

IMPACT REPORT

January – December

2022



Our Mission

THE F.U.S.E YOUTH PROJECT EXISTS TO BETTER THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING ON HOUSING ESTATES. OUR GOAL IS TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT THEY MAY NOT GET WITHOUT OUR INTERVENTION. OUR TEAM IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, CULTURES AND BACKGROUNDS, INSPIRING THEM THROUGH WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES AND OFF-SITE TRIPS TO CULTIVATE THE IDEA OF EXPLORING A WORLD OUTSIDE OF THEIR ESTATE.



*Photo of colour paint water fight on Grahame Park during February Half Term funded by Notting Hill Genesis



Introduction

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ OUR IMPACT REPORT FOR 2022. THIS REPORT WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF OUR KEY DEVELOPMENTS, HIGHLIGHT OUR SUCCESS AND SHARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES AND LEARNING FROM LAST YEAR.

THE REPORT WILL INCLUDE:

- **THE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY F.U.S.E. IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES.**
- **HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS DEVELOPED THIS YEAR**
- **PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO OUR NEW STYLE OF DELIVERY.**
- **PRESENT OUR FUTURE PLANS FOR 2023**

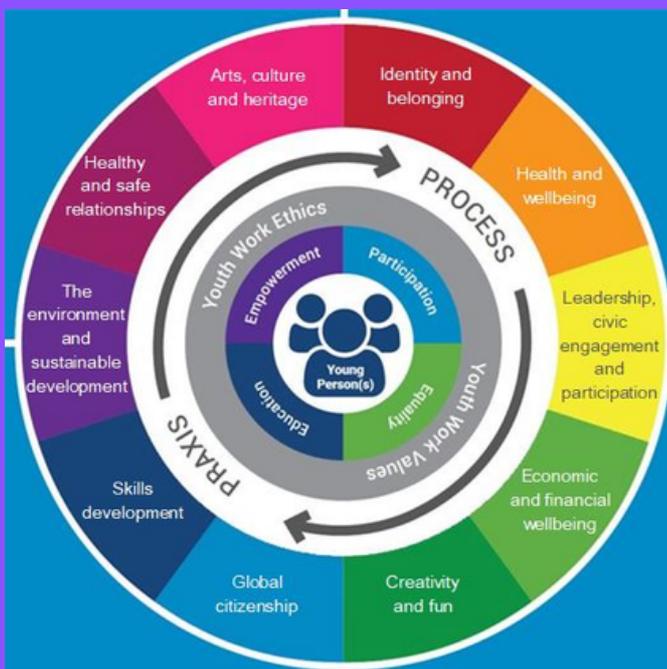
IN 2022 F.U.S.E CONTINUED TO GROW & EXPAND THE SERVICE. THIS WAS DESPITE THE ONGOING CHALLENGES OF COVID AND THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITIES. F.U.S.E. HAS CONTINUED TO ADAPT AND FIND NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO THRIVE.



National Youth Agency (NYA)

The NYA is a national body for youth work and the Professional Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) for youth work in England. Following on from their help and support during COVID F.U.S.E had been working to embed the NYA curriculum into the sessions. We spent the year exploring different topics with young people such as healthy relationships, leadership, creativity, global citizenship, environment & skills development. As part of the sessions we took feedback on what the young people enjoyed and found the most helpful. Based on these reflections the young people have designed a plan to move forward in 2023 with a different theme for each month.

NYA youth work curriculum



F.U.S.E. monthly themes



***Skills Development was one of the most engaging and empowering topics we explored with young people. The young people were learning to cook, clean and identify their own skills, which they shared with their peers. We continued to build on this topic throughout the year and in the summer holidays the young people did more cooking workshops, and now regularly serve food and do the washing up at youth club. These skills will benefit them in life and also provides leadership and empowerment whilst attending the sessions.**

Community Engagement

We are very proud of the work we do in our communities. We continued to deliver on Grahame Park, West Hendon and Stonegrove estates. We also extended our work to deliver some workshops to families in Brent Cross over the summer.

Grahame Park

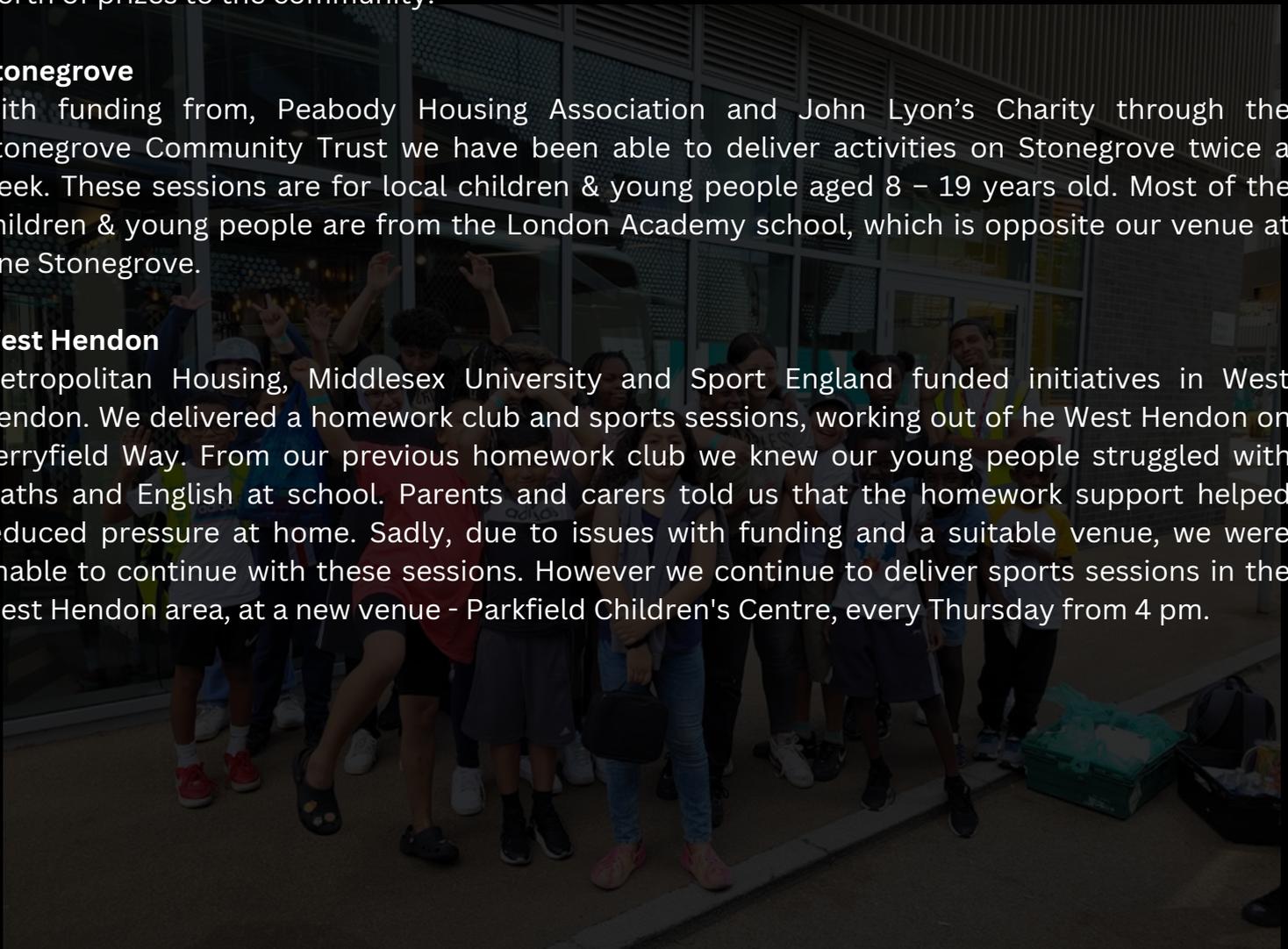
With funding from the London Borough of Barnet Innovation Fund, we were able to continue our Friday night youth club for children and young people aged 8 – 16. The funding enabled us to add an extra element to our offer, Family Inclusion. At the end of each term, we hosted Family Bingo sessions. This proved an excellent way for the team to meet and speak with parents and carers. This engagement gave us the opportunity to know about our families and offer support or signpost them to more specialised help. These events helped build family relationships through the shared activity & creating fun memories with their loved ones. Parents told us that they feel F.U.S.E. are supporting the community and found the prizes very helpful in these difficult times. One of the young people won a bungee jumping experience which was donated to us by Red Letter Days. Our final session at Christmas had over 30 people we gave away just over £200 worth of prizes to the community.

Stonegrove

With funding from, Peabody Housing Association and John Lyon's Charity through the Stonegrove Community Trust we have been able to deliver activities on Stonegrove twice a week. These sessions are for local children & young people aged 8 – 19 years old. Most of the children & young people are from the London Academy school, which is opposite our venue at One Stonegrove.

West Hendon

Metropolitan Housing, Middlesex University and Sport England funded initiatives in West Hendon. We delivered a homework club and sports sessions, working out of the West Hendon on Perryfield Way. From our previous homework club we knew our young people struggled with Maths and English at school. Parents and carers told us that the homework support helped reduced pressure at home. Sadly, due to issues with funding and a suitable venue, we were unable to continue with these sessions. However we continue to deliver sports sessions in the West Hendon area, at a new venue - Parkfield Children's Centre, every Thursday from 4 pm.



Football for All!

Our work usually involves working the children and young people on their estates. Although we really love this work, we wanted to do activities which brought our children together. We hope to develop friendships across the borough and prevent future tensions between different areas. In 2022 we partnered with Kick Action Football Academy to run football sessions at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre for all our young people. For 13 weeks after school, children from Grahame Park, West Hendon and Stonegrove came after school, enjoyed the football and developed friendships. We listened to the young people's feedback and ran a football tournament in the summer holidays. Children took part from all the estates and competed for trophies and prizes. A team with members from Grahame Park, West Hendon and Stonegrove aged 11 - 13 won the tournament.



*photo of football sessions at Burnt oak leisure centre, in partnership with Kick Action Academy, funded by Young Barnet foundations Space2Grow

PARTNERSHIPS

In 2022 we Partnered with 11 different organisations to bring quality sessions to young people in Barnet



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Awards

At Stonegrove we enrolled on the Jack Petchey Award Scheme. 3 of our members have received a Jack Petchey Award, and the children and young people nominated our Senior Youth Worker Kye Shelley McPhearson for the Leadership Award.

In 2022 our group was nominated 3 times by other professionals and members of the community for The Barnet Group's Voluntary Sector Group of the year award, 2021, which we won.

Brent Cross Town also chose F.U.S.E. to be their charity of the year for the work we have done on the West Hendon Estate and rewarded us with a £10,000 grant.



*photo of young people at Stonegrove receiving their Jack Petchey awards

Holiday and Half Term Activities

Every year we make it a priority to deliver activities to our members over the school holidays. We received funding from Notting Hill Genesis Housing Association, Home Group, John Lyon's Charity and the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) through the Young Barnet Foundation (YBF). With this funding we were able to deliver a number of successful holiday clubs. Our holiday clubs provided:



- hot meals at every session
- music workshops
- photography workshops
- gardening
- cookery
- mental health workshops
- boxing
- football
- outdoor mural painting
- off-site trips
- a residential weekend
- pottery classes.
- Inspirational visits from professionals from a variety of industries and businesses, who gave the children insights into the working world to prepare them for future careers

*photo from the youth club's residential to Woodrow High House in October Half term 2022

hours of support & engagement

Term time support	750 hours
School holidays support	390 hours
Supported children & young pople	Grahame Park 86 Young People
	Stonegrove 137 Young People
	West Hendon 25 Young People

Case Study:

Khalid, 14, lived in Stonegrove for 2 years but his family has recently moved to Hertfordshire, however, he still regularly attends the youth club on Stonegrove. Khalid first attended the youth club in the summer holidays (2021). He first joined the youth club because he said it looked really fun and he was most attracted to the outdoor activities that were available to young people. Khalid has been involved in a number of activities and off-site trips at FUSE including; Brent Cross beach, Mini golf, Inflatation, Urban Gamez, boxing, mental health workshops, football, basketball, and table tennis.

Khalid was a part of the Jack Petchey award scheme at Stonegrove and was voted by his peers to be the first winner of the award at the youth club. This led to him receiving a £300 award which he used to buy a new basketball net and basketballs for the youth club!

Khalid says he likes the staff at FUSE, he describes them as friendly and he likes the environment at youth clubs and the friends he has made. Khalid believes that many children come to the youth club because it is somewhere they can come to have a good time.



**Khalid with the Basketball hoop that he bought for the youth club, with the Jack Petchey award that he won*

Highlights

Wates Mural funded project - Grahame Park

With funding from Wates - for the young people in Grahame Park. The youth club designed and painted a mural in the Merlin ballpark. Following a few environmental disruptions to the project, we were able to produce a stunning mural that the children and wider community can be proud of.



Music project YBF S2G - Stonegrove

This year we piloted a new initiative at Stonegrove, The Music Project gave the young people the opportunity to create music together. The Idea to create a music studio came from the young people at Stonegrove. The club members helped with the design and decided on the equipment they wanted to work with. We have been successful in securing more funding from the local housing provider - Peabody - which we will use to develop the project over the next two years to improve it and make it more engaging for the young people at Stonegrove.



Barnet Digital Inclusion

In 2022 we joined the Barnet Digital Inclusion Network. We received a donation of 8 laptops for the children and young people in Grahame Park and Stonegrove. Some of the children needed a laptop to complete their school work and were gifted laptops to take home. We also kept some laptops for our clubs, that are very well used!

Grow at Stonegrove & Grahame Park

In April, we took a group of young people from Stonegrove to an urban farm project in Totteridge. We did this to equip the children and young people with basic agriculture knowledge, which they could use to grow their own food in the flower beds at One Stonegrove. With help from Poppy, the environmental projects coordinator at One Stonegrove, were we able to start a flourishing garden.

The children and young people had such a great time at the farm in Totteridge. They enjoyed learning new skills and taking them back to their community. Therefore we decided to arrange an offsite trip for the Grahame Park club. In March & April, the children and young people were involved in the development of a new community garden outside the community centre on The Concourse. The visit to the farm was really inspirational and has helped the children and young people improve their own estates.

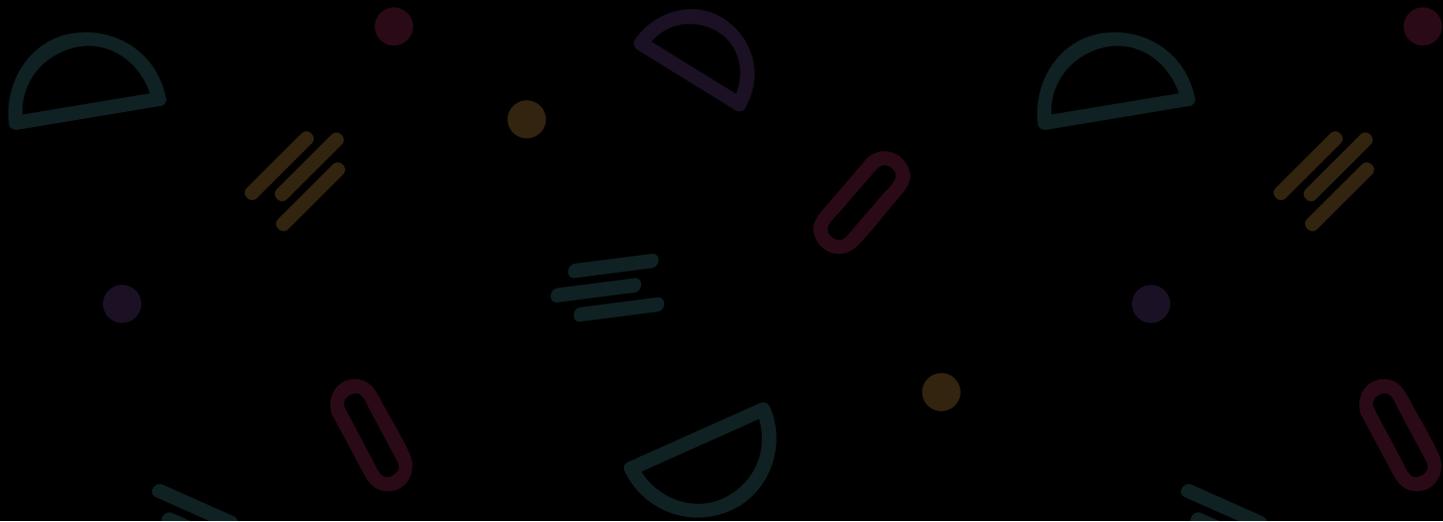
Staff professional development

At FUSE we are committed to the professional development of our staff and volunteers. We are proud to say that our team of directors, staff, and volunteers collectively took part in **293 hours** of training last year covering the following topics:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- First Aid
- GDPR
- Designated safeguarding lead
- Safer recruitment
- Safeguarding
- Risk Assessment
- Core competencies (manual handling & fire safety)
- Working in a person-centred way
- AMBIT
- LGBTQ awareness
- Mentoring skills
- Step into management
- Child sexual exploitation
- Introduction to youth work
- SEND
- Food hygiene
- Allergy Awareness
- Trauma-informed practice

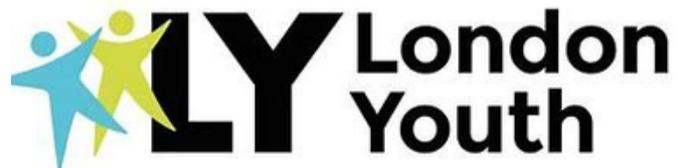
Harriet Boamah (Managing Director) and Roberta Ciatari (Senior Youth Leader), both completed their Master's degrees in 2022

*Our staff also took part in 2 team building days, which were led by AQ from the center of excellence (C.O.E) on Grahame Park, who provided us with Team Dynamic Coaching sessions, which have helped us work together in a more effective way. We would highly recommend this training for any team who seek to make progress in the area of working better together.



Thank You!

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