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**By e-mail**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear [ ]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**You requested:**

As [ ], I am interested to know the full details of all youth services investments made in Bexley in the last 4 years and the full details of what is planned in your next term.

**Our response:**

Since 2018, the Mayor of London has invested over £700,000 in organisations in Bexley, which has helped to support at least 3,260 young people in Bexley.

This has been delivered through several different programmes, including the Young Londoners Fund and the New Deal for Young People. It's also been delivered through the Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit. Further information about these programmes can be found online.

We have included a more detailed breakdown of these programmes at the end of this response.

As part of his manifesto for a fairer, safer and greener London the Mayor has committed to supporting 250,000 young Londoners to access positive opportunities over the rest of this administration.

It is too early in the administration to provide a plan for further investment in youth funding, which would go through our due process and then published in the future.

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Please note that information has been provided from various teams within the GLA.

## **The Violence Reduction Unit**

Programme name & organisation name	Year	Synopsis	£ since 2019	Number of yp supported
London Crime Prevention Fund - Permanent Exclusion Reduction Programme & reprofiled to add another project around schools	19/20	LCPF funding is provided to groups of partners to work together to deliver solutions to entrenched or emerging crime and community safety issues. The purpose of the fund is to drive innovative, new approaches and to extend the reach of existing effective services in London through the co-design, co-commissioning and co-delivery of services.	£49, 654	No information held
London Crime Prevention Fund - Permanent Exclusions Reduction Programme	20/21	As above	£50,000	No information held
London Crime Prevention Fund - Violence, Risk & Exploitation Coordinator	21/22	As above	£50,000	No information held

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that will oversee the response to serious violence.				
London Crime Prevention Fund Violence, Risk & Exploitation Coordinator	22/23	As above	£50,000	64
London Crime Prevention Fund - Violence, Risk & Exploitation Coordinator	23/24	As above	£50,000	165
Online Harms Social switch	20/21	The Social Switch Project was set up to address the increasing violence young people were encountering online, which often leads to violence offline.	£6,250 was allocated to support engagement with young people and trusted adults from Bexely	No information held
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Online Harms Social Switch	23/24	This project provides training on online harms for 750 trusted adults & professionals working with young people as well as supports 358 young	£40,625 was allocated to support engagement with young people and trusted adults from Bexely	5

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		people at risk of online harm to gain positive employment opportunities in the digital space.		
London Community response fund/Summer activities funded Anima Youth CIC	20/21	The VRU contributed £500,000 towards the £2.1m investment which was announced in July 2020, delivery completed in March 21. The purpose of the funding was to provide positive opportunities and focused support for vulnerable young Londoners most impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown.	£10,000	No information held
PRU Mentoring Programme	20/21 and 21/22	The VRU funded mentoring for children in London's Pupil Referral Units. The programme in Bexley supported pupils in the transition from the alternative provision back to mainstream school.	£16,250	18
PRU Mentoring Programme	24/25	A sports mentor will provide weekly sport mentoring sessions to young people at	£33,500	25 (target)

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		risk of exclusion. Sessions will initially focus on developing success through their chosen sport, but will also enable young people to develop relationships within school and the resilience needed to navigate school life		
Your Choice programme	22/23	The Your Choice programme offers the benefits of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as part of a high intensity intervention to children at greatest risk / need aged 11-17.	£58,000	3
Your Choice programme	23/24, 24/25	As above	£ 97,777	10
Innovation Fund	23/24, 24,25	Innovation Fund will enable community-led groups to test new approaches and ideas to support vulnerable Londoners who are either at risk or have been involved in violence.	30,000	50

## **Youth Investment in Bexley – Civil Society and Sport**

### **Youth Social Action**

#### **Total investment in YP in Bexley since 2019**

£7500 (7 Youth Social Action Grants of £500 per school one enhanced grant of £1000 and 3 Tree Planting grants worth £1000)

#### **Number of positive opportunities provided for young people since 2019 in Bexley.**

See table below for details.

#### **List of programmes and organisations that were funded since 2019, including individual investment, the focus of the programme, number of YP supported and the outcomes for YP.**

Young Ambassadors is the Mayor's programme for engaging young people in social action through their schools. The programme encourages and supports young people (aged 8-18 years) to tackle local issues that they care about and aims to promote community engagement, active citizenship, and social integration, while also having a direct impact on local communities.

#### **Any other relevant information the relates to Bexley and young people since 2019. –**

St Catherines school has won two awards since being involved in Young Ambassadors – The Tree Council Learning award (£200 grant) and a Ormiston grant of £5000 for their whole school approach to Youth social action.

#### **List of organisations and focus - 468 young Londoners reached in Bexley.**

<b>School Type</b>	<b>Youth Social Action Theme</b>	<b>Focus</b>
St Catherine's Catholic School Sec	Environment and Mental Health	Environmental issues and mental health are active areas of student work in the school. The Young Ambassadors have built a plastic bottle greenhouse. Students have also taken part in Tree planting – Apple, Pear and Hazel trees linked to the Trees for London Programme.  The school is taking a whole school approach to Mental Health Young Ambassadors have created a toolkit linked to the #Championmentalhealth campaign developed by young Londoners.
Parkway Primary School	Racial Justice	The Young Ambassadors are focusing on racism and sexism eradication and celebrating everyone for their races, gender, and sexuality.

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		The school has also taken part in Tree planting hazel trees as part of trees for London,
Peareswood Primary School	Playground equipment	The Young Ambassadors are focusing on developing a wider range of sporting opportunities at school
St Thomas More RC Primary School	Environment	Many of the school letters to London focused on creating a fruit and vegetable garden so that they could grow snacks for children in Key Stage 2.
Willow Bank Primary School	Environment	The Young Ambassadors are creating a library space for children to learn and read about environmental issues which affect our community. It will be a space for research, school Ambassador meetings personal reflections to make further positive changes to our school community.
Grazebrook Primary School	Environment	The Young Ambassadors are focusing their project on planting more plants / flowers, providing more waste bins, or driving awareness of rubbish and littering
St Stephens Catholic Primary School	Environment	Pollution and littering were the main focus of the letters, the children passionately came up with strategies to reduce pollution and littering around the community as they had observed it was a prevalent issue.

### Sport and physical activity

Organisation	Funding amount and year	Programme summary
Arts Trusts Production	2023 - 2025	<p><b>Go! London Foundation Round 2 - £30,000k</b></p> <p>2 years of core funding to support an annual programme of 362hrs of sport and physical activity for 6–24-year-olds. Supporting the low socio-economic community of Thamesmead; increasing community cohesion; reducing loneliness and isolation; and improving wellbeing.</p> <p>Supporting a local organisation to be more sustainable.</p>

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Bexley Snap	2023-2025	<b>Go! London Foundation Round 2 – £33,591</b>  To deliver a diverse range of motivational, tailored sports activities focusing on the individual needs of disabled children and young people (CYP) in Bexley for positive participation. Catering to socialisation and sensory needs providing physical activities to allow CYP to release excess energy, enabling a sense of calm and focus.
Youth Unity	2023-2024	<b>Future Ready Fund – funded by the VRU - £22,500</b>  Prepare and Grow Intervention Programme will provide a three-level approach to supporting young people transitioning from year 6 to year 7. The focus will be on triage support, 121 mentoring, group mentoring, and physical activity sessions to provide young people with a continuous supportive framework from primary to secondary school.
Charlton Athletic Community Trust	2022 - 2023	<b>MOL &amp; NFL Flag football - £31,625</b>  12-month programme funded through the Mayor of London and NFL UK Foundation, delivering Flag football (non-contact American football), to underserved young people 50% of whom are females. The project aims to reduce physical and mental inequalities.

### **Young Londoners Fund**

Between 2018 - 2022 the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund invested £45 million and reached over 150,000 young Londoners. Through investing in over 350 locally delivered projects, young people have accessed positive opportunities and safe spaces, and built trusted relationships, helping them to reach their full potential.

The fund saw £30 million invested directly to projects in local communities. The remaining £15 million were invested to expand existing projects funded by City Hall that support young Londoners. More information on the impact of the YLF can be found here – [Young Londoners Fund | London City Hall](#)

- **Total investment in YP in Bexley from October 2018 – December 2022 – £234,972** (this is based on the projects initial anticipated reach)
- **Number of positive opportunities provided for young people since 2018 in Bexley** 1396 no. of yp supported from Bexley.



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The table below shows YLF projects with more than 30% delivery to young people from Bexley between October 2018 – December 2022:

Round	Organisation	Total Grant	Description: >30% delivery to young people from Bexley
2	Bexley Moorings Project	£102,078	<p><b>Child Resilience Inclusion Social Pathway C.R.I.S.P</b></p> <p>This is a 12 week programme for 10-15 year olds to help them cope and improve their engagement in either their local community, education and/or peer relationships. Those referred are likely to be experiencing difficulty in managing relationships. This may be due to behaviour, anxieties or additional needs.</p> <p>The young people work on their personal targets which may be building friendships, leading a small group, building listening skills, or understanding signals. These skills when built on can help build confidence/resilience and lead to stronger engagement in education, and reduce risk taking.</p>
1	Charlton Athletic Community Trust	£150,000	<p><b>The Connect Project</b> will support young people at risk of inclusion or involvement in criminal activity and those involved in criminal activity. The project will build upon Charlton Athletic Community Trust's experience, infrastructure, partnerships and trusted relationships to provide a range of mentoring activities and interventions.</p>
1	YMCA Thames Gateway	£117,929	<p><b>Fuller Futures</b> will employ a full-time youth worker with a therapeutic specialty to lead on delivering 1:1 and group trauma-informed support for young people to enable them to form secure attachments with no barriers of any form of statutory therapeutic provision. They will deliver training to staff and volunteers and lead on outreach work locally in Woolwich and Thamesmead town centres and schools.</p>

As part of the YLF the GLA also funded YLF Local Networks, match funded by City Bridge Trust, to support the delivery of activities for young people locally, including supporting organisations with training and sustainability. As part of this Community Links Bromley and Bexley Voluntary Service Council received a grant of £100,000 from 2019 – 2022. Over this time they supported over 70 youth organisations across both Bromley and Bexley.

## **New Deal for Young People (NDYP):**

Through the New Deal for Young People (NDYP), the Mayor is investing over £34m to deliver on his commitment to increase the quality, quantity and sustainability of the youth sector and provide high quality mentoring to 100,000 disadvantaged young Londoners. To date over 80,000 young people have had access to mentoring through a unique collaborative approach

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utilising both directly funded programmes and mentoring delivery provided by teams across City Hall.

Building a trusted and positive relationship over time can help motivate and equip a young person to change their lives; supporting the development of skills, coping strategies and confidence. The skill and drive required to build transformational trusted relationships is a fundamental principle of high-quality youth and community work. All NDYP funded organisations have committed to reporting on at least one of the outcomes in the VRU Outcomes framework. These include: increased understanding and exhibiting of healthy relationships; increased engagement with support services; increased engagement in education and employment; improved mental health and wellbeing; increased socio-emotional skills and; reducing involvement in harmful/ risky activities, behaviors or situations.

• **Total investment in YP in Bexley from September 2020 – March 2024** - £303,037 (this is estimated by the GLA based on the number of boroughs a project delivers over / the total amount of investment)

• **Number of positive opportunities provided for young people since 2020 in Bexley** - 1396 young people estimated to be reached between 2020 – 2025 (this is based on the total number of yp proposed to be reached / the number of delivery boroughs)

The table below shows NDYP directly funded projects which include delivery to YP from Bexley between 2020 – 2025:

Organisation name	Summary	Borough/s	Total grant amount	Target no. of children and young people to be supported
Spark Inside (Project ended)	The funding is a contribution to the running costs of delivering our pilot Hero's Journey in the Community project for young people aged 15-18 (and will give all young people their own coach), in partnership with London Youth Offending Services in Bexley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham and Southwark.	Bexley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham and Southwark	50000	40
Football Beyond Borders	This funding will enable us to expand our FBB Whole School programme to 10 partner schools. We will deliver our long term (3 year) core programme of therapeutic mentoring, remarkable rewards and a social and emotional curriculum to 320 vulnerable young people, alongside providing reflective practice and CPD to the teachers who work with them. We will learn	Bexley, Bromley and Lewisham	£342,612	320

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	whether combining intensive work with young people, with emotional and reflective support for teachers, can create an education system within which our most vulnerable students can thrive.			
The Kemnal Academies Trust (TKAT)	TKAT ACE mentoring is gaining national recognition and is endorsed by the Children's Commissioner. It is embedded in our 10 London special, primary and secondary schools. Your funding will empower us to use our experience and learning to develop mentoring in 20 further London schools. Our approach can bring mentoring to thousands of young Londoners.	<b>Bexley</b> , Bromley, Havering, Redbridge	£472,000	3500
The Shaw Trust	Shaw Trust will deliver a tiered mentoring programme, using Peer Mentors, Wellbeing and Resilience Mentors and counselling support to 256 young people over 2 years in Bexley, Brent, Havering and Harrow at key transition periods (years 6-7/11-12). Learners may have additional barriers including being at risk/excluded from education/alternative education/having SEND/have a social worker/being a young carer/from low-income family. We will evaluate the impact of a tiered mentoring programme on initial transition/ongoing challenges in learning settings.	<b>Bexley</b> , Brent, Harrow, Havering	£250,000	<b>256</b>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA070524-2452.

Yours sincerely

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