A young girl with brown hair, wearing a green safety vest with reflective stripes and blue nitrile gloves, is smiling and holding her hands up. She is wearing a patterned top and blue cargo pants. In the background, there is a large screen displaying the ZSL logo, a laptop on a desk, and other people, including one wearing a green vest with '100 ACADEMY STUDENT' written on it. The scene appears to be an educational or community event.

# **YOUNG CAMDEN FOUNDATION**

## **Winter Community Fund 2023**

# About

Winter in Camden can be challenging, particularly for families grappling with the realities of budget constraints. These challenges can create a reality where families have to make difficult choices between 'eating and heating', amplifying the already present strains of a cost-of-living crisis.

The Winter Community Fund, generously supported by **Capital PCC, Savills, Norman Rourke Pryme, and generous donations from Camden residents**, sought to address these issues head-on by providing funding for projects that offered young people the chance to experience the joy and warmth of the festive season. These initiatives are more than just opportunities for fun; they're about creating lasting memories, instilling a sense of community, and ensuring that every young person in Camden can enjoy their youth to the fullest.

The fund aimed to alleviate some of the financial pressures faced by young people and their families, ensuring they could access enriching activities and safe, welcoming spaces during the winter months. Through the Winter Community Fund, we aimed to not just provide entertainment but to foster a sense of belonging and bring a little extra spark to the winter holidays for our borough's young people.



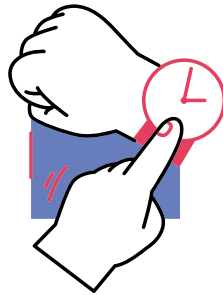


**£25,782.42 distributed  
to 13 organisations**

## **YCF Funding Supported**



**1243 young people  
to access winter  
opportunities**

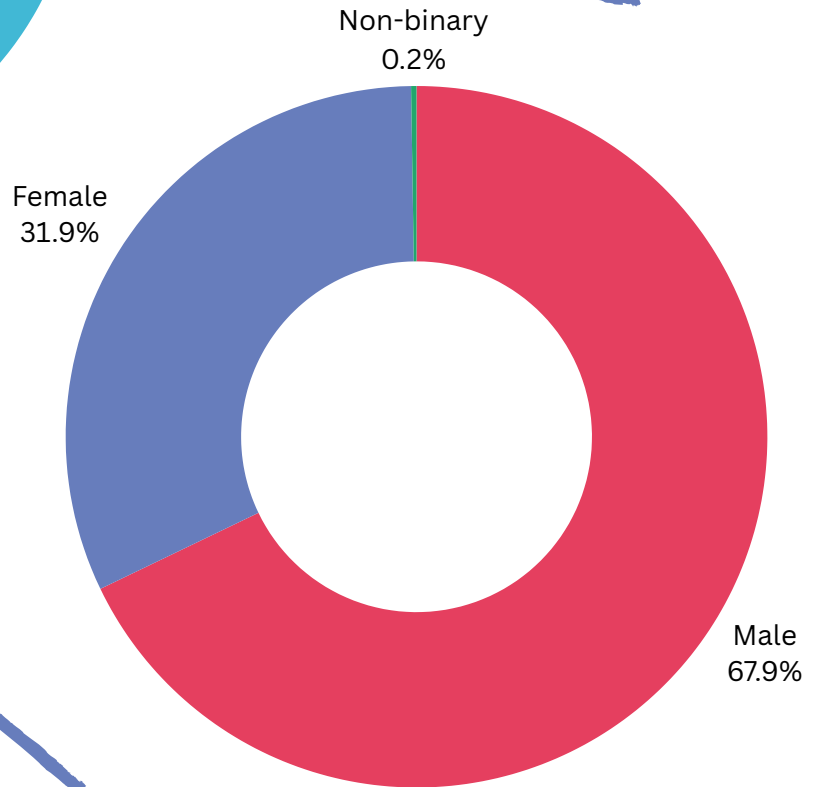
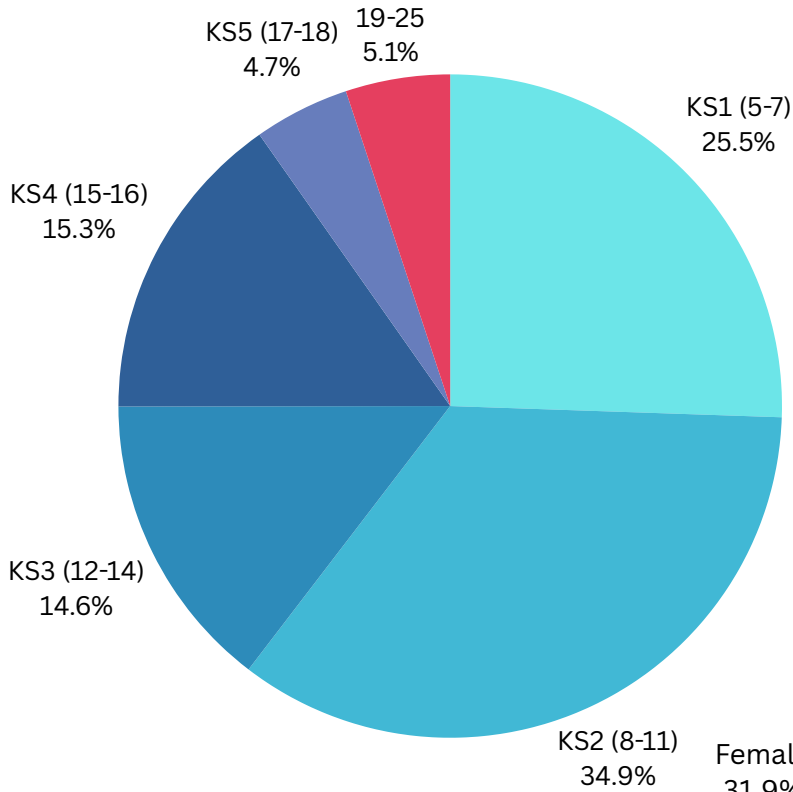


**308 hours of  
provision to be  
delivered**



An average of **23.69  
hours** of provision  
per grantee

# Metrics

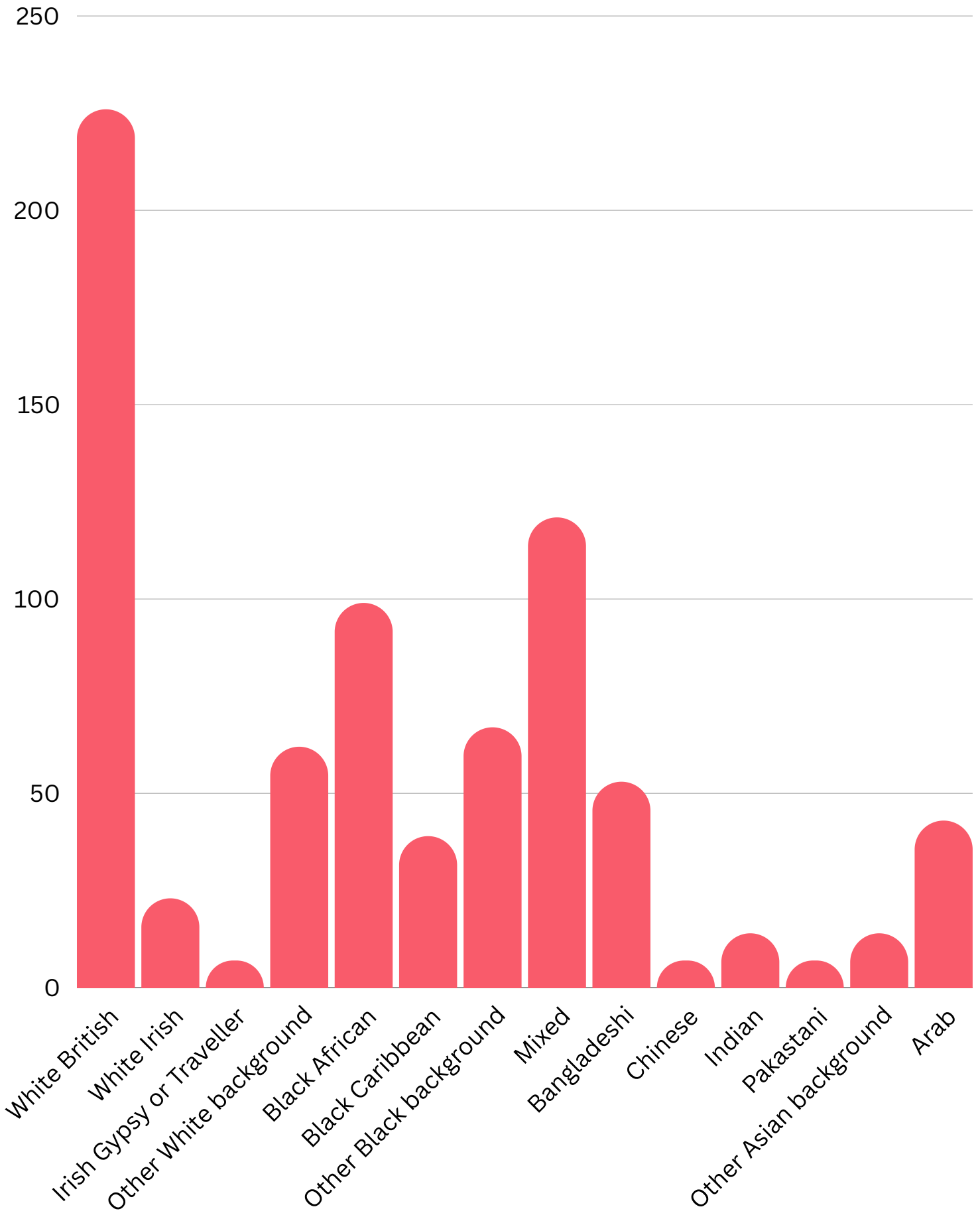


**343 (27.59%)** of participants were FSM eligible

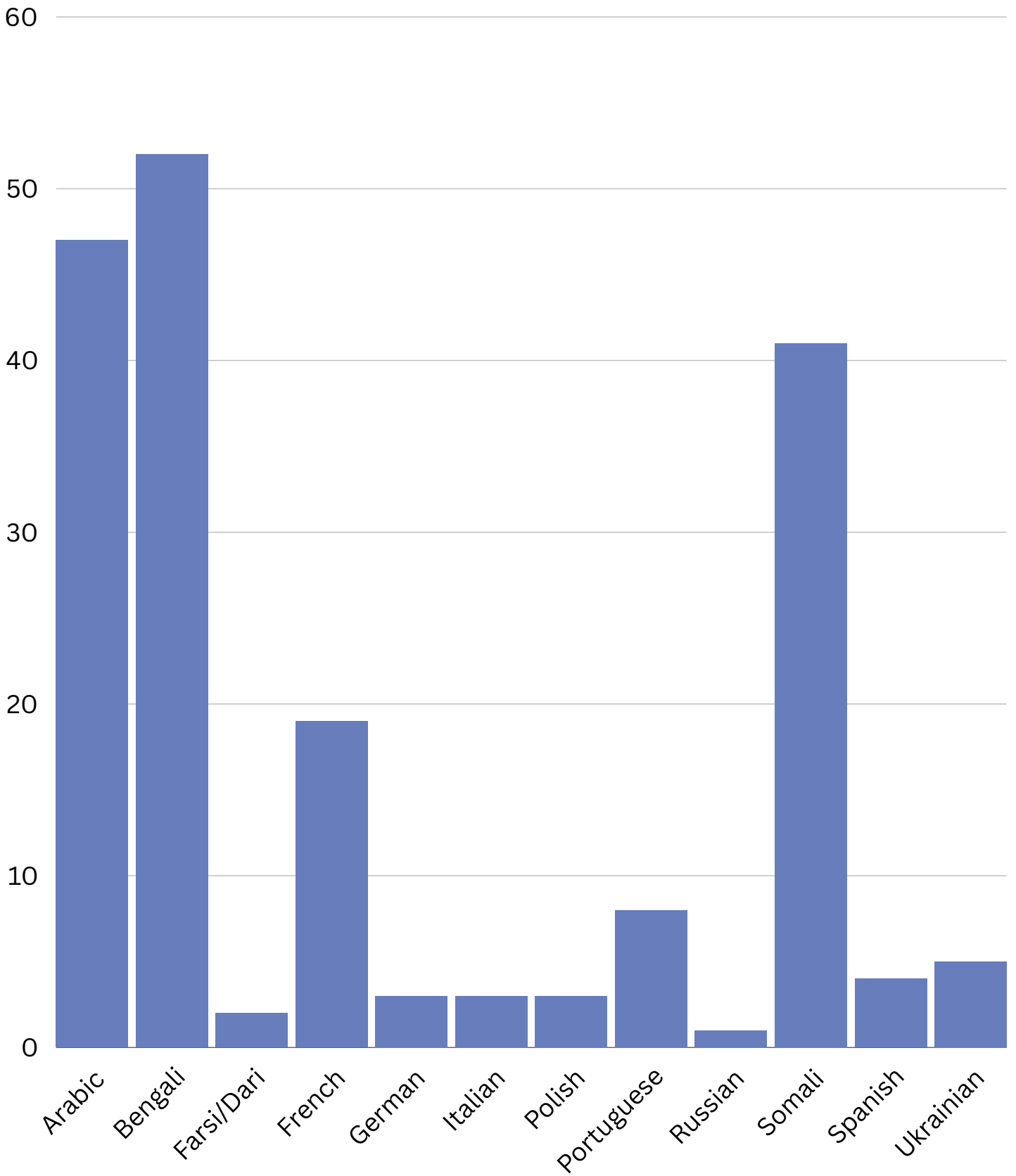


**316 (25.42%)** of beneficiaries had SEND needs

■ Participant Ethnicity



■ Languages spoken



# Projects

Pro Touch SA hosted a **series of football festivals** for young people from local youth football clubs across the borough.



**Hawley Amateur Boxing Club** held a one-off **awards and celebration night** for their young people

**St Mary's Centre Community Trust** took young people out for two activities – **Hollywood Bowl and the cinema** – with a meal out afterwards





**Sidings Community Centre** ran an offsite trip to the Christmas at Kenwood event at **Kenwood House**, a **community Christmas party** for local families at their community centre, and **subsidised cinema vouchers** for their young people

### 7th St Pancras Girls Guides

organised for an accessible trip to the cinema to see the new Disney film, and to hire out an ice rink. Both trips had **accessibility adaptations** for individual needs



**Kentish Town City Farm** received a contribution towards their **Community Christmas Festival** at the farm



## KCBNA

delivered a full day provision for 25 young people consisting of a trip to **Winter Wonderland** and end of year party



**QCCA** received funding for their Juniors Youth Club members aged 8 to 13, and Girls Only Youth Club aged 10 to 15 to go **Ice Skating at the JW3 Centre, followed by a meal**

**PACE** raised funds to offer **free places in their school holiday play scheme** and after-school club during the festive period





**HvH Arts** ran 6 free photography sessions for young people aged 14 to 21. Young people were supported & mentored throughout the course by professionals in their chosen field of work. **Included trips to the National Portrait Gallery and The Photographer's Gallery.**

**Urban Outdoors** ran a **winter forest school workshop** for different groups in the borough, including Afghan refugees living in temporary housing in Euston. Also offered family engagement workshops.



**Cartesians Academy Supplementary School** ran **football sessions** for their beneficiaries in Parliament Hill.

**Plot 10**  
held a  
**Christmas**  
**party** for  
around 50  
children.



**92% of grantees said they either definitely or probably wouldn't have been able to run their project without YCF funding**

| Grantee                                 | Awarded (£) | Camden Ward              |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|
| PACE                                    | 2,500.00    | Regents Park             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> St Pancras Girl Guides  | 2,200.00    | St Pancras & Somers Town |
| QCCA                                    | 2,003.00    | Gospel Oak               |
| Pro Touch SA                            | 2,493.12    | Camden Town              |
| HvH Arts                                | 2,379.12    | Gospel Oak               |
| Kentish Town City Farm                  | 917.38      | Kentish Town South       |
| Sidings                                 | 2,068.00    | Fortune Green            |
| Cartesians Academy Supplementary School | 1,038.80    | Highgate                 |
| Urban Outdoors                          | 2,450.00    | Kentish Town South       |
| Plot 10                                 | 1,220.00    | St Pancras & Somers Town |
| Hawley Amateur Boxing Club              | 1,080.00    | Camden Town              |
| KCBNA                                   | 2,080.00    | King's Cross             |
| St Mary's Centre Community Trust        | 2,353.00    | Primrose Hill            |



# **We asked grantees what the highlight of their project was. Here's what they said...**

***'Being able to offer these free places took a visible weight off these parents and carers. Many said without this opportunity, the Winter period would have broken them.'***

**PACE**

***'The highlight was seeing **the faces of the young people when they received special awards** either from the coaches for achievements or voted for by their team mates for being inspiring'***

***Hawley Amateur Boxing Club***

***'Being able to take girls **out for an adventure during a dark difficult winter**, where more of their families and carers find themselves stripping back...'***

***7th St Pancras Girl Guides***

***'The day supported social integration between the different groups, as well as with staff and gave all of the young people involved a positive experience **that the majority would not have been able to access otherwise.**'***

**KCBNA**

**'This was the best day ever at Plot 10!'**

*Aurora - aged 7, Plot 10*

**'This course has been one of my favourites at HvH ARTS, I am going to study photography for A'Level and this has really inspired me. I would love to do more analogue photography as I found it really made me think about what I was going to shoot, rather than just taking loads of photos without thinking about my concept properly.'**

*Sienna - aged 16, HvH Arts*

**'Thank you so much to the sponsors and KCB for all your efforts. This isn't something I couldn't have financially funded for my children. Not only that, it is an event I didn't need to think about and organise as a parent. You've taken responsibility and enabled a great day out for both my children which they wholesomely appreciated. Thank you once again!'**

*KCBNA parent*

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