confidence, forming friendships, learning beyond the classroom and shaping the future of their city. This is what youth work makes possible.

Thank you for standing with London's young people. Together, we can keep opportunity within reach for those who need it most.

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