

Theme 3 – Culture, Business, Jobs, and Skills

Scheme A - Employment and Skills Opportunities for Socially Excluded Residents

ID	Organisation	Project	Geographical Area Served	Annual Grant Amount	Officers Notes	RAG rating
9080	Account3 Ltd	Jobs for the Girls - Employability for Marginalised Women of Tower Hamlets	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	This project will provide unemployed women including returners with multilingual support to plan their futures through offer of MATRIX accredited career guidance, training and support to better understand the jobs market and make the right decisions to get into paid work that offers career progression and stable employment.					
Progress Update	<p>In the period from April - June 2024 IAG was continued with LBTH residents as per the project plan for Jobs for the Girls. Have registered 16 new clients (total to date 48 women). Have provided advice and guidance and supported them to access training, volunteering CV workshops and support into employment</p> <p>Progression from the last quarter Nov 2023- March 2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One studied English, ESOL Entry 3/ Level 1 in Jan 2024 & started an agency job in April 2024 2. One studies Functional Skills Level 2 Maths starting Feb 2024 3. One is volunteering and ESOL classes starting 16th April 4. One completed TA L2 course in April 2024 <p>Of the new Registrations: April- June 2024</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 16 IAG sessions 3. 16 Individual action plans created 4. One Welfare & IT volunteer started April 5. One volunteering primary school started May 6. One started a part time job" 					

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8816	Circle Community	Circle Community's Back Your Future @ Canary Wharf employability programme for young people	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Back Your Future @ Canary Wharf will provide holistic employability support to 495 NEET young people. Access to work experience, job-seeking skills, sector knowledge, wellbeing support and entry level jobs with Canary Wharf employers will provide them with the knowledge, networks and confidence to find, sustain, and progress in work.					
Progress Update	In the past quarter the project has moved their delivery site from Unit 76 in Jubilee Place Mall to Unit 4 on the floor of the mall above which is in a higher footfall area. The project was only closed for 2 days and have continued to deliver throughout with no disruption to the young people on programme. They have increased their employers due to their relationship with Canary Wharf Group and have interviews and trials going on with 4 new employers including 2 new restaurants and a new retailer with exclusive roles for their young people. This will impact and increase the job outcomes for their young people and give them more control over the way recruitment is run in these companies					

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8701	East London Advanced Technology Training	Tower Hamlets Community Works	Poplar; Limehouse; Shadwell; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's; Weavers; Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's)	£30,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	TH Community Works is an innovative, holistic programme of employability skills training, personal development, one-to-one support, volunteering and work experience to support unemployed refugees and migrant residents of Tower Hamlets into work. It will empower participants to build a career and navigate the UK job market independently.					
Progress Update	During this quarter, Community Works project focused on enhancing the job readiness and placement success of participants through a series of structured activities. Key achievements included improving the confidence of participants to apply for jobs online, successful completion of in-person career workshops and group and individual mentoring sessions.					

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9036	Hornafrik Integration Projects Ltd	E14 BAME Skills Development and Employment Project	Island Gardens; Blackwall and Cubitt Town; Poplar Lansbury	£20,670	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Our project aims to work with the hard-to reach, excluded BAME, mainly Somali and other African communities who live in 3 wards in Tower Hamlets, who are long-term unemployed and/or economically inactive, including individuals with no formal or limited educational qualifications					
Progress Update	In this quarter, the project carried out a number of accredited SIA and CSCS training. They also organised weekly employability workshops designed to improve the employability chances of the local BAME communities. The past 3 months were significant because they had the opportunity to monitor the project and get direct feedback from the project users. Apart from their practical project support is including the One2One and group workshops on CV-building, job hunting & interview skills, creating links, job brokerage aspect of the project. Therefore the project were able to capture comprehensive monitoring data which indicated that they were successful in achieving a significant positive impact on the disadvantaged users who had been previously distant from the labour/job market; they also built the users’ confidence to go out there and not only get trained but apply jobs, this had become widespread among their project users.					

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8742	Leaders in Community	Youth and Community Social Action Hub	Poplar; Lansbury	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	The project will create a safe and inclusive hub for youth and community social action work placements, which will help develop campaigns on equity and employment by addressing barriers to progress and raising aspirations for young people and older community members, particularly for people from Black, Asian, and Multi-Ethnicity backgrounds.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter the project successfully expanded their reach by recruiting more young people into their programme. Additionally, their partnerships with corporate entities led to numerous successful events and workshops that greatly benefited their participants. These include: Recruitment Initiatives, increased recruitment of young people, corporate partnerships and events and much more. The project conducted several insight days and workshops with esteemed corporate partners including BNP Paribas, London Stock Exchange, and Brands2Life. These events provided invaluable opportunities for their young people to gain firsthand exposure to professional environments and the functioning of top-tier businesses.</p> <p>The collaboration with corporate partners played a crucial role in the successful delivery of their project activities this quarter. The support and resources provided by these organisations enabled them to offer high-quality experiences and learning opportunities to their young people. Additionally, the enthusiastic participation and feedback from the young people encouraged them to continually improve and adapt their programmes to better meet their needs and aspirations.</p>					

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8716	Limehouse Project	More New Horizons	Poplar; Limehouse; Mile End; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Limehouse Project's 'More New Horizons' project seeks to support local women to gain the skills to get into work and/or to begin to run their own online businesses which can be managed around a work-life balance and household responsibilities.					
Progress Update	<p>During this quarter, a further 17 women were recruited and registered to the More New Horizons course, thus overachieving their target and receiving more interest. The project has also sought additional supplement workshop sessions for those engaged to understand managing their money and having improved health outcomes and understanding.</p> <p>A cohort of 12 individuals for the E-Commerce and Digital Skills course took place on the 5th and 7th of June and a second session with 15 participants on the waiting list for July the 19th will be taking place in-house and online. 2x Employability workshops, one-to-ones, and supplement workshop support have taken place and additional signposting and referrals for additional support courses for individuals to overcome barriers have continued.</p>					

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9017	Mind in Tower Hamlets, Newham and Redbridge	Mindful Barista Project	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes	Green
Short Description	The Mindful Barista Project will support people living with mental health to access employment training and experience to become a Barista and gain work experience in local cafes. We will support up to 20 people per year to gain experience of working in a cafe and becoming a Barista.					
Progress Update	Organisation reported that 3 participants are currently attending training. Of the 3 clients reported last quarter 2 have completed the training and are working in the hospitality industry. The remaining one continues their training despite deteriorating health conditions and living conditions. Of the two who have completed the training, 100% of them have reported increase in self- esteem and understanding of coping mechanisms. All 5 clients have completed level 2 food safety training and barista training. Organisation reported that all clients have been supported to access services including support groups, support with employability and supported to develop meaningful connections with services. All 5 participants have access other internal services such as navigation, WB or groups. Of the two who have completed the project 100% said they are less isolated and more confident to access services.					

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8885	Osmani Trust	Pathway to Employment	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	To deliver an education, employment and training-focused project to reduce barriers to employment for NEET young people in Tower Hamlets. To develop their confidence and employability skills, help them gain qualifications and work experience and support them with progressing into education, employment or training.					
Progress Update	This quarter, the Osmani Employability project has supported and provide IAG to 42 Individuals who have been engaging pro-actively with 1-2-1 engagement sessions. They have been supported via OT programs by reinforcing learning and development. During their IAG sessions, referrals to peers at Osmani Centre and other local professional organisations have been discussed and explored with suitable courses, education & employment identified. The OT team then have been proactive in supporting the young person with individual CV development, advice with interviews and support with motivation while the individual undertakes training and placements. Referring them towards tailored training, employment and or voluntary work to steer and empower them into a positive direction by utilising all opportunities as well as the internal Osmani Trust Directory of service which includes Professionals across sectors and services which has been developed by the OT team. Thus far 12 young people have achieved L3 emergency first aid Certification, 3 young people are Certificated First responders with St Johns Ambulance and 2 young people are Food Hygiene Certificate, 3 young people have started a CBT course with Ride to Motors and 3 Young people have gained licenses by passing both theory and provision testing, 2 young people have been supported to up skill with Math & English L2.					

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8671	Providence Row	Employability & Progression (E&P) programme helping homeless people get closer to, or into, employment	Boroughwide; Spitalfields and Banglatown	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Our Employability & Progression (E&P) project will support 110 extremely vulnerable, disadvantaged and excluded homeless people in Tower Hamlets, annually. Through our numerous tried-and-tested learning, training, peer mentoring, work-placement and employment opportunities we will help people get off, and stay off, the streets and begin leading more independent, self-sustaining lives.					
Progress Update	The project managed to provide their Employability & Progression (E&P) project to 39 homeless people in Tower Hamlets. The project received 44 client referrals, 39 of whom engaged in a more meaningful way through their numerous learning, training and work-readiness activities. As well as self-referrals and referrals from Providence Row's many homeless support teams, the project received client referrals from seven homeless hostels in the borough. The project continued providing elements of their E&P project delivery through four of these homeless hostels in order to boost client engagement with some of their hardest to reach clients.					

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8952	Stepney Community Trust (SCT)	“Employment Pathways”	Boroughwide; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's; Spitalfields and Banglatown	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	“Employment Pathways” will develop training and support programmes for local people, farthest away from the job market, to improve employability and become better able to compete for jobs; the programme will comprise skills training, 1-1 mentoring, practical job search activities and work experience to progress along ‘employment pathways’.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter, the project registered 32 beneficiaries (26 females and 6 males) onto the project.</p> <p>The project delivered 20 One-to-One (IAP - individual action plan) sessions in which each client received personalised careers advice and/or guidance; support with job search, job application, writing up personal statements, and preparation for job interviews.</p> <p>The project also delivered their first motivational workshop entitled 'My 10 Year Plan' which aimed to empower clients to create a positive holistic 10 year vision for their life which includes personal development, finances, mental and physical health and personal relationships.</p>					

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9077	Streets of Growth	Inspire Talent: Youth employability programme	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	We will support 16-25s Young adults who face complex barriers to work – showcasing their abilities and ensuring successful employment/training transitions. Engaging participants through outreach, we will develop their skills through strategic employer partnerships and a vibrant programme of life skills/work training, career mentoring, work experience and viable career pathways.					
Progress Update	This quarter Streets of Growth delivered thirty-one workshops to forty-four young people aged 14-27. All participants were high-risk individuals from vulnerable backgrounds. All forty-four young people engaged in various activities aimed at developing key employability skills, including CV sessions, mock interviews, career insights, one-on-one mentoring, speed mentoring, work experience placements, and support for transitioning into employment and apprenticeships. Eight young people participated in social action initiatives, spent 24 hours in total in activities/workshops like breaking fasts with the local community and running an enterprise production for Berkeley Homes' Pride Event, highlighting inclusivity and community engagement. A total of 95 young people currently registered and allocated to Mayor Grant. With two quarters remaining in the first year, organisation is confidently on track to achieve our Key Performance Indicator (KPI) of engaging 100 young people. Organisation also highlighted that they have actually exceeded their engagement targets. Regarding the reporting of numbers, they have been submitting the count of new young people engaged/registered into the programme each quarter, with 51 new YP in Q1 and 44 in Q2. They are, working with all of them throughout the entire funded period.					

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8957	The Bangladesh Youth Movement (BYM)	“Opening Doors” [The Ethnically Diverse Women’s Engagement Initiative]	St Katherine's and Wapping; Shadwell; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's; Spitalfields and Banglatown; Weavers	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	“Opening Doors” is an initiative customised to support those residents furthest from the labour market i.e. females from Bangladeshi and ethnically diverse communities who are regularly excluded from development opportunities; they will build confidence, work-related skills and experience through employment-driven training and work development activities to become ready for work.					
Progress Update	Organisation reported that they are continuing to deliver range of activities such as Skills training courses i.e. ESOL, ICT job search, CV preparation, 1-1 support, AIG on employment and personal development training activities and volunteering. Organisation reported that a total 40 participants took part regular in the project and activities over 2 quarter. Their yearly target is 30. Therefore, they are on track. Financial reporting shows spend on track with budget. Project monitoring demonstrates engagement of BAME female participants over the age of 21 in line with application expectations on geographical and equalities monitoring.					

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9047	Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets	Improving Employability Through Volunteering	Boroughwide	£39,250	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Our project will support socially excluded residents from across the borough, including those who are further away from the labour market, to volunteer in local voluntary, community and statutory organisations, where they will gain workplace experience, training, references and improve their employability, skills and confidence.					
Progress Update	<p>Since the project received their signed grant agreement from TH in May, their project's major activity this quarter was planning, publicising and delivering the first large-scale Volunteering Fair. This was held on 3 June 2024, in partnership with LBTH Workpath at The Grocer’s Wing of the Town Hall. It was open to all Tower Hamlets residents interested in finding out about volunteering, but targeted people who were unemployed. LBTH helped them to promote the event and they received 425 bookings from individuals. Security recorded 430 attendees (367 sign-ins). 28 VCS organisations held stalls to recruit volunteers, with Workpath and Idea Stores Learning also in attendance to promote their services.</p> <p>During the quarter, 251 individuals registered with VCTH to express an interest in volunteering. They are contacting them to assess their eligibility to join the IETV programme (participants will be unemployed, under-employed or in unsatisfactory employment). The project will then enrol them, implement baseline questionnaires, identify any barriers, and tailor support to help them secure and start in suitable volunteering roles.</p>					

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8964	Working Well Trust	Upskill Works	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	We will support people with lived experience of mental health, learning disabilities and/or neurodiversity to address the barriers to progressing towards employment, to improve their employment prospects, to achieve and sustain their employment goals.					
Progress Update	Upskill Works has continued to exceed targets for referrals this quarter as over 20 Tower Hamlets residents received one to one support to action plan and take steps towards employment goals. This quarter 2 clients who had been working with Upskill secured paid employment in total 5 clients have started paid employment over two quarters making progress towards yearly total of 7. Upskill Works has continued to work in the community running workshops at Look Ahead Supported Housing and joining The Family Hub Network to market the project. This quarter Upskill has also started to survey clients to gather feedback and evaluation data from clients. Clients have accessed several activities including CV reviews and individual support with applications. Courses have included free SIA security courses, community money advisor courses, locksmith course IT and Functional skills maths and English courses. Several clients were supported onto The Pathways to Health initiative giving Tower Hamlets residents preferential access to vacancies within the NHS.					

Scheme B – Sports and Local Culture and Heritage

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9086	Bromley By Bow Community Organisation	BBBCO Sporting Community	Bromley South	£15,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	BBBCO Sporting Community will provide sporting sessions to young people to improve their physical and mental health; develop their personal skills and social connections; act as a diversionary hook away from negative activities.					
Progress Update	Fitness and Sports Sessions plans maintained at full capacity with overall group BMI readings still at a healthy range with individuals given a personal target where they have not met the healthy range. The group have bonded well and have suggested new activities that will be introduced next quarter to increase competition in the group and maintain participation.					

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8897	Four Corners	East End Stories	Boroughwide	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	“East End Stories” will provide seventy-two Tower Hamlets residents with the opportunity to participate in a programme of training and cultural activities which will culminate in them making films about their local community’s history and culture.					
Progress Update	<p>Extract from Monitoring Return: "We recruited 4 volunteers (3 from LBTH) for our collaboration with Oxford House, with the aim being to produce 2-minute films using material from the OH archives to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the community centre. Oxford House has a rich history of working with many different community groups and the volunteers really enjoyed looking through the archival material and choosing a theme or 'character' to create their narrative around. The films are being screened as part of the 140th anniversary celebrations until December 2024. Activity included archival research, storyboarding and 9 days Premiere Pro editing training, using archival imagery and oral history recordings to create the films.</p> <p>We also recruited 7 volunteers (2 from LBTH) as part of the Bengali Photo Archive project to make short films, to be screened for the duration of the BPA exhibition. Volunteers also learned how to co-curate a photographic exhibition of over 300 images. The volunteers learned how to curate artefacts in display cases and caption the items in an accessible way for all audiences. Alongside all this activity, volunteers also scanned and digitised images and transcribed oral history recordings to use in their films."</p>					

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9050	Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Professional Theatre and Inclusive Participatory Drama for Young People	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project has achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Professional theatre shows and inclusive participatory drama opportunities in an accessible venue and in Children and Family Centres around the borough. Activity is for ages 0-18 (or 25 for disabled young people) from all backgrounds and abilities from across Tower Hamlets, with free access support for anyone with needs/disabilities.					
Progress Update	<p>TMYPT are having a good start to the 24/25 financial year. In the first quarter of the year, 105 YP registered and took part in activities, with 71 feedback form completed for KPI 1 (increased confidence) and KPI 2 (increased communications skills). Both of these KPIs exceeded their original target (70) by 1. A full analysis of the feedback will be provided by next quarter. For the 3rd KPI, a written update was provided on activities throughout the 1st quarter, During the period April 2024 to June 2024, professional productions at the theatre were attended by 1,815 people. 112 new people registered on our box office based on data provided by bookings forms and on average each person booked 3 tickets (either 1 adult and 2 children, or 2 adults and 1 child). TMYPT estimate they attracted around 336 new attendees to the Half Moon to see shows during this period.</p> <p>In other updates, Martha Lloyd-Evans, Theatre & Programmes Administrator left in May and was replaced by Emily Richelle joined at the beginning of June and has settled in really well. No disruption was caused during the turnover of staff. In terms of co-design, the HMYPT reported that each term every Youth Theatre group elects two members to represent them at the Youth Forum, which is attended by a Trustee, who reports back to the full Board. The Youth Forum is one of the ways in which they allow young people to have a voice, not only in how their Youth Theatre sessions are run, but also in the ethos of the whole organisation. HMYPT provided minutes from the June Forum meeting as evidence of co-production.</p> <p>Further to examples of co-production, the HMYPT trialled a new way of working: one of the groups for young people aged 8 to 11 will be presenting short plays which were written especially for them last term by the older group (11 to 14 year olds). The older group will come to the dress rehearsal of the younger group in July, to see how their pieces have been developed to become staged productions. This is the first time they have worked in this way and the HMYPT report that the two groups were very pleased to be working on such a collaboration together.</p>					

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8860	Kayd Somali Arts & Culture	Tower Hamlets in Focus: Somali Arts Project	Boroughwide; Canary Wharf; Blackwall and Cubitt Town; Poplar; Limehouse; Mile End; Bromley South; Bromley North; Bow West; Bow East; St Katherine's and; Wapping; Shadwell; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's; Spitalfields and Banglatown; Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's); Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates that the project is on track to meet project outcomes	Green
Short Description	Celebrate and showcasing Somali arts and culture in Tower Hamlets through a series of engaging events during the Somali Week Festival. Featuring a family weekend, a captivating documentary highlighting the historical significance of Somalis in East London, and a commissioned British-Somali play. Preserving cultural heritage & promoting artistic expression and storytelling.					
Progress Update	<p>During this period, the project focused on collaborating with a local charity Women’s Inclusive Team (WIT), to organise two meetings for the documentary steering group committee. The first meeting took place in June with 14 people from different parts of Tower Hamlets, many of whom arrived in the United Kingdom in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Majority of the steering group were women, and they were the wives of late Somali seamen and members of the navy. Hence, they welcomed the idea of producing a documentary which highlights the lives and long history of Somalis in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Conducting this steering group meeting has brought a profound impact on the community of Tower Hamlets by allowing insightful discussions and elaborating engaging conversations about the experiences and challenges of some of the first and second generations of Somalis who arrived in the UK. This platform (steering group) allowed these groups to come together and share their stories, which will be showcased in the documentary.</p> <p>The primary achievement so far was the formation of a committed and enthusiastic steering group. By the end of the first meeting, they selected five steering group members who agreed to take part in the production of “Untold Stories” of Somaliland Community in East London. This selection process was a significant achievement as it ensured the involvement of key community members who have firsthand knowledge of the Somali community experience in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>In July, the director of the documentary and Kayd’s staff met the documentary crew and explained their roles in the documentary. The filming day was on the 13th of July and the production of the documentary will be finalised by the end of August 2024. The documentary will be 30 minutes long and it will highlight different aspects of the rich history of Somali presence in Tower Hamlets and their contributions. It will be screened during the Somali Week Festival 2024 on Saturday, October 19th, from 6.00 PM - 8.00 PM at Oxford House.</p> <p>The impact of these activities extends beyond the immediate production of the documentary. By engaging community members in the steering group meetings, they facilitated a space for intergenerational dialogue and connection.</p>					

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8983	Magic Me	CREATIVE MIX	Weavers; Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's); Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£39,958	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	CREATIVE MIX: a year-round programme of relationship building, arts workshops and creative events in and around Bethnal Green that will bring older and younger residents together, increasing individuals’ confidence and wellbeing, building connections across different faiths, cultures and backgrounds, through creativity and the arts.					
Progress Update	<p>During this quarter Creative Mix gone from delivering sessions in local sheltered housing schemes to regular sessions at their base in Pott Street. This move was to allow participants involved and other local residents who may potential be interested to feel like they are coming into a new space which holds no connects.</p> <p>In this quarter they have achieved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bringing both groups of participants into a new space regularly for the first time since the project started - Bringing on board a new co-lead artist - Relationships forming between students and older adults at regular sessions - Delivering a small celebration gathering in the lead up to summer to celebrate and showcase all the group had created at sessions - Mulberry UTC headteacher seeing the value in the project for his students and expressing 'I think it’s [the project] a brilliant idea and is perfect for our students.' 					

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9087	Ocean Youth Connexions	Physical Health and fitness programmes	St Dunstan's	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	We want to continue deliver a Taekwondo Session for young girls from the BAME communities, a BAME men's cycling activity and a weekend football programme that addresses social exclusions					
Progress Update	In this quarter, the project delivered Saturday football at George Green School, they entered a summer league and came runners up which has given their confidence a great boost. They have also delivered Men's Fortnightly cycling which has led to 11 males registering and on average 5 people attending each session. This has led to new cycles routes planned to increase participation and explore different areas.					

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8882	Osmani Trust	OC Active – Community Sports & Health Project	Boroughwide	£40,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	Our project will provide access to regular sports provision for BAME communities including young girls, women, young adults and men over 45; meeting their family, cultural and religious needs and enabling them to participate fully. The programme will support local people to become Volunteer Champions promoting sports and healthy living.					
Progress Update	<p>The OC Active Sports project has been very well received and welcomed across Tower Hamlets and beyond Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Women in particular have identified substantial gaps in provisions in sport in their local areas and as a result the project has also engaged 16 Women interested & attended an OC Active taster session. The LBTH OC Active Sport club's sessions has seen a strong uptake from across Tower Hamlets and from across all demographics of the community. The project has seen rapid development within the Build -up and first quarter, with 67 service users registered and attending a sports club session regularly. On average each participant has attend 3/4 sessions with the intentions to attend 5/or as many sessions as are available to attend.</p> <p>OC Active project is planning developing further sessions with Local volunteer Health champions, with the introduction of Mental Health champions and a sport survey from the whole community to support identifying the demand/need/type of sports provision wanted locally. The project shall have volunteers supporting the summer Tower Hamlets cup and also hope to host a number of collaborations to incorporate health & sport in the community.</p>					

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8875	Outside Edge Theatre Company	East London Drop-in Drama and Write Now	Boroughwide; Spitalfields and Banglatown	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	East London Drop-in Drama and East London Write Now will provide free, accessible arts-based activities for vulnerable Tower Hamlets residents affected by addiction that will help improve their health and wellbeing and prevent relapse.					
Progress Update	<p>From April-June 2024, they delivered 13 sessions of East London Drop-in Drama for 31 Service Users who attended 153 times. These weekly 2-hour sessions offered fun, fast improvisation games and drama activities that help people to build confidence, reduce loneliness, improve wellbeing and develop commitment.</p> <p>On 15th June, they ran our annual summer BBQ Service User social event at the Brady Arts Centre. This event was attended by 54 Service Users and guests. During this event, service users performed songs, monologues, scenes and pieces that had been written and devised during sessions, including 5 Service Users who regularly attend East London Drop-in Drama. This event is a wonderful occasion for Service Users to socialise outside of weekly drop-ins and grow their recovery community.</p> <p>8 participants of East London Drop-in Drama who have attended consistently for at least three months took part in the April-June module of our intermediate acting group Edge Two, which this term focussed on the techniques of Michael Chekhov. At the end of June, the group performed their devised piece Body Talks to an audience of 40 at the Brady Arts Centre in Tower Hamlets. For 2 of these participants who had been attending East London Drop-in Drama consistently, it was their first time participating in this intermediate group.</p> <p>The organisation has improved the uptake of female services users who have been attending more regularly in this first quarter of the year. They will continue on focusing attention on forming links with more women’s services in the borough to increase engagement from female Service Users.</p> <p>In addition to ongoing communication with our established network of drug and alcohol treatment service providers (e.g. Tower Hamlets RESET), to recruit more participants into our Tower Hamlets groups, they delivered 3 Drama/Drama and Creative Writing Taster Sessions in 3 services in the borough including MIND Tower Hamlets and Consortium50. These 1-hour long sessions use fun exercises that target improvements in the Five Ways to Wellbeing (connect, take notice, keep learning, be active, give) to demonstrate to participants how arts activities can help to improve wellbeing. These Taster Sessions were co-facilitated by East London Drop-in Drama service users who are offered volunteering opportunities as part of their Participation Pathway engagement with us. Between April-June 2024, they delivered 3 of these sessions for 32 people who would not otherwise have access to arts-based interventions.</p>					

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8644	Platform Cricket (Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation)	Platform Cricket Hubs: Bethnal Green, Bow, Isle of Dogs, Poplar, Stepney, Wapping & Whitechapel	Boroughwide	£25,000	Have not submitted Apr-Jun 24 Monitoring Return as at 26 August 2024	Amber
Short Description	Establish "pop up" cricket clubs at 7 locations across the borough, providing access for all children but particularly under-represented groups such as girls, ethnic minorities, and those from low-income backgrounds. Sessions will utilise cricket to support personal and social development outcomes.					
Progress Update	To follow					

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9016	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre (Also Known as ELMV Shadwell Basin Project)	Discover Adventure Sport Project	Boroughwide	£9,294	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	The ‘Discover Adventure Sports Project’ will use outdoor and adventure activities as a vehicle to, both increase the engagement of girls in sports and improve health outcomes for inactive young people. It will target under-represented communities to address the inequalities that exist in the access to adventure sports.					
Progress Update	<p>This quarter for the Girls Sessions, 6 new members were enrolled onto the programme in this quarter, so there are now 16 girls on this programme in total. There were 10 sessions that took place on Wednesday evenings over the three-month period. Activities included climbing, high ropes, raft building, stand up paddleboarding, open canoeing, indoor bouldering and kayaking.</p> <p>For the Inactive/Healthy Choices there were 7 new enrolments this quarter so there are now 8 boys and 9 girls engaged in this programme, and 10 spaces were offered in a total of 8 sessions. There were 63 attendances in total over the 8 sessions, with an average attendance of just under 8 young people per session. A mixed activity programme took place, varying from week to week depending on the weather. Activities included climbing, high ropes, indoor bouldering, open canoeing, kayaking and raft building. Over the period there were 18 awards gained in total by the participants.</p>					

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8703	South Poplar and Limehouse Action for Secure Housing (SPLASH)	SPLASH Sports and Play clubs	Poplar: Limehouse	£20,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	In England's most densely populated borough, where 41.8% of kids face weight challenges, and 88% live in flats. SPLASH Play offers free supervised play and sport provisions for children aged 5-13. Our dedicated playworkers nurture creativity, empowering kids to explore their imagination, learn, and flourish in a safe, friendly space.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter, children cleared the garden for both centres and prepared the soil to grow vegetables and sunflower seeds. Due to heavy rain, many of the plants did not survive, and the coriander leaves were eaten by slugs. However, the mint and other plants survived. The children continued watering them during the sessions.</p> <p>The project also received eight flower plants from a local nursery, which the children planted in the back garden. They made bird feeding boxes using recycled plastic bottles and posters to prevent local people from throwing rubbish in the garden.</p> <p>As the weather gets warmer, more children are playing games outdoors such as cops and robbers, cricket, and football. The project also visited Poplar Park, where the children played on the swings and used the obstacle frame. On rainy days, they made cakes, soup, and lots of hot drinks, with younger children helping with the cooking. They really enjoyed cooking and would like to do it again. New members played pool and other games in the club for the first time with help from older children. The project used a scoring system to measure their confidence.</p>					

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9064	Udichi Shilpi Gosthi	Udichi Performing Arts and Festival Project	Boroughwide; Island Gardens; Poplar; Limehouse; Mile End; Bromley North; Bow East; Shadwell; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; Spitalfields and Banglatown; Weavers; Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£19,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	UDICHI Performing Arts/Festival Project works with Tower Hamlets Bangladeshi community increasing access and participation in cultural events focusing on Bengali & other cultures/heritages. Project provides quality teaching in music, dance, literature to 420 children/young people over 3.5 years and also delivers X 18 Festivals for 7,000 Tower Hamlets residents.					
Progress Update	In this quarter, the project has successfully delivered, music, drama, literature classes and creative workshops including arts, crafts and visual arts. The children and young people attended classes, workshops and cultural events. The participants developed new skills in creative sector such as music, dance, literature and visual arts as well as performance skills. The project has developed local people's understanding of arts, culture and heritage through attending their cultural events during this quarter.					

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8673	Vallance Community Sports Association	SEND Health & Wellbeing Project (Adults)	Boroughwide	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	A programme of weekly sports and physical activities and a social club for Adults (18 years and above) with special educational needs and disabilities for the purpose of increasing sports participation, improving health and wellbeing (including mental health), and reducing loneliness, isolation and exclusion.					
Progress Update	During this quarter, the Physical and Mental Health programme for adults with disabilities participating in sports activities has made substantial progress and achieved significant outcomes. Here are some key highlights: Achievements: 1. Increased Participation: The project saw a noticeable increase in participant engagement, with more adults with disabilities actively taking part in physical activities. 2. Skill Development: Participants demonstrated improvements in physical fitness, sports skills, and overall well-being through regular training and sessions. 3. Community Integration: The program played a crucial role in fostering social connections and community integration for individuals with disabilities. 4. Positive Feedback: Continuous positive feedback from participants, indicating high satisfaction levels and the beneficial impact of the program on their physical and mental health.					

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8752	Wapping Youth Services	FitLife: Wellness Through Sports	Limehouse; Mile End; St Katherine's and Wapping; Shadwell; Whitechapel; Stepney Green; St Dunstan's; Spitalfields and Banglatown; Weavers; Bethnal Green West (formerly St Peter's); Bethnal Green East (formerly Bethnal Green)	£25,000	Monitoring demonstrates the project will achieve expected outcomes.	Green
Short Description	FitLife: Wellness Through Sports initiative is a project that promotes improved health and well-being of residents. Through targeted activities, the project aims to foster engagement, physical and mental wellness, and a sense of pride in the diverse cultural community for all the residents of Tower Hamlets.					
Progress Update	<p>In this quarter, the project delivered 1 Mountain Trek session and 12 weekly football sessions.</p> <p>The project achieved significant milestones in engaging youth from their local community through various physical activities aimed at promoting health, teamwork, and personal development. The Mountain Trek session consisted of 60 youth from their local community and the football sessions consisted of 24 young people weekly.</p> <p>The mountain trek session led to enhanced physical fitness, improved teamwork and a better mental health. The football sessions led to improved football skills and knowledge, improved community ties and an improved sense of discipline and routine.</p>					