
Digital Youth

Work Fund 2020

Preliminary Report



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Young Camden Foundation

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In May 2020, Young Camden Foundation (YCF) launched its Digital Youth Work Fund (DYWF) as a direct response to the needs expressed by its members in a survey conducted at the start of Covid 19 lock down.

DYWF's main aim was the creation of or improvement of the digital youth work offer in the youth sector in Camden.

A total of **£30,000** was available for this fund. This was possible due to the invaluable support from Google.

Publicity

YCF published the grants in its newsletter which has **250** subscribers.

DYWF was promoted through other local newsletters such as the VAC weekly newsletter, Camden Council's community team newsletter and Funding Central, the NCVO's funding news with a national reach.

Applications and beneficiaries

YCF received 13 applications from different local organisations.

A total of £ 60,993 was requested

*Through a panel of experts and local community representatives, YCF awarded a total of **£ 32,833** to 11 organisations.*

Numbers at a glance	
Total applied for:	60,993
Total approved:	32,833
Number of applications	15
Successful applications:	11
Success rate:	73.3%

895 children and young people will benefit directly from this grant

As the request for funding was greater than what YCF had to distribute the panel made the difficult decision of reducing the actual applied for amount to an average of £2,500 per project, this would allow them to fund most of projects. YCF contributed £2,833 as a complement and transferred two DYWF applications to its Summer Opportunities Fund 2020 (SOF). These projects were successful through SOF.

Type of projects supported

Number and Type of projects	
Online activities (Football, video skills, dance etc)	4
Training and peer to peer projects (radio and film making)	2
Access to digital equipment	5

List of organisations funded through DYWF:

Successful Organisations	Age group targeted	Number of young people, children or staff benefiting from this project	Notes
1 Bloomsbury Football Foundation	3 to 14	100	BME
2 Pro Touch re worked	7 to 25	100	BME & SEN
3 Small Green Shoots	12 to 13	65	
4 Dragon Hall	8 to 17	50	
5 Yes Outdoors	9 to 17	110	Includes SEN
6 Sidings Community Centre	11 to 19	40	Includes SEN & BAME
7 The Thanet Youth and Community Centre	9 to 17	110	Includes BAME & SEN
8 WacArts	10 to 26	250	Deprived YP
9 Summer and Winter through NW5	10 to 18	20	Girls
10 Somali Youth Development Resource Centre	11 to 15	30	BAME
11 SHAK Youth Club	9 to 19	20	
Total number of children and young people:		895	

Next Steps for Digital Youth Work Fund

YCF plans to run this fund again in 2021 to continue to support the digitization of the youth sector in Camden whilst ensuring that young people most in need have access to digital resources.