

Innovation Fund

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Award:**
£9,589.00

Onelab CIC
Total award - £9,589

Organisation Details

Onelab's principal activity is to provide art and design provisions to young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The organisation partners with schools in Tower Hamlets to deliver these specialised provisions – breaking down barriers for young people with additional needs and raising awareness of their needs.

It currently supports Langdon Park High School in supporting learners with additional needs to gain the following qualifications;

- BTEC Level 1 art and design
- BTEC Level 1 Digital Media

Project Objectives

Project seeks to improve life chances by empowering the next generation of neurodiverse designers in Tower Hamlets, helping them to gain meaningful work experience by backing them to showcase and sell their designs.

Innovation

This is an innovative project as it is the first to be led by neurodiverse young people, enabling them to secure a creative careers pathway into self-employment and break into the creative industry. This will lead to:

- improved employment and training entry routes for young people in Tower Hamlets who have additional learning needs
- increased confidence for beneficiaries, with young neurodiverse people being empowered to seek training and employment, moving this group closer to the labour market

Project Details

Neurodiversity in Tower Hamlets

The project delivery manager acknowledges that many neurodiverse young people may be isolated from the world and that there is a need to provide them with a safe space to make connections, train and secure employment in their respective fields. The main thread of this project is a programme of activities designed by and for neurodiverse young people that will ultimately

increase confidence levels, motivate new connections between beneficiaries, to support each other, and move them closer to the labour market. The project will be delivered from Workspace Lockstudios.

Delivery

- Work with inspiring neurodiverse young people to organise and host an annual designer showcase and sell event to a real live audience.
- Create meaningful work experience and employment opportunities for neurodiverse young people living in Tower Hamlets.
- Host "You Can Design Too" summer programme for neurodiverse children to empower them too.