**Young Londoners Fund – Young People’s Involvement**

Young people have been at the heart of the Young Londoners Fund from the very beginning.

The Mayor’s Peer Outreach Team and young people from youth organisations and youth offending teams across London have helped at every stage.

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**Priorities for the Young Londoners Fund**

The Peer Outreach Team ran sessions with our Lynk Up Crew and Young Offending Teams to gather views and insights from young people ranging from ages 7-25.

Young Londoners were invited to City Hall to discuss what they feel is missing in the youth sector, what activities they think are needed and how these services impact young people at risk of getting caught up in crime.

Young people told us:

* Young people should remain at the centre of every stage of the process
* They want activities where they can develop skills and confidence, feel happy and engage with others, help with jobs and training opportunities.

**Information Sessions for applicants**

Information sessions were held across London to support organisations who were either applying or considering applying for a grant. Each session had a presentation by the Peer Outreach Team speaking about the importance of youth engagement and participation.

**Scoring the applications**

Three scoring sessions were held involving 130 young people.

The Mayor’s Peer Outreach Team invited young Londoners from 15 organisations from across London to help score the applications. Their focus was the questions about young people’s involvement in planning, design, delivery and feedback. Young people discussed the applications and then scored the three questions on young people’s involvement.

**Young peoples’ feedback on the applications**

Young people involved in the scoring sessions gave some great feedback on the things which were most important to them.

* Young people involved in every stage of project planning and delivery
* A clear focus on those young people who have less opportunities
* Good networks for the support of young people
* Showing a clear passion for what they would like to do as an organisation and how they would like to impact the lives of young Londoners
* Showing clear definition on the demand of their organisation based on their feedback from users

**Benefits for young people involved**

*“Those who we encouraged to take part came back extremely enthusiastic about the role they undertook and thought that the entire experience was a real "eye opener" and this has impacted positively.”* **Rinova**

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