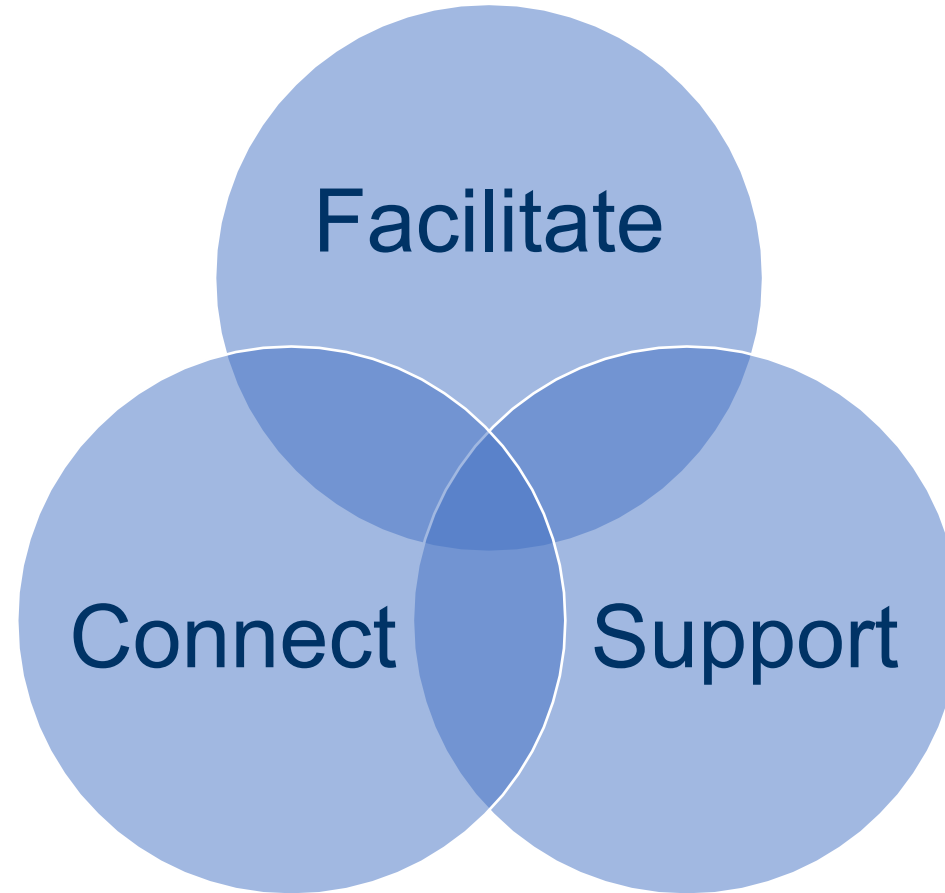


Tower Hamlets Youth Justice and Young People's Services

Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Report
March 2022



Young People's Service Offer



Young People's Service



Young People's Services

Internal Service – Youth Participation & Engagement Team

- Young Mayor
- Youth Council
- Young Carers Service
- Children living in Care

Internal Service – Breaking the Cycle Team

- Early help, 1:1, groupwork & whole family support
- Young Carers Statutory & EHA's assessments
- Delivery of Group work sessions i.e. Evolve

External Service - Commissioned Services

- LIF Funding
- Centre Based Services
4 service providers, min 10 centres
- Specialists Services – 4 providers
(LGBTQi, SEND, Arts, Transitions)
- Detached Services – 1 service provider
(tbc), 5 teams covering NW, SW, NE, SE
& Central boroughwide
- Targeted commissioning – responding to
young people's needs

Volunteering & Apprenticeship Opportunities

Locality based delivery model – Quadrants North West, South West, North East & South East



Centre Based Youth Centres / Hubs



North West: Osmani Trust

Minerva Community Centre

Osmani Youth Centre

Osmani School Sports Hall

South West: Newark Youth

Haileybury Youth Hub

Christian Street Youth Hub

Wapping Youth Hub

North East: Poplar HARCA

Eastside Youth Centre

Linc Youth Centre

St Paul's Way Youth Centre

Specialists Youth Provisions:

1. Step Forward – LGBTQi
2. Half Moon Theatre – Transitions
3. Poplar HARCA – Arts
4. Tower Project – SEND

Delivery: Boroughwide

Detached Youth Provisions: Poplar HARCA

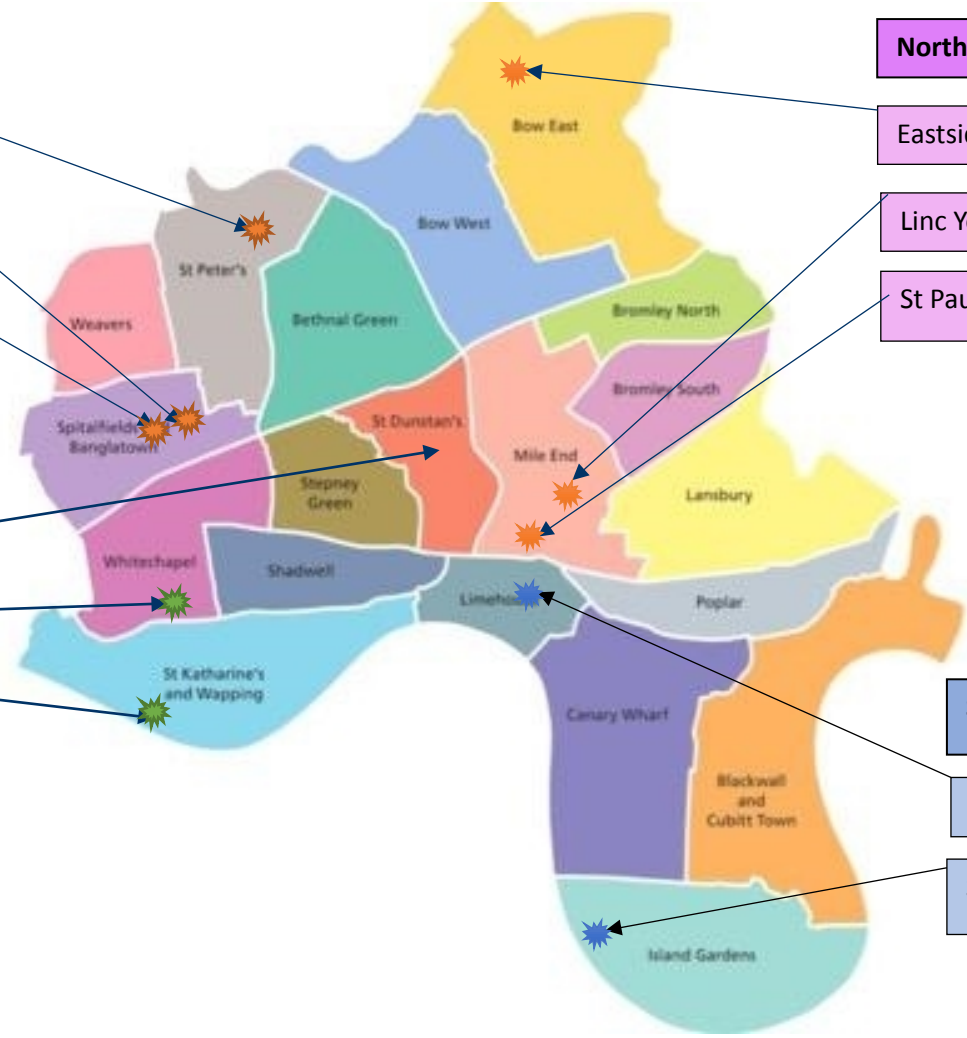
Teams: 5 teams located NW; NE; SW;SE & Central team

Delivery: Boroughwide

South East: Sporting Foundation

Limehouse Youth Hub

St Andrew's Wharf Youth Hub



Targets and monitoring



	Contacts	Participants	Recorded Outcome	Accredited Outcome
Newark Youth Organisation				
Haileybury Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Newark Youth Organisation				
Christian Street Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Newark Youth Organisation				
Wapping Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Osmani Trust – Minerva Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Osmani Trust – Osmani Youth Centre				
	250	180	90	30
Tower Project – SEND	100	60	10	0
Step Forward - LGBTQi	40	24	10	10
Half Moon – Transition Yr6 to Yr7	150	90	30	0
Poplar Harca St Pauls Way Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Poplar Harca Linc Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Poplar Harca Eastside Youth Centre	250	180	90	30
Poplar Harca Art	150	90	30	0
Poplar Harca Street & Detached	750	450	450	150

Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Definitions

Contact: Relationship building until registration form is completed

Participant: Ongoing relationship where the young person is engaging in the youth work curriculum..

Recorded Outcome: An enriched journey which demonstrates the personal progress of a young person as a result of a youth work intervention

Accredited Outcome: An accredited outcome has currency and credibility outside youth work including enhancing life and social skills and, where possible, a link to employment, education and training or Duke of Edinburgh award or award such as ASDAN, Arts Award, Music Award etc.



What have we done so far....



Participation & Support

- **Young mayor** - *Young Mayor & reps from the Youth Council shared their priorities & the 4 projects at MAB*
- **Weekly Youth Council** - *30 Children, 10 male and 20 female take part in the Youth Council sessions every Week*
- **Weekly Young Carers respite sessions** – a weekly Junior and Senior session
- These sessions have included: *Mindfulness and life coaching training for junior & senior children to learn techniques to manage stress & anxiety And drama workshops to provide an opportunity to reflect on being a young carer, its emotional and physical effects / impacts and techniques coping strategies*
- **Weekly Children Living in Care Council (CLiCC)**
- This has included the development of a girls group, a 4 day residential and a local ‘exchange’ programme with care leavers from LB Bexley. Care leavers have also developed 9 key issues affecting their lives with an action plan to allow experiences gained to be monitored & improved where appropriate
- **Targeted Support** – supporting 85 children & families, coordinating support, offering diversionary activities, re-engaging in EET that has positively reducing harm i.e. exploitation, substance use or risky behaviour and the risk of entering the criminal justice system or other statutory services

Commissioning

- Youth commissioned contract delivery has commenced with detached and arts contracts to commence in February 22.

	PROVIDER	LOCALITY
1	OSMANI TRUST	NW Quadrant
2	POPLAR HARCA	NE Quadrant
3	NEWARK YOUTH LONDON	SW Quadrant
4	SPORTING FOUNDATION	SE Quadrant
5	TOWER PROJECT	SEND
6	HALF MOON THEATRE	TRANSITION
7	STEP FORWARD	LGBTQi
8	POPLAR HARCA	ARTS
9	POPLARHARCA	DETACHED

- In addition, tailored targeted provisions commissioned to respond to emerging needs within the borough i.e. ASB

	PROVIDER	DETAILS
1	Streets of Growth	LIF Youth Outreach Programme
2	NumBI Arts	Youth activities for Somali Young people
3	Women’s Inclusive Team	Youth activities for Young Women’s & Girls
4	Osmani Trust	Breaking The Cycle (WEST)
5	Poplar HARCA	Breaking - The Cycle (EAST)
6	Streets of Growth	Coping and Caring
7	Creative Engagement	Services - CLICC PODCAST
8	Docklands Outreach	Outreach Programme Summer Holiday
9	NumBI Arts	Bi Lingual - Residential training



What have we done so far....



- Developed a Youth Providers Forum
- Cemented close working links with Police and other community safety services working across the borough
- Developed referral pathways for Children 'at risk'; First time offenders and those issued with ASB
- Secured circa. £100k to fund 2 Caseworkers posts to support & reduce children entering the YJS
- Secured circa. £2M capital funds to enhance and improve existing LBTH & VCS youth hubs
- Secured £500k to extend our Youth Outreach Programme to the Stepney - Ocean Estate, Lansbury, Poplar, Limehouse, Canary Wharf, Island Gardens & Blackwall & Cubit Town wards
- Secured £600k to extend the successful Breaking the Cycle programme for a further 3 years
- Secured £79k to enhance the youth offer for children following the impact of COVID with a focus on 'young women' and young people from the 'Somali community'



The Impact that this has had...



Half Moon Theatre results demonstrate that children and young people feel more listened to and are building up their resilience and confidence



59 contacts and 23 participants so far...The group are building a solid identity and are proud that they have a strong trans and non-binary membership, a usually forgotten part of the community.



Challenges to date



Change in culture and delivery;

Delays in the commission being completed due to internal restructures, issues with the procurement process, subsequent threat of legal challenges and contracts;

Data – recording and systems;

New Head of Service and embedding the new service structure;

Use of buildings



Our Next Steps



Networking day to build upon the Youth Providers Forum in order to scope and develop boroughwide initiatives. The first of these will be funded through our recently successful growth bid;

Collaborative working with youth partners / agencies i.e. VCS, Public Health, RSL, Schools, CFC's, Statutory services;

Joined up work with the Community Safety 'Partnership task Force' with a focus on ASB, crime/ criminal activity & behaviour;

Securing youth apprenticeships within the service;

Elevating awareness for the Participation groups in order to capture children and young people's voice;

Enhancing our offer to Young Carers;

LIF – capital and revenue funding streams;

