

JLGB joins YOU London

The YOU London Board is delighted to announce that the Jewish Lads' & Girls' Brigade (JLGB) has become a partner organisation of YOU London.

JLGB is a modern, thriving, innovative, award-winning organisation reaching out to over 4,000 Jewish young people each year, offering them the opportunity to enrich their lives through a diverse range of positive experiences, exciting activities, leadership training and skills development programmes.

JLGB trains and develops young people of the Jewish faith to reach their potential through active citizenship - within both the Jewish and wider community - empowering them to become future leaders of tomorrow.

In common with the other YOU London organisations, JLGB encourages friendship through achievement, recognition and personal development programmes, which prepare and enable young people to develop the essential life skills needed to help their transition from young person to adult life.



JLGB was about to celebrate its 125th anniversary in April 2020, when it had to suspend all face-to-face youth activities due to the coronavirus pandemic. JLGB Virtual was its response to ensuring that children and young people could continue to have fun, learn new skills, make a difference and complete their volunteering awards during lockdown.

JLGB Virtual gave volunteers of all ages (led by young people) an opportunity to continue to volunteer throughout the pandemic. It also enabled volunteers across England, Scotland and Wales to work together, regardless of location or proximity to a local weekly group.

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In the autumn of 2020, HRH The Prince of Wales agreed to take on patronage of JLGB. JLGB was also shortlisted in the Youth Work Award category for a 2020 Children & Young People Now Award.



Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, said, "I am delighted that the Jewish Lads' & Girls' Brigade are joining the family of uniformed youth organisations in our great city. Their joining is another step towards inclusivity in the capital."

Neil Martin OBE, Chief Executive of JLGB said, "For now over 125 years, JLGB has helped young people to reach their potential in return for giving back service to others in their local and wider communities. Our shared history with many other YOU London members and our common values has always created a special bond between us all, and therefore we are delighted to be part of this network and look forward to further collaborating with our fellow members."

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Find your nearest JLGB group [here](#).



Stay Wise

www.StayWise.co.uk is a digital education platform with free curriculum-linked information for blue light services, educators and home schoolers.

The website brings together many educational resources from the emergency services and voluntary safety organisations so users can easily find trusted resources to help with home schooling or youth group activities, linked to age groups, themes and curriculum areas.

The website offers teaching materials for use at home, for teachers in classrooms or for the blue light services. Resources include lesson plans, scripts, activity sheets and games and are searchable by subject, year group or theme.



#SavingLivesThroughEducation

A collaboration of the RNLI, National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), HM Coastguard, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives, Royal Lifesaving Society UK and Child Centred Policing.



The National Youth Agency guidance for managing youth sector activities and spaces during the Covid-19 pandemic has been invaluable.

As we move into the next stage of lockdown restrictions easing from 17 May, the latest guidance and advice for youth groups can be found [here](#). In short, there is no longer a limit to group sizes for under 18s, although social distancing measures and face coverings are still required. Day trips and visits may go ahead. Overnight residential activities are permitted in groups of 6 only.

They have also produced template posters, action plans and Covid-19 risk assessments for groups to use, which can be downloaded [here](#).

Military Preparation Colleges



Did you know that there are 3 [Military Preparation Colleges](#) (MPCs) in London? In Battersea, Croydon and Edgware. But they're not just for people who want to join the military...

MPCs help 16–19-year-olds develop their fitness, vocational qualifications and employability skills to prepare them for employment in the Armed Forces or emergency services or for further education or training. The aim is to use military and progressive education techniques to help young people achieve their true potential. Along with training in physical fitness, the courses - whose instructors are all ex-British Armed Forces personnel - help learners to achieve qualifications in English, Mathematics and become proficient at problem-solving, public speaking, leadership and communication.



Each college operates a 'roll on, roll off' joining process with no set deadline by which to apply, allowing new recruits to join on a weekly basis. A typical week would include vocational and skills training, physical fitness training, problem-solving activities (both outdoors and in academic lessons) and teamwork and leadership skills development. 50% of every day spent is learning outdoors or taking part in physical training. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves to be more than just average.

MPCs are run by the MPCT (Motivational Preparation College for Training), established in 1999, who also work alongside schools in England and Wales to deliver City and Guilds and BTEC qualifications. Awarded OFSTED Grade 1 Outstanding across all areas, they were also named TES 'Training Provider of the Year 2017', by the Institute of Directors.

Want to find out more?

0330 111 3939
www.mpct.co.uk
 Text MPCT to 88008

Many colleges offer Open Days to give potential students, parents, carers or guardians an opportunity to look around the college, meet the staff and some of the students. Student ambassadors are usually on hand to speak to visitors about their experiences at the college.

THE MAKING OF YOU
 Inspiring 16-19 year olds to develop their fitness, achieve qualifications and skills for future employment

- APPROACHING 3000 MILITARY ENLISTMENTS
- ROLL ON ROLL OFF COURSE, YOU CAN JOIN ANY TIME OF THE YEAR
- 94% PASS RATE IN PHASE 1 TRAINING
- GAIN QUALIFICATIONS
- 28 COLLEGES IN THE UK
- 60% VOCATIONAL TRAINING
- LEARNERS CONDUCT DAILY PHYSICAL TRAINING
- OVER 90% PROGRESSION RATE INTO THE ARMED FORCES, TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT
- 40% PHYSICAL TRAINING

#THEMAKINGOFYOU

Mapping Young London

This month, Partnership for Young London released a substantial 146-page report '[Mapping Young London](#)'. The report is a collaboration of 22 organisations who have contributed their own research or have involved the young people that they work with in the research. The report surveyed 1,600 young Londoners aged 16-25. Findings are presented under 12 headings:

1. Priorities for London
2. Covid-19 and lockdown
3. Housing and renting
4. Opportunity and work
5. Mental and physical health
6. Education and the curriculum
7. Safety and the police
8. Discrimination
9. Fairness and finances
10. Politics and the media
11. Youth services
12. The future of London

Respondents stated that the most important issues facing young Londoners today are: housing (25.8%), employment (19.8%), mental and physical health (18.1%), education (12.1%), getting your voice heard (7.1%), safety and the police (6.6%), air pollution and the environment (3.7%) and youth provision (3.7%).

The best things about living in London are (in order of popularity): the mixture of people who live here, range of museums, public transport, job opportunities, range of shops, range of parks and open spaces, range of things for young people to do, health services, range of sports and leisure facilities, schools, safety and policing.

In terms of youth services, the most common youth services to be accessed were after school clubs (31.2%), followed by sports clubs (30.1%), arts and cultural youth services (25.2%), youth social action groups (10.7%), faith groups (10.5%) and lastly, uniformed groups (7.4%). (YOU London was not included in the research).

“There aren’t any” or they “didn’t know about them” were the main reasons given for not engaging with youth activities.

The vast majority of young Londoners surveyed said that they felt like Londoners (93.1%). A majority also said that London is more important to their identity than their local area (51.9%). Most young Londoners (68.7%) do not feel a sense of ownership over their local area.

London G-Z

In conjunction with ‘Mapping Young London’, Partnership for Young London also published '[London G-Z](#)', a literature review of research about Generation ‘Z’ in London, citing papers on this age group within the past three years.

Generation ‘Z’ is the term used to describe the generation of young people born between 1996 and 2012. As a generational cohort, the term Gen-Z is used to predict the differences in behaviours and attitudes in people born between that period, compared to their older and younger counterparts.

London has one of the most diverse populations of children and young people in the world, with almost a quarter of all Londoners under 25. London has a growing 16-18-year-old population, set to expand to 323,600 by 2032.

But the experiences of young people living in London differ vastly. Whilst we are used to seeing reports of knife crime and gang culture in the news, what is not so widely reported is that, in 2020, Londoners were awarded more top A and A* grades than pupils almost anywhere else in the country (Office for Students, 2020). Students in London regularly outperform students in the rest of England in GCSE English and Math (Trust for London, 2020). Data from the Department for Education shows that 55% of young people go into higher education in London, which means Londoners are 45% more likely to go to university than students in the rest of England (Office for Students, 2020).

Unemployment rates however, for all age groups are higher in London than in the rest of England; and highest amongst those aged between 16 and 24, with 14.9% of this age group being unemployed in 2019/20 (Trust for London, 2020).

The review is split into three parts:

1. Data snapshot
2. Research snapshot
3. Discussion

The aim of the review is to enable policy makers and researchers to understand the diversity and differences of Gen-Z and to reflect this, as well as understanding their impact and contribution, when shaping future policies and the future of London.

Summer 2021

With the anticipated lifting of lockdown restrictions, many organisations are gearing up for a summer of exciting outdoor activities. Here is just a taste of what's on offer...

Challenge South London

On 29 and 30 July, 14-17-year-olds from Wandsworth, Merton, Richmond and Kingston can take part in Challenge South London - a challenging day of fun activities designed to develop courage, confidence, resilience and self-esteem.

Jointly hosted by the Royal Marines Reserve and Southfields Academy, partner organisations include the Met Police, London Fire Brigade, Harlequins rugby, BeMilitaryFit and Powerleague.

The event is free. Participants book for one day only. For more information and to book, visit www.challengesouthlondon.co.uk.

#ChallengeAccepted

CHALLENGE SOUTH LONDON

NCS

The aim of NCS is to “engage, unite and empower young people, building their confidence so they can go out there and achieve their dreams, no matter where they're from or what their background”.

NCS operate 2 or 3 week summer holiday programmes for 16 and 17 year olds, developing in them the life skills they'll need to unleash their potential, build their self-belief and prepare them for life after school.

Bookings are open now for programmes throughout London at <https://wearencs.com>.

Hammersmith and Fulham 'uniformed organisations' week

All local authorities are able to bid for funding from the [Holiday activities and food programme 2021](#) (inspired by Marcus Rashford) to deliver 'enriching and physical activities' during school holidays to children who receive free school meals.

Hammersmith and Fulham Council will be running a 4-week activities camp this summer and will be theming w/c 9 August 'uniformed organisations' week. There is an open invitation to all uniformed youth groups in the borough to get involved. The Council will host the week - providing the venue, supplying the participants and running the event. All youth groups have to do is provide some fun activities for participants to do for a half day or more. For more information, contact Debbie at youlondon1@gmail.com.

Is your local authority running a similar scheme?

Enjoy the sights and scenery of the London riverside on a 10-mile sponsored walk that crosses 13 bridges over the River Thames in central London. Starting at Tower Bridge and finishing in Battersea, this Armed Forces Day fundraising event on 26 June, is suitable for all abilities and ages, for individuals and groups. Signing up is free. Participants are asked to raise a minimum £50 sponsorship for SSAFA.

[13 Bridges Walk | SSAFA](#)

13 Bridges

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The London Recovery Programme

COVID-19 has had a major impact on our city.

London's communities, economy and businesses have all been severely hit, with 'normal' life changing for almost everyone. The crisis has also exposed long-standing inequalities in our society; disproportionately affecting Black and Ethnic Minority communities and young people.

The challenges posed in trying to 'rebuild' London offer an opportunity to reimagine our city as a place with a better long-term future for Londoners. One which is fairer, greener and more resilient than it was before.

The Mayor of London has convened the London Recovery Board to oversee London's recovery from the pandemic. Co-chaired by the Mayor of London and the Chair of London Councils, it brings together leaders from across London's government, business and civil society, as well as the health and education sectors, trade unions and the police, to oversee the long-term recovery effort.

They hope to achieve this via the London Recovery Programme, which consists of nine 'missions' for all of London to work towards to achieve the change they'd like to see.

The aim is to restore confidence in the city, minimise the impact on London's communities and build back better the city's economy and society.

The guiding principles - which cut across all missions - are addressing social, economic and health inequalities, delivering a cleaner, greener London, and ensuring Londoners are at the heart of recovery.

If you would like to have your say to help build the city back better, sign up to Talk London, City Hall's online community. Visit www.london.gov.uk/talk-london (you must be over 16)



The nine Recovery Missions:

High Streets For All - Deliver enhanced public spaces and exciting new uses for underused high street buildings in every borough by 2025, working with London's diverse communities.

Strong Communities - By 2025, all Londoners will have access to a community hub ensuring they can volunteer, get support and build strong community networks.

Digital Access For All - Every Londoner to have access to good connectivity, basic digital skills and the device or support they need to be online by 2025.

A Green New Deal - Tackle the climate and ecological emergencies and improve air quality by doubling the size of London's green economy by 2030 to accelerate job creation for all.

A Robust Safety Net - By 2025, every Londoner is able to access the support they need to prevent financial hardship.

A New Deal for Young People - By 2024 all young people in need are entitled to a personal mentor and all young Londoners have access to quality local youth activities.

Healthy Food, Healthy Weight - To ensure that all Londoners have access to healthy food within an environment that supports them to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Helping Londoners into Good Work - Support Londoners into good jobs with a focus on sectors key to London's recovery.

Mental Health and Wellbeing - By 2025, London will have a quarter of a million wellbeing ambassadors, supporting Londoners where they live, work and play.

YOU London Leadership Conference

2-3 October 2021

The inaugural YOU London Leadership Conference will be hosted by Harrow School on 2-3 October 2021.

The aim of the 2-day conference is to develop the leadership and planning skills of young people from YOU London organisations. The conference will involve a mix of activities including indoor and outdoor challenges and practical and theoretical problem-solving. Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, has kindly agreed to be the keynote speaker.



The conference programme is being designed by Harrow School CCF. The weekend will also include a visitors' programme and a social event on the Saturday evening.

Each YOU London organisation is invited to send 8-10 delegates, who should be aged 16 or 17 at the time of the conference.

Participation is free. Each organisation's attendance is being co-ordinated by the Development Workers listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

How could your local neighbourhood be improved?

Talk London want to hear your ideas and plans for the future of your neighbourhood, your high streets, your public spaces, transport services, and your local community groups and facilities.

The consultation is open until June. Share your ideas with them at [reimagine London](https://reimagine.london.gov.uk).

Talk London: Your city, your say...

Youth Card



Speakers for Schools have recently launched Youth Card, a free app that offers young people exclusive access to life-changing opportunities plus money-saving deals and discounts straight to their phone.

The Youth Card acts as a one-stop-shop for 'life-changing and life-preparing perks' for 11-25-year olds in their local area and beyond.

It aims to provide an easy way for young people to instantly improve their employment prospects, expand their horizons and kickstart their own careers.

The Youth Card App features a digital card and sections offering discounts and access to opportunities. Brands can promote their discounted services or products directly to young people along with offering work experience, courses, apprenticeships, volunteering opportunities, mentoring, competitions, social events and early career jobs designed to prepare young people for life and work. Speakers for Schools claim it is "a game-changer in improving social mobility."

Everything you need to know about Youth Card can be found [here](#).

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It's all about...



The aim of YOU London is to work together to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations.

Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, sharing information, exhibiting together at recruitment events or simply being aware of who's who within each borough.

Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts.

Z-cards

Fold out business-card sized 'Z-cards' which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from Donna at gl-offcadets@rfca.mod.uk



If you would like to contribute to the next edition of YOU London News, please send articles and images to youlondon1@gmail.com by 30 September 2021. We're particularly after stories of collaboration between 2 or 3 organisations of no more than 200 words with a good digital image of at least 500Kb in size.