

Our City, Our Future 2023

**YWF Calls To Action
Year one progress update**

YEAR 1 UPDATE



Calls to action, summary



COST OF LIVING

Mobilise the YWF community to mitigate cost of living challenges facing families in Westminster by enhancing awareness and access to services, promoting free and low cost activities & strengthening partnerships for sustainable delivery



LIFE PLANS

Empower children and young people in Westminster to shape their futures confidently by expanding access to diverse career pathways, enhancing employment - related learning opportunities and amplifying youth voice



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Facilitating collaborative initiatives to address emerging health concerns (mental health, vaping and social media use), improve access to support services and equip children and young people with knowledge about health services in the borough



COMMUNITY & SAFETY

Bring together the YWF community to co-create and champion sustainable initiatives that improve community safety and drive environmental action

YWF PROGRAMMES & RELATIONSHIP MAP



YWF activities & stakeholder engagement

Youth Hub Partnership

Brighter Futures Funding

Level Up Youth Work

Youth Voice Programme

Helping Hands

HAF Funding

Commissioned Funding

Mastering My Future

How YWFF takes action



Commissioning



Partnership workshop



Signposting



Insight

YEAR ONE PROGRESS ON CALLS TO ACTION



Commissioning

YWF has commissioned specialist training via Level Up Training Programme to 37 frontline workers to address emerging health concerns of young people including “**Vaping awareness**”, “**Digital Resilience/social media use**” and **Mental Health First Aid**. Moreover, our youth worker forums have focused on building confidence to have open and honest conversations with young people on these topics.

Four projects focused on building **employability skills** are expected to benefit 345 young people through 2024 YWF’s Brighter Futures Fund



Partnership workshop

Partnership with YWF Member ‘AllChild’ to conduct a listening project with children and young people in schools to understand better how young people access and perceive support for mental health and barriers to accessing free holiday provision, particularly for those who are seeking support for a mental health need - starting late Autumn 2025.

Working with Westminster employers and Business partners to advertise mentoring and work experience opportunities to YWF members and young people via business and community events, monthly newsletters and directly to 90 young people enrolled on the Mastering My Future Programme (MMF).



Signposting

YWF winter social media campaign raised awareness of local food banks in Westminster & gained engagement and interactions from local community.

Free and low cost activities including Holiday, Food and Activities Programmes promoted to families throughout 2023-24 on the ‘Our City’ platform. YWF ensured accurate information regarding YWF Members for families included within WCC [Westminster Family Hub website](#).



Insight

Community Network in NW provides recommendations and initiates support following serious incidents, a “community level response” document is shared with stakeholders within the local authority and directly informs incident procedures, ensuring these actions are developed with community members themselves.

YWF has published a Youth Voice Review and employed a “Youth Voice Coordinator” to ensure our strategic direction is developed with children and young people, and relaunched London Living Wage internships for young people aged 16-25. YWF to develop Youth Engagement Programme and collaborate with WCC Youth Voice Forum and Partnership for Young London to promote youth voice / social action opportunities.