

A background image of children playing basketball in a gymnasium, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the image.

YOUNG CAMDEN FOUNDATION

**Summer
Opportunities
Fund
2023:
Big Days Out**

About

In a time where the challenges faced by our young individuals have been accentuated by the complexities of our contemporary world, the Summer Opportunities Fund: Big Days Out sought to serve as a beacon of hope and respite. Recognizing the strain imposed by the far-reaching impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the relentless pressures of the cost-of-living crisis, the disturbances brought about by global conflicts, and the often pervasive influences of social media, we endeavored to curate a programme that would infuse joy and positive experiences into the lives of the young people in our community.

With the generous contributions and unwavering support of **Derwent London, LabTech, and the kind donations from the residents of Camden**, we were able to execute this fund, creating numerous opportunities for our youth to engage in enriching and uplifting activities throughout the summer months. Their commitment to the well-being and development of our young individuals has made this initiative possible, fostering a sense of togetherness and resilience within our community. We express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one who has played a part in bringing this ambition to life.



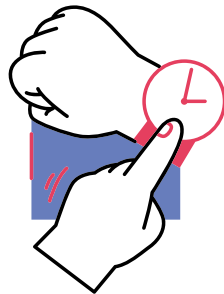


**£21,736.20 distributed
to 12 organisations**

YCF Funding Supported



**549 young people
to access summer
opportunities**

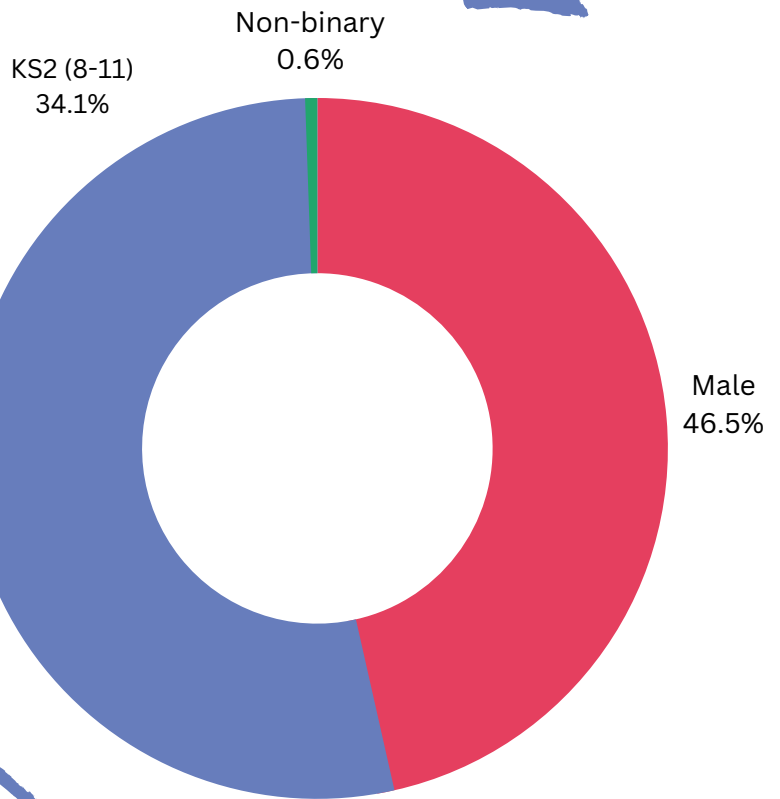
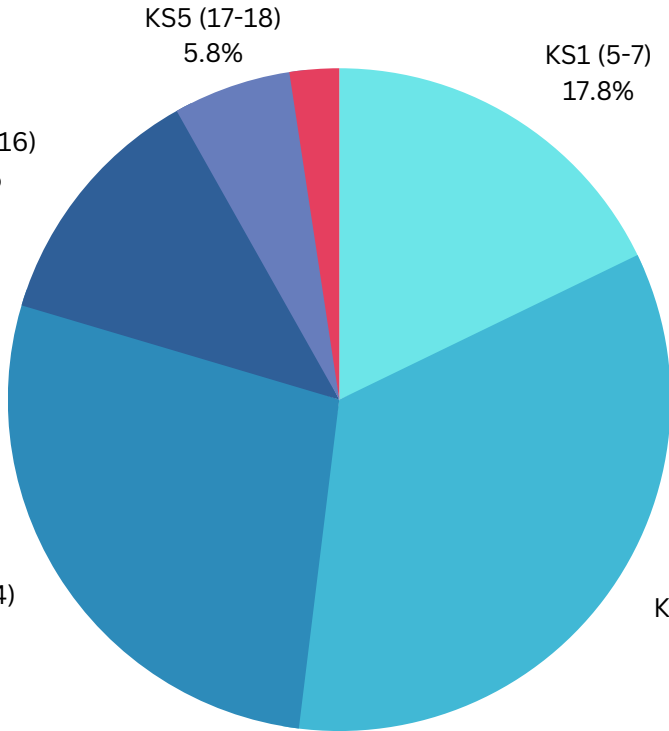


**266 hours of
provision to be
delivered**



An average of **22.12
hours** of provision
per grantee

Metrics

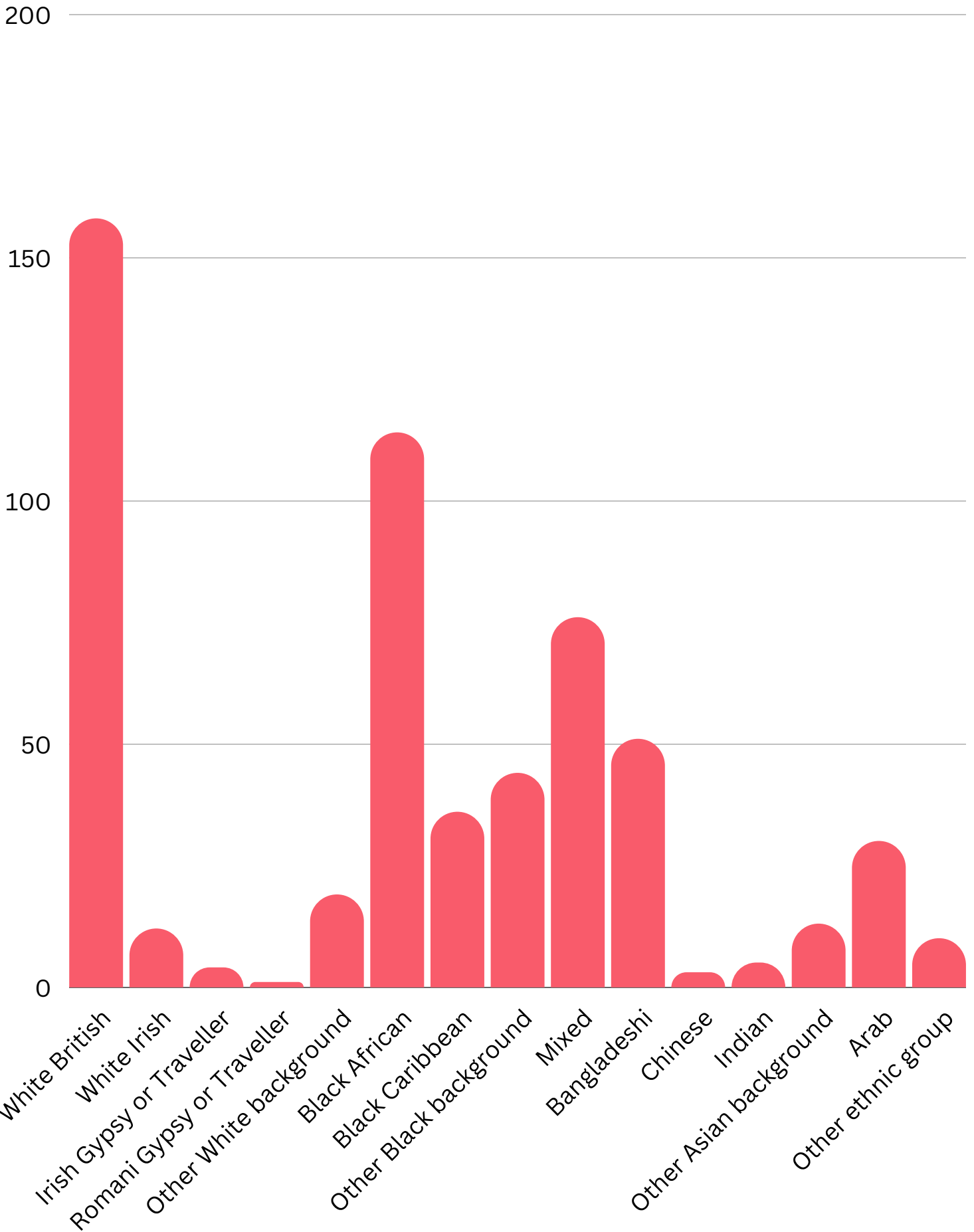


316 (57.55%) of participants were FSM eligible

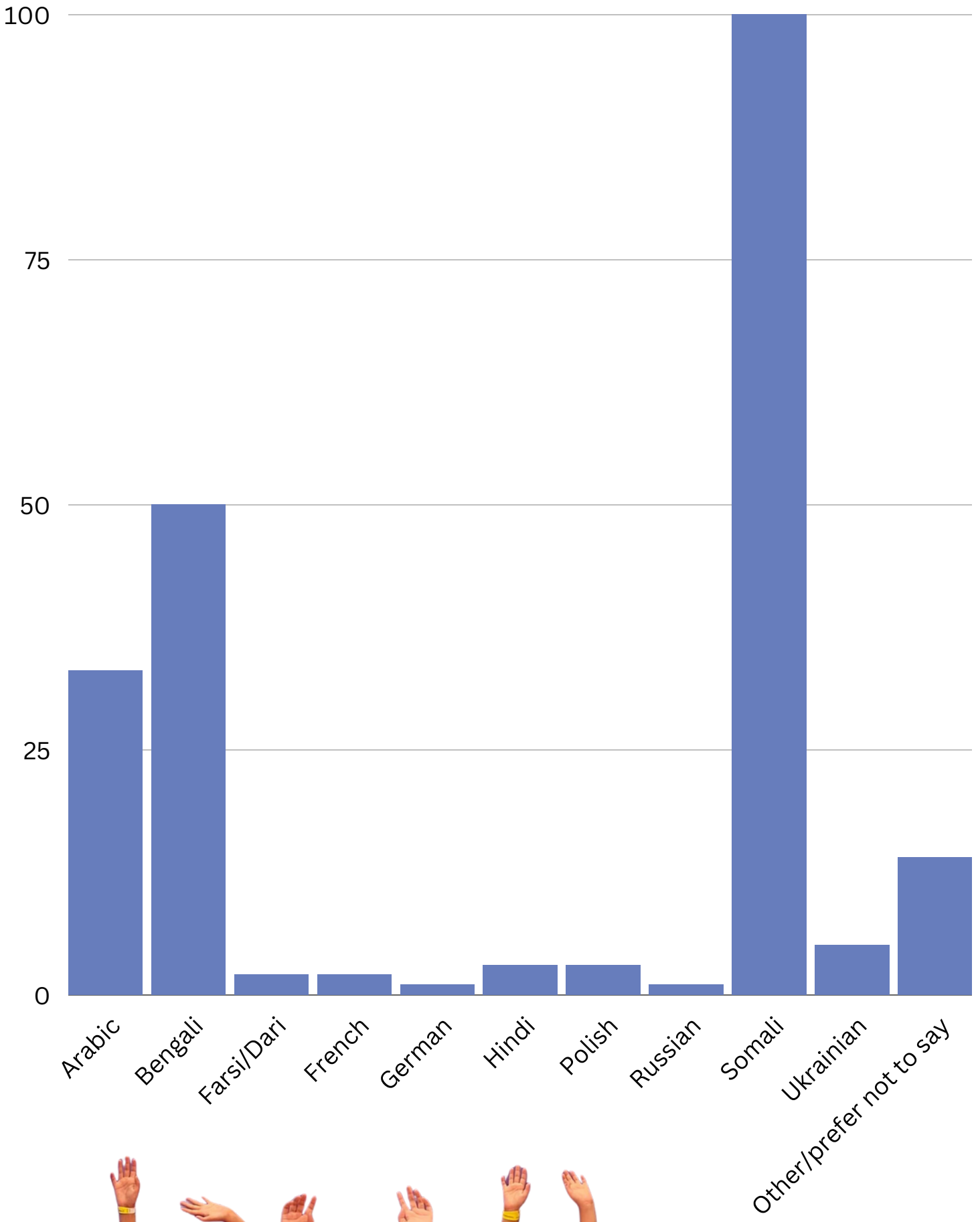


86 (15.66%) of beneficiaries had SEND needs

Participant Ethnicity



■ Languages spoken



Projects

STORE took a group of young people to **HG Matthews Brickworks** for a tour of the factory, facilities, and processes that comprise traditional and future focused brick making techniques



Maiden Lane Community Centre organised several trips for their young people, including a weekend away to **Southend Seaside and Adventure island**

PACE provided accessible seaside trips to children from each of their play centres to destinations such as **Margate, Brighton, and Camber Sands**





Thanet Youth & Community Centre organised several fun trips for young people, including to **Southend, Go Ape, the cinema, and a Thames boat trip**

Somali Youth Development Resource Centre took their young beneficiaries to **Bournemouth beach, DNA VE experience, and held a picnic in Regents Park**



Elfrida Rathbone organised for **12 young people with various disabilities** to experience a fun day out to **Southend seaside**

KCBNA took a large group of young people for an exciting day at **Thorpe Park**



The Apex Project provided their young people with a series of fun activities, including **Indoor Skydiving**, a **Thames River Cruise** and **life sized Monopoly**

Regents Park Time Bank organised for a group of young people and their families to go on trips to **Southend** and **Brighton**





lamIrish hosted 4 trips - taking young people to **archery, Kew Gardens, and an immersive GAMEBOX experience.**

Hampstead Community Centre organised a watersports day out for their beneficiaries, involving **kayaking and bell boating.**



7th St Pancras Guides were able to provide a group of girls with the opportunity to have an **exclusive screening of the Barbie movie**

100% of grantees said they either definitely or probably wouldn't have been able to run their trips without YCF funding

Grantee	Awarded	Camden Ward
STORE	£1,535.00	Kings Cross
Maiden Lane Community Centre	£2,000.00	Camden Square
PACE	£2,000.00	Regents Park
Thanet Youth & Community Centre	£2,000.00	Haverstock
SYDRC	£1,945.00	Kings Cross
Elfrida Rathbone	£1,588.00	Kentish Town South
KCBNA	£2,000.00	Kings Cross
The Apex Project	£1,933.20	Gospel Oak
Regents Park Time Bank	£1,558.00	Regents Park
IamIrish	£1,977.00	West Hampstead
Hampstead Community Centre	£2,000.00	Hampstead Town
7th St Pancras Guides	£1,200.00	St Pancras & Somers Town

We asked grantees what the highlight of their trip was. Here's what they said...

'The mix of young people included refugees, individuals from single parent homes, families on low income etc. This meant that this trip was a first time experience for a lot of these young people and watching the memories these young people made full of joy and happiness was definitely the highlight of the trip.'

KCBNA

‘...observing the young people - many of whom have barriers to socialisation - gradually **gelling and becoming more of a team as the day progressed.**’

Elfrida Rathbone

‘...the group collectively realised that **challenging their comfort zones will only enrich them as a person and the combination of the river cruise and life sized Monopoly really opened every one up to the varied and interesting location across London.**’

The Apex Project

‘A key highlight of the trips has been the **organic growth of new friendships** amongst young people across the Borough.’

lamIrish

‘...the girl's faces when we walked into the cinema screen and they saw that it was just for them - they each had their own comfy seat, snack and drink - **they were so excited and happy!**’

7th St Pancras Guides



'I had the best time ever! I have never been Go Karting before, Thanks for giving me the opportunity'

14yo lamIrish beneficiary

'I didn't think I'd get to see my friends again before school started because Mum said I was only going to the play centre at the start of the holidays, but we got to hang out and play football in the park and have lunch on blankets on the grass. It was so hot and we got to go and play in the fountains. It was so great.'

SYDRC beneficiary

'I can't believe this is for us' (Guide aged 10, when walking into the cinema screen and seeing it had been booked out for our group only)



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