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HELLO, FROM YCF'S CEO

We are delighted to present the 2023/24 report for the HAF Programme in Camden.

Since 2021, Young Camden Foundation has been fortunate enough to be Camden Council's chosen delivery partner for this national programme, funded by the Department for Education. The programme provides nutritional food and enrichment activities to Free School Meal eligible children and young people across the three main holidays each year: Spring, Summer and Winter.

As a registered charity, we know how vital youth services for children and young people are, and how much need has increased in our community. As of the latest figures, there are 8,073 free school meal eligible children and young people in Camden, and we know that there are many more families who just miss the FSM threshold but are in need of support. Camden is a borough of incredible opportunity, but it is also a community that faces challenges, where almost 1/3 of children live in relative poverty.

YCF is proud to have distributed £847,163 to fund 4,350 places for the HAF programme in Camden in 2023, working with 43 providers across 16 Camden wards. As a membership organisation, working with over 130 local voluntary and community organisations supporting children and young people, I am also exceptionally proud of the partnerships with Camden's voluntary sector. This year these have included trusted grassroots organisations including HvH Arts, British Somali Community Centre, Global Generation and Action Youth Boxing Intervention, working with schools and our Local Authority, to deliver for children and young people.

We have also fostered innovative partnerships together with the private sector, securing donations of over 600 toys for those children and young people on HAF programmes in Winter 2023.

Recognising the growing need in Camden, we are also very grateful to Camden Council for awarding the HAF programme an additional £100,000 from its Family Crisis Fund, helping us support an additional 315 children and young people in Summer and Winter 2023.

It should be noted that this is the final year of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, which has only been guaranteed by the Department for Education until March 2025, with Winter 2024 being the final guaranteed delivery period. We very much hope that the success, and real need, of the HAF programme is understood and appreciated nationally, and that funding is committed by central government to place the programme on more permanent footing, to ensure our children and young people are guaranteed the holiday support and provision they deserve.

DAISY SRBLIN, CEO OF YOUNG CAMDEN FOUNDATION, FEB 2024



HAF OVERVIEW

The HAF programme offers nutritious meals and engaging activities during school holidays, with the following objectives:

- Encouraging children and young people to make healthy food choices.
- Encouraging physical activity.
- Encouraging participation in stimulating activities that promote resilience, character development, and well-being, as well as broader educational achievement.
- Ensuring safety and reducing social isolation.
- Improving knowledge of health and nutrition.
- Increasing engagement with school and local services.

IN 2023, THE HAF PROGRAMME OFFERED THE EQUIVALENT OF 6 WEEKS HOLIDAY PROVISION FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

SPRING

At least 1 week, face to face, minimum 4 days.

SUMMER

At least 4 weeks, face to face, minimum 16 days.

WINTER

At least 1 week, face to face, minimum 4 days.

TIM ALDRIDGE Executive Director of Children and Learning at Camden Council



It is impressive to see the great work of the Young Camden Foundation and partners delivering the HAF programme across Camden in 2023. Many families continue to experience huge pressures due to the cost-of-living crisis. The HAF programme has done so much to provide some additional support to families who are experiencing the most pressure. It is great to see the fantastic range of activities that have been on offer, and the number of inclusive providers offering support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. The council is proud to work with our partners to support this work and provide opportunities for children and young people to enjoy themselves during their school holidays.

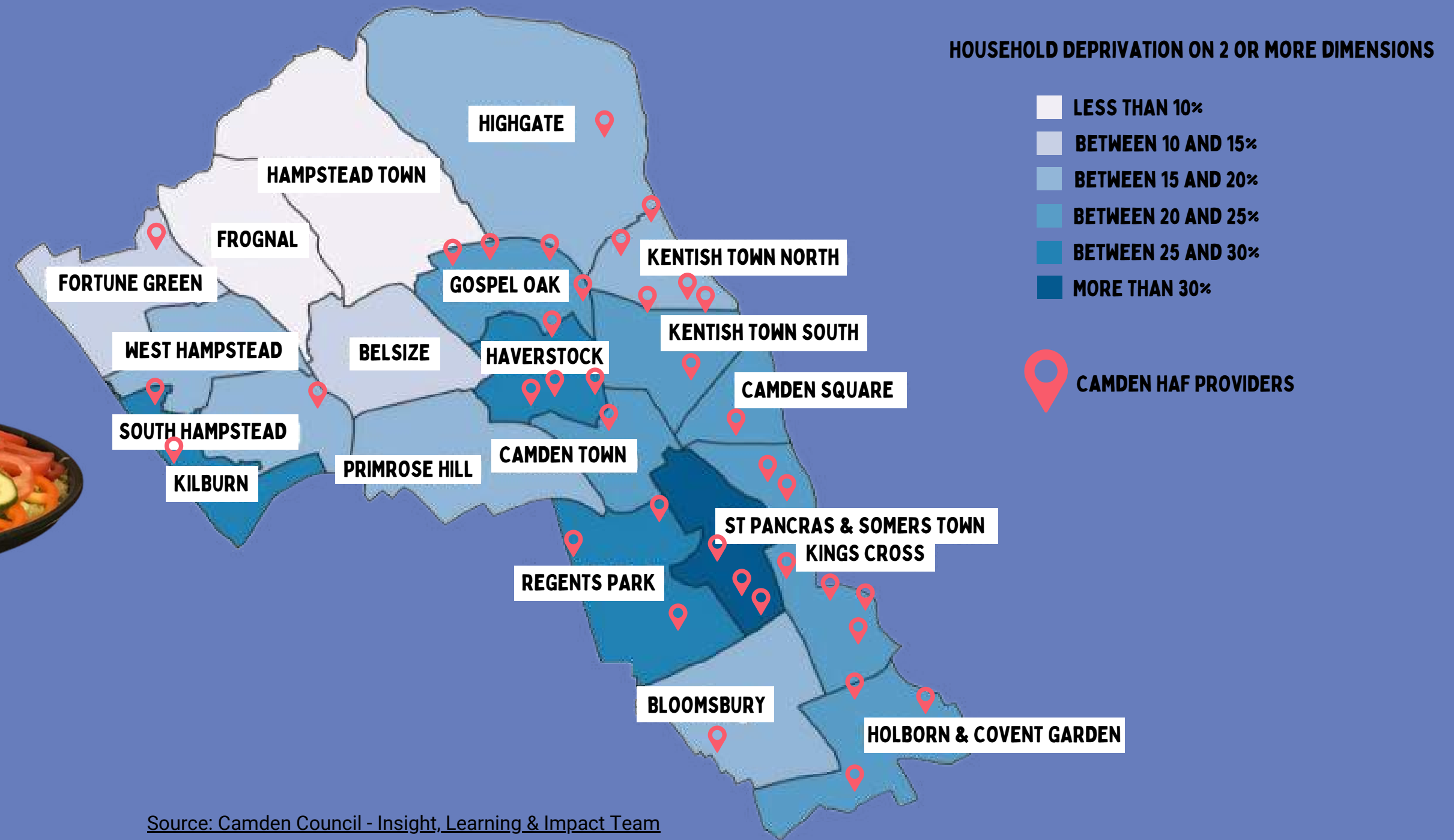




HAF CASTLEHAVEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEED ACROSS WARDS

The programme offered provision to best serve the needs of children and families within the Camden area, with a rich mix of provision catering for all, over a good geographical spread. Camden has a high level of need and has some of the most deprived wards within the country. Mapping of the area indicated areas that were most in need of HAF provision, ensuring a good spread was achieved throughout the year.



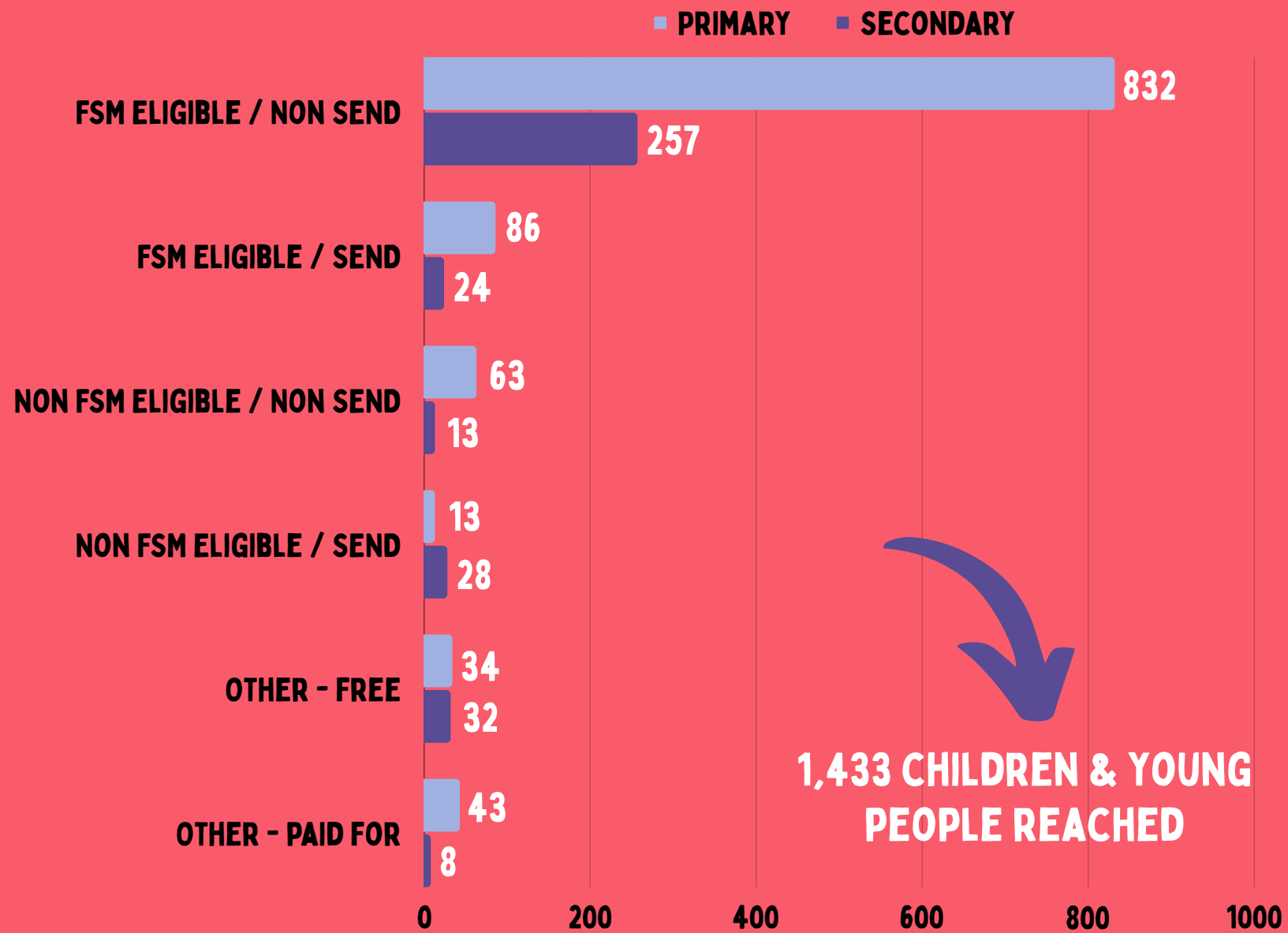
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SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

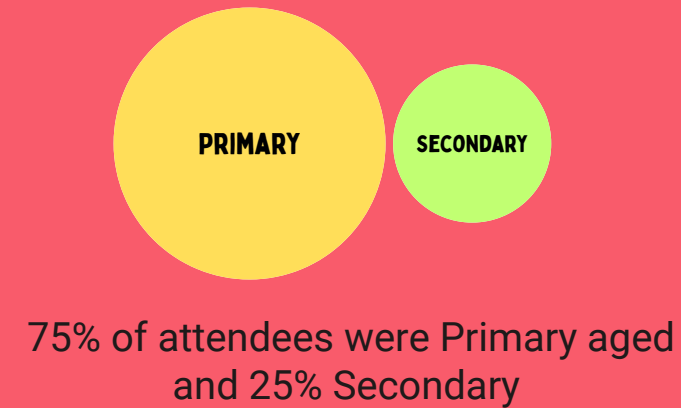
7,865 children and young people within Camden borough were eligible for benefit related free school meals in 2023.

THE HAF PROVISION SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:

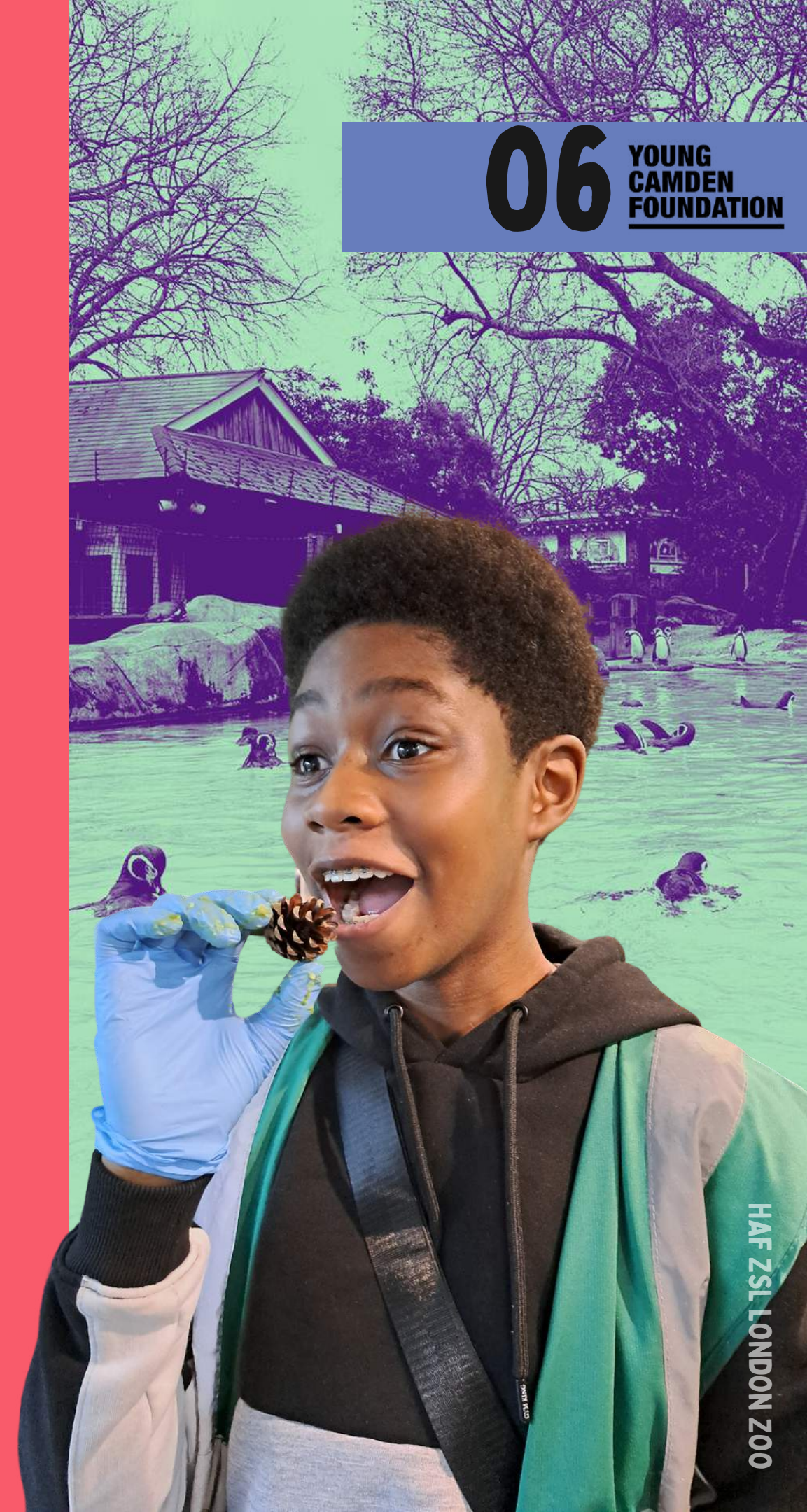
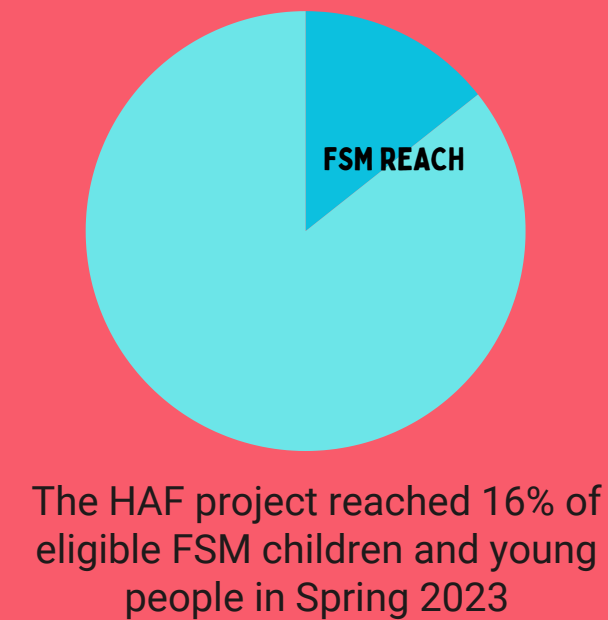
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AGE



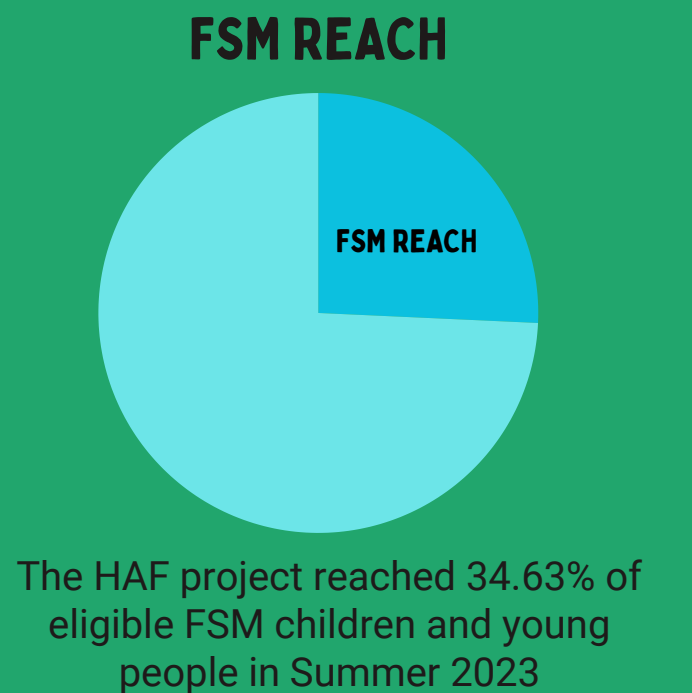
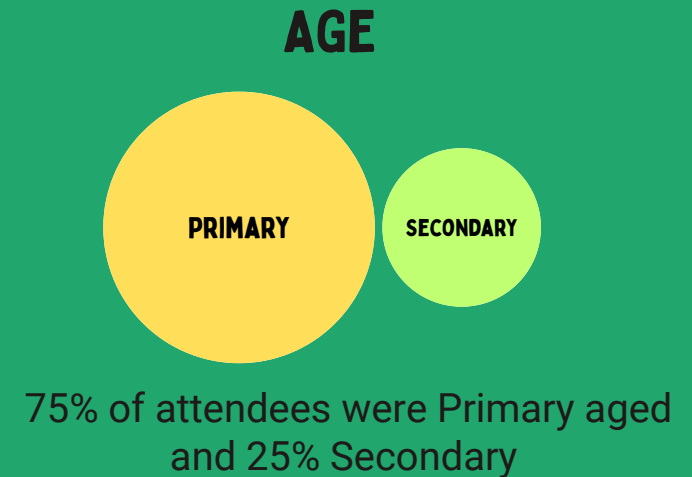
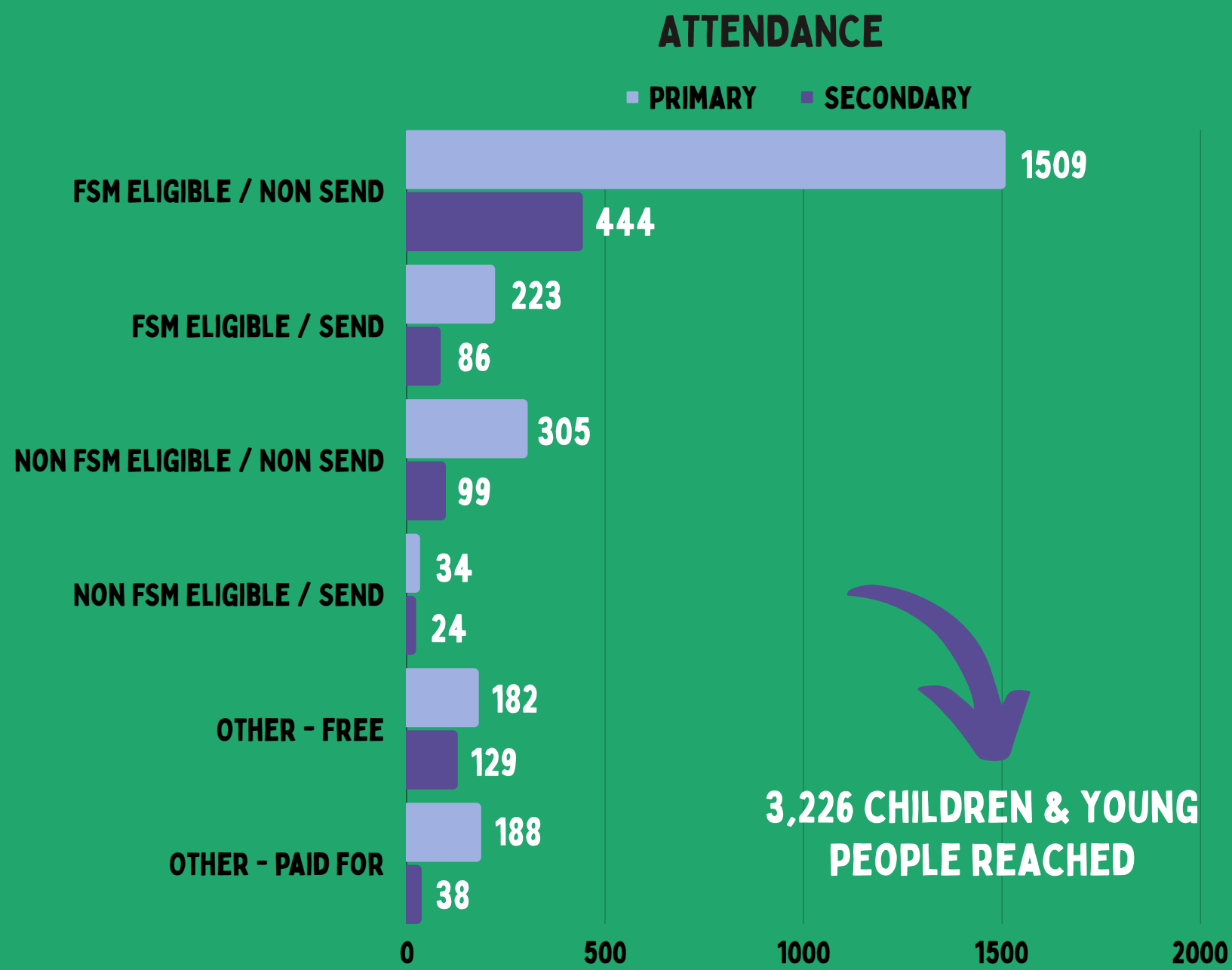
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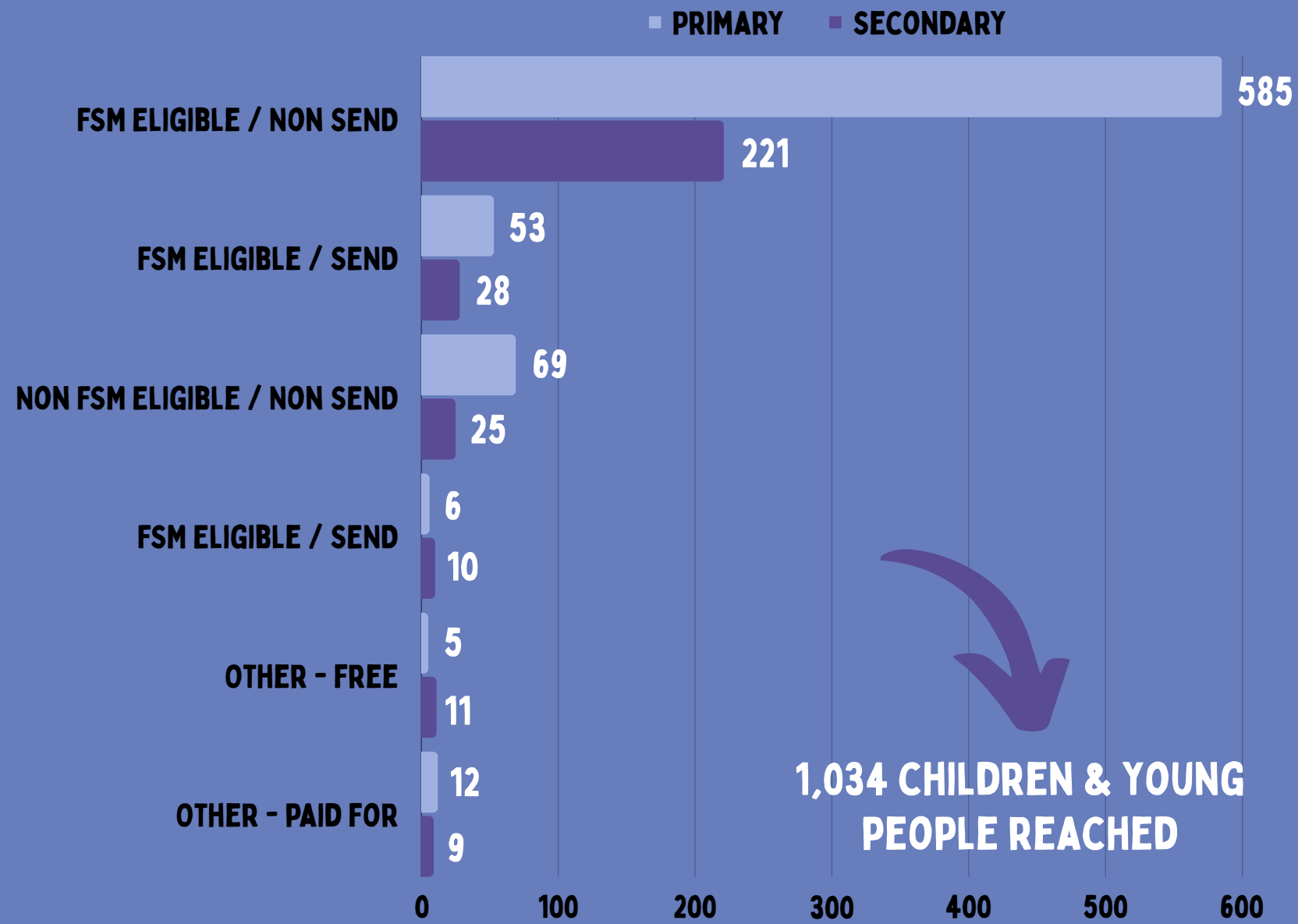
HAF PLATFORM CRICKET

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

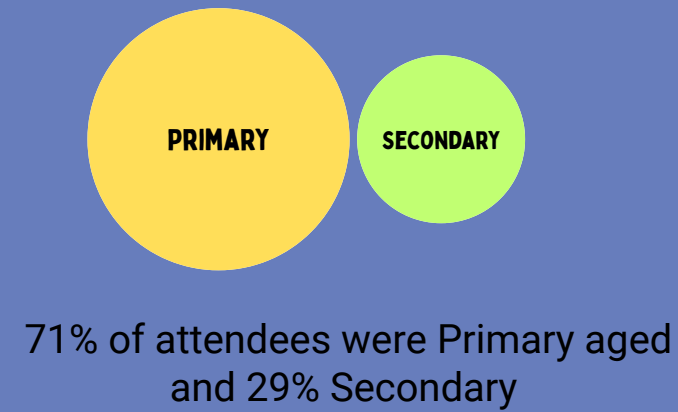


WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

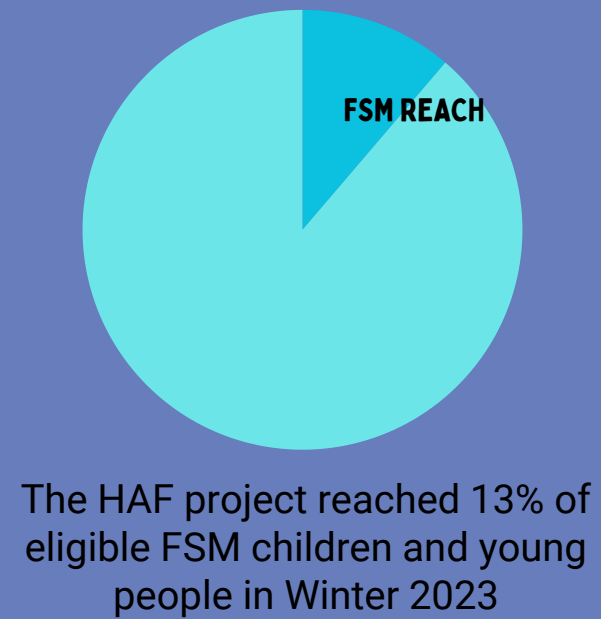
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AGE



FSM REACH





HAF BRITISH SOMALI COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROVIDERS

CAMDEN HAD THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF PROVIDERS DELIVERING AT EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD:

SPRING
25 PROVIDERS
37 VENUES

SUMMER
38 PROVIDERS
54 VENUES

WINTER
20 PROVIDERS
24 VENUES

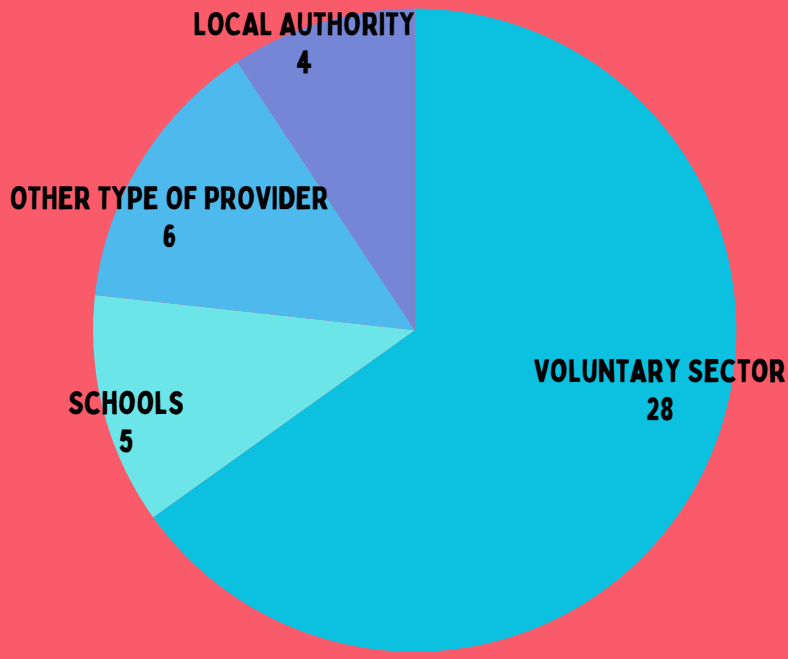
The providers who offered HAF programmes included many YCF members, such as youth clubs, primary and secondary schools, Camden charities, supplementary schools, social enterprises and other types of organisations: many of whom worked collaboratively in delivery.

Each provider delivered high-quality programmes that fulfilled their intended outcomes for the children and young people who attended. To ensure that the programmes were in line with the DfE requirements, a Quality Assurance visit was conducted for each provider. This ensured that the children and young people who attended received the best possible service.

Camden’s providers offer a wide range of enriching activities, from arts & crafts, cooking, music, dance, conservation, drama, sports and more.

Most of our HAF providers are within the voluntary sector, many of whom are also YCF members, and do amazing work with Camden’s children and young people year round.

MAIN PROVIDER ORGANISATIONS



AWARDS AND VISITS

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AWARD WINNING HVH ARTS

Of 100+ national nominations, HvH Arts secured the Childcare Works Choice Award, a national Department for Education award for exceptional delivery, presented at the Houses of Parliament.

The award recognised HvH Arts' outstanding work in helping low-income families during the holidays, using art to breakdown social isolation and promote good environment and sustainability practices.

Winning the Childcare Works Choice Award is a testament to the dedication and passion of the HvH Arts team, and a well-deserved recognition of their contribution to Camden's community of children and young people.



VIP VISITS

A number of noteworthy guests visited our HAF programme in 2023, including:

- Anne Clark AM, London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden
- James Hemsall OBE, CEO of ChildWorks
- Cllr Marcus Boyland, Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families
- Cllr Nazma Rahman, The Mayor of Camden (pictured left)
- Roxane Zand DL, Representative Deputy Lieutenant Camden (pictured left)
- Cllr Sabrina Francis, Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture (pictured left)
- Susan Acland-Hood, Permanent Secretary of the Department for Education (pictured right)





SEND SUPPORT

Camden’s HAF programme supports children with complex and non-complex SEND.

We provide additional funding for providers who have children and young people with SEND, enhancing the grant allocation to £25 p/hr per child for complex SEND, and £16 p/hr per child for non-complex SEND.

THE HAF PROGRAMME FUNDED THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF SEND SPACES IN 2023:

SPRING	SUMMER	WINTER
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63	135	66
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ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS WERE MUCH HIGHER THAN FUNDED PLACES AT 615:

151	367	97
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CLLR MARCUS BOYLAND Cabinet Member for Best Start for Children and Families

I am delighted that Camden’s HAF programme is supporting Free School Meal eligible children, including children and young people with SEND. I am especially proud that we have been able to top up the HAF programme in Camden with an additional £100,000 from Family Crisis Funding in June 2023, in recognition of the growing need of the programme. This funding has paid for an additional 315 places overall for children and young people in Camden, and boosted our SEND offer. During my HAF visit to London Inclusion Sports Academy at Talacre Sports Centre this Winter, it was great to see the dedication and passion of highly trained staff, creating an active programme of trampolining, table tennis, gymnastics and soft play for Camden’s children and young people with complex needs.



FUNDING

WE DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING HAF GRANTS TO PROVIDERS IN 2023:

SPRING	SUMMER	WINTER
£125,463	£547,798	£93,275

ADDITIONAL FAMILY CRISIS FUNDING (FCF)

We were also very proud that Camden's HAF programme secured an additional £100,000 of funding from Camden Council's Family Crisis Fund, in recognition of growing need amongst Free School Meal eligible children and young people's families, as a result of the cost-of-living crisis.

WE DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING FCF GRANTS TO PROVIDERS IN 2023:

SUMMER	WINTER
£69,597	£11,030

In Summer, FCF funded an additional 173 places. 57 spaces, or 33%, of these spaces provided financial support to cover the costs for 1:1, 2:1 or complex needs support. A small number of spaces (7 in total) enabled non FSM eligible but vulnerable children and young people to access the programme.

In Winter, FCF funded an additional 85 places. 15 spaces, or 18% of these spaces provided financial support to cover the costs for 1:1, 2:1 or complex needs support.

The remainder of the FCF funding will be distributed in Spring 2024.



HAF ACTION YOUTH BOXING INTERVENTION

QUOTES

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“ I REALLY ENJOYED THE TRIPS ”
CAMDEN YOUTH EARLY HELP - SPRING

“ HAD A GREAT TEAM AT THE FARM I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE STAFF FOR A LOVELY WEEK ”
KENTISH TOWN CITY FARM - SPRING

“ IT WAS THE BEST WEEK I HAD EVER HAD. I GET TO LEARN A LOT FROM THE TEACHERS AND IT WAS REALLY FUN AND NICE! ”
NETLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL - SPRING

“ I LOVE COMING TO WINCH AND THE STAFF ARE REALLY NICE ”
THE WINCH – SUMMER

“ ABSOLUTELY LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT THE HAF PROGRAM. IT'S HELPED ME SO MUCH AS A SINGLE PARENT. I CAN LEAVE MY CHILDREN HERE WHILE I WORK KNOWING THEY ARE SAFE AND HAVING FUN WHILE HAVING A HEALTHY MEAL. THANK YOU. ”
PACE CAMDEN SQUARE – SUMMER

“ HE HAS FOUND A NEW PASSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY..THANK YOU!!!! ”
HVH ARTS - WINTER



ENRICHING ACTIVITIES

We'd like to thank several partners that have supported the HAF programme in Camden in 2023, creating exciting opportunities for children and young people through highly skilled workshops, private tours, free or discounted tickets.





BUSINESS SUPPORT

TOY APPEAL

We were thrilled to see the overwhelming response to our toy appeal in Winter 2023. We received **605** toys from four generous corporate companies. These were distributed to ten HAF providers, and it was a delight to see the smiles on children’s faces as they unwrapped their presents.

We also received pre-school toys, blankets and books that were too young for children on the HAF programme. We were able to find a home among two YCF member charities with a pre-school audience.

Overall, the response to our toy appeal was truly heartwarming. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to make a difference.

CATERLINK

Caterlink provides healthy, nutritionally balanced hot meals to over 90% of Camden primary schools and some secondary schools. Their menus are tailored to Camden school children and meet government guidelines. They also provide meals for the Camden HAF programme during school holidays, delivering freshly cooked hot meals to each programme through Neko Home Delivery. We are thankful to the Caterlink team for their support.

NEKO DELIVERY

Neko Home Delivery supports the Camden HAF programme by delivering hot meals from Caterlink school kitchens to HAF venues in Camden using a fleet of cargo bikes, including electric and pedal-powered bikes. They prioritise sustainability and reliability, ensuring that meals arrive on time. The team maintains a good work partnership with Caterlink and Camden HAF providers, and we’re grateful for their hard work and dedicated service.

YES OUTDOORS

Thank you to Yes Outdoors for filming and photographing HAF in Summer 2023. Watch the brilliant video [here](#).

2024 PLANS

INCREASE PARTNERSHIPS

We aim to strengthen links with a wide variety of Camden institutions and businesses in 2024. This could include theatres, arts & cultural venues, colleges and universities, and the private sector.

If you are interested in supporting the HAF programme, please email info@youngcamdenfoundation.org.uk.

SUPERMARKET APPEAL

We are aiming to raise 1,000 food vouchers, worth £20 each in 2024. As of February 2024, we have secured 200 vouchers from Aldi, 100 from Tesco and 22 from Co-op. Thank you for your generosity.

INCREASE PARTICIPANTS AGED 11-16

We aim to engage more young people of secondary school age in the HAF programme in 2024. To achieve this, we will strengthen our ties with secondary schools, tap into young people's passion points, and speak with young people to ensure we are catering to their needs.

COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

We are in the process of updating our website, to strengthen our communications and make it easier for users to navigate and book onto the HAF programme.

HOT MEALS

We are passionate about ensuring every child and young person who attends the programme is served a high quality, hot and healthy meal.

We will continue to work with providers to source and partner with great food establishments based in Camden borough.





MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM THE MAYOR OF CAMDEN

Cllr Nazma Rahman

I had the pleasure of visiting several of Camden's HAF providers in Summer and Winter 2023, where children and young people were having great fun participating in cooking workshops, drama classes, African drumming, magic displays, feeding farm animals, and much more! I grew up in Camden and took part in similar community activities during the school holidays, and as a parent I also know how important this offer is. I've seen first-hand how HAF provides a space for children to connect with friends, have fun, learn new skills and eat well. It is another reason I have been very proud to work with Young Camden Foundation as my named charity for my Mayoral year.

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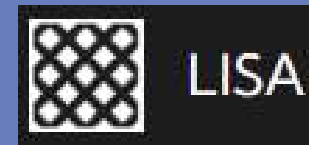
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