

MY ENDS

DYNAMIC PROCESS EVALUATION REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MyEnds is the London Violence Reduction Unit's (VRU) flagship programme – it promotes a hyper-local, community-led approach to tackling violence that puts young people and communities at the centre of decision-making.

MyEnds gives local organisations the support and resources they need to work together to deliver locally designed activities and interventions. It brings together Consortiums of community and statutory partners in nine London boroughs, these are called 'MyEnds Sites'.



'WHAT'S STRONG, NOT WHAT'S WRONG'

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This learning and evaluation report sets out findings and recommendations of an independent 'dynamic process evaluation' (DPE) undertaken by Innovation Unit¹ across the 2024-2026 MyEnds delivery period. By focusing on 'what's strong, not what's wrong,' this report spotlights practice-led innovations that appear most effective in enabling local systems to change, and ultimately contributing to reductions in violence.

Through surveys, workshops, events, and peer and practitioner interviews, the evaluation gathered insights from approximately²:

440 young people

270 community members

100 MyEnds Sites delivery partners

70 system partners

60 members across grassroots organisations

¹ In year 1, Innovation Unit worked in partnership with ResPro to deliver the Dynamic Process Evaluation.

² These stakeholder numbers are based on number of people who took part in the Evaluation activities, and may not be unique stakeholders

WHAT HAS MYENDS ACHIEVED SO FAR?

From April 2024 to September 2025, the Sites involved in the MyEnds programme have:

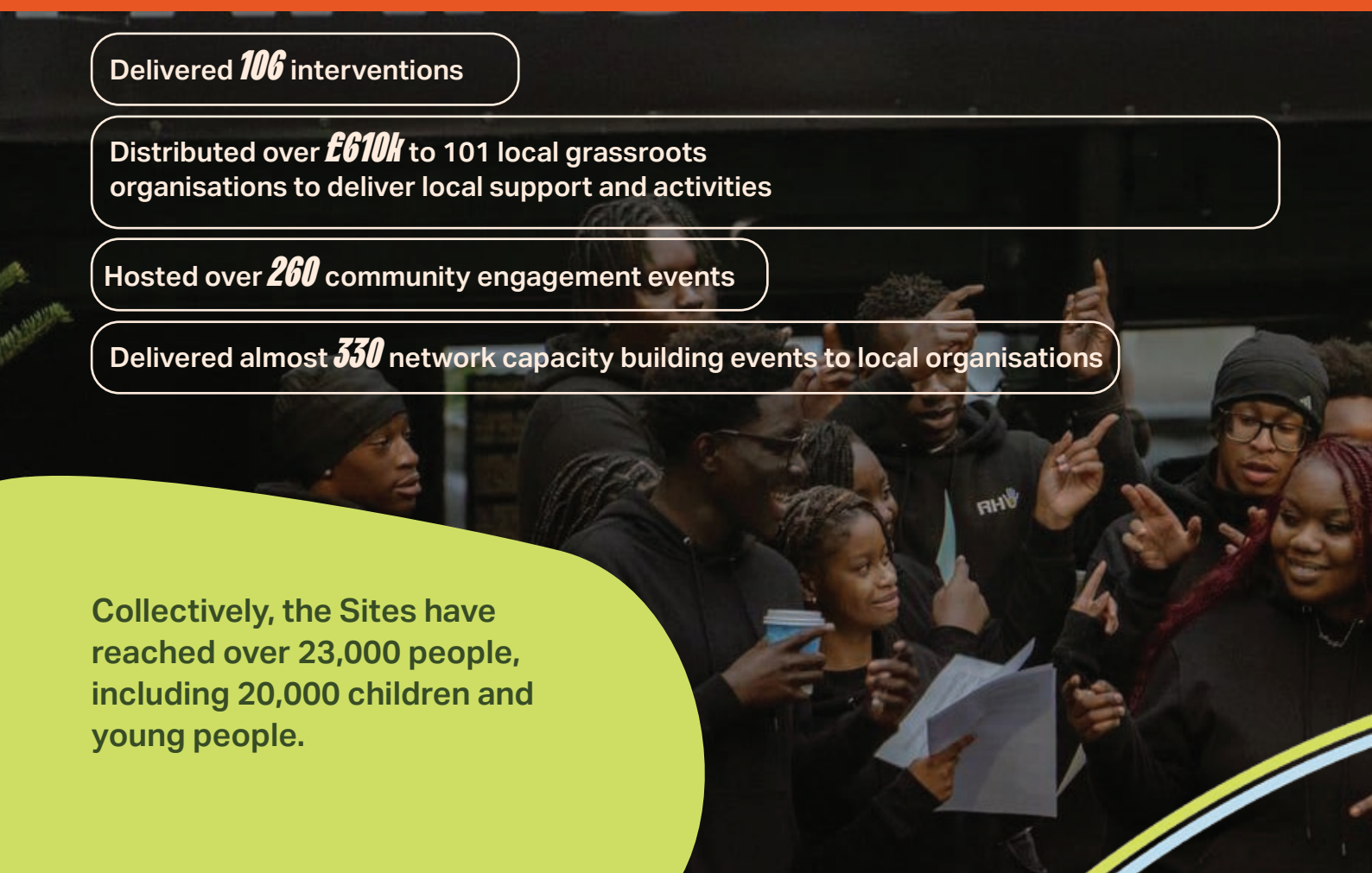
Delivered **106** interventions

Distributed over **£610k** to 101 local grassroots organisations to deliver local support and activities

Hosted over **260** community engagement events

Delivered almost **330** network capacity building events to local organisations

Collectively, the Sites have reached over 23,000 people, including 20,000 children and young people.



Underpinning these figures are a range of powerful individual stories of change, from the growth in young people's network of support, to communities feeling more supported, to grassroots organisations being in a strengthened position to deliver their locally embedded work.

Insights from young people, communities, MyEnds Sites and their practitioners reveal a shift in the lived experience of participants as a result of being involved in MyEnds. They are reporting:

Enhanced personal growth:

Improved confidence, self-esteem, and supported pathways into education and employment.

Strengthened safety nets:

Greater access to inclusive community spaces and a deeper network of trusted relationships.

Increased opportunity:

Expanded access to creative, recreational, and vocational support that fosters a sense of belonging.



These emerging short-term outcomes aim to serve as building blocks for a sustainable, long-term reduction in violence affecting young people.

Insights indicate that MyEnds is achieving its core objectives:

1

Creating the conditions for local approaches to stabilising and reducing violence

2

Increasing long-term capacity across the local system to deliver local approaches for stabilising and reducing violence

3

Supporting more inclusive decision-making in local systems

By strengthening locally-embedded organisations, MyEnds has established solid foundations to achieve the VRU's long-term goals: fostering more consistent trust and collaboration between local communities and agencies, and a reduction in violence in areas affected by high and sustained levels of violence.

HOW IS MYENDS ACHIEVING IMPACT?

A recurring set of conditions emerged as central to delivery and impact across all levels of the MyEnds programme. These act as the programme's 'invisible infrastructure', shaping how work is delivered, how relationships form, and how systems shift. Together, they explain not only what worked, but why it worked within complex local contexts. As MyEnds develops, these are important conditions to continue to foster and nurture.



CONDITIONS THAT CREATE CHANGE

Embedding community experience

High-impact support comes from practitioners who know their community, have deep-rooted connections, and are able to help dismantle the barriers that can prevent people from accessing support. Delivery partners' local relationships and presence help to build trust with communities, and enable them to facilitate rapid, coordinated responses when it's needed. This exists not only at the Site level, but across the programme - with the VRU team using their lived and professional expertise to help Sites navigate challenges and design more effective interventions.

Listening and taking action

The MyEnds approach is rooted in active listening and real-time responsiveness. By addressing emerging community needs and critical incidents, and responding to feedback from young people, the programme is constantly adapting to meet the changing needs of their communities. By visibly acting on these needs, Sites are fostering trust and shared ownership to enable long-term community impact.

Strategic, relational and tailored support

Strategic support from the VRU plays a central role in helping Sites navigate complexity and align local delivery with broader programme goals. The VRU's approach is intentionally adaptive and responsive, offering guidance and coaching tailored to each Site's specific stage of development and internal dynamics. This support is as relational as it is strategic, helping Sites to interpret goals and data, troubleshoot local challenges, and broker essential relationships between partners.

Building trust and relationships

At the heart of MyEnds is relationships - between young people and practitioners, delivery partners and communities, VRU and the Sites, and between local organisations. These connections are underpinned by trust, which is enabled through consistency, responsiveness, and transparency. By building trust with communities, Sites are able to reach more people who need support; and strengthening multi-agency relationships is driving rapid coordination and shared outcomes.

Centring the experience and voice of young people

Community and youth-led design ensures that interventions are relevant, legitimate, and locally-owned. When communities and young people shape planning, delivery, and funding decisions, the result is more responsive and sustainable change. This is visible in co-design structures like youth boards and grant panels, which move beyond tokenism toward genuine power-sharing. This structured participation ensures that the people most affected by the programme are the ones shaping its future.

Leadership that connects systems and communities

Leadership and convening roles are vital for bringing partners together and amplifying community voices within local systems. MyEnds Sites and the VRU act as relationship brokers, navigating local dynamics to build visibility and influence to better protect and support young people. As delivery partners increasingly become recognised as key strategic partners locally in both critical incident response and long-term prevention, their ability to drive systemic change continues to grow.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH?

The insights above demonstrate that MyEnds Sites and interventions are making promising progress in supporting individual change for children, young people and communities. However, to secure longer-term impact and further spread and scale promising practice, MyEnds Sites and the VRU may want to consider the following:

MYENDS SITES

Summary of recommendations:

- 1. Prioritise outreach and awareness:**
There is opportunity for MyEnds Sites to further extend their reach into communities by prioritising more effective local marketing and community engagement to reach those currently unaware of activities and those most in need of support.
- 2. Make further progress on equitable gender participation:** Maintain the positive momentum in engagement by further investing in activities for girls and young women to increase participation.
- 3. Scale reach targets and address gaps:**
Set ambitious, yet realistic, intended reach numbers for future delivery that specifically address identified gaps. Consider how to increase reach for the over-18 group, ensuring the programme meets the needs of older young people who may be 'ageing out' of traditional support.
- 4. Seek feedback from system partners on reaching those most in need:** Work with partners to enhance outreach strategies and strengthen referral pathways to ensure that the programme effectively identifies and supports young people with the most complex and critical support needs.
- 5. Elevate youth voice even further:**
Deepen the commitment to the meaningful involvement of young people by encouraging them into formal leadership positions, and demonstrate that their input matters by sharing the real changes they helped create.
- 6. Strengthen local partnerships:**
Implement measures to make partnerships with local organisations, services and agencies more systemic and organisational, ensuring ties remain robust regardless of individual staff changes.
- 7. Expand resource allocation for 24/7 crisis support:** Consider investing in capacity for extended 'out of hours' availability, such as weekend or 24/7 access, in areas where practitioners have identified that demand far outweighs the support funded.

Summary of recommendations

- 1. Bring together local outcomes data for programme-wide insight:** Continue supporting sites to develop robust measurement tools while unifying intervention data to provide a clear, programme-wide view of MyEnds' collective impact.
- 2. Strengthen capacity for partnership work:** Recognise that multi-agency working requires significant time by explicitly dedicating capacity for relationship building and strategic planning for Programme Managers and Sites, moving collaboration from an informal expectation to a planned, core function.
- 3. Further leverage the VRU's regional role to overcome system barriers:** Utilise the VRU's position as a powerful convenor to advocate for more agile, community-responsive processes from statutory partners. Encourage statutory partners to include community practitioners in formal settings to act as advocates, while facilitating joint trauma-informed training to dismantle stigma and build trust.
- 4. Evaluate the long-term impact and legacy of hyper-local approaches:** A long-term impact evaluation will help to build the evidence base for hyper-local approaches to violence reduction. Consider investigating the sustainability of the success mechanisms and promising outcomes identified in this report to understand how these foundations drive a long-term reduction in violence affecting young people.
- 5. Prioritise high-impact Site support:** Ensure that the relational, informal support provided by Operations Teams is not overshadowed by Commissioner requests (for example, additional data collection). The VRU should streamline core tasks to be high impact, while proactively seeking PM feedback to meet their individual personal and professional development requirements.
- 6. Amplify learning across grassroots organisations:** Ensure consistent information sharing across the MyEnds network and facilitate wider across-borough learning for grassroots organisations to showcase the 'ripple effect' of the Onwards Grant programme and sustain connections beyond the VRU's involvement.
- 7. Commit to long-term funding cycles to address distrust:** Secure the viability and sustainability of Sites through visible, long-term commitment and longer funding cycles, particularly for grassroots funding, allowing trust within communities to grow and impact to compound over time. Advocate for longer sustained funding cycles at the national level to sustain support.
- 8. Define the sustainability strategy:** Ensure that the VRU support to Sites focuses on sustainability, providing the tools and frameworks necessary for Sites to sustain impact post-commissioning.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE FUTURE?

Sowing the seeds for long-term change

The VRU's MyEnds programme aims to create the conditions necessary for local approaches to violence reduction to thrive by building the long-term capacity of the local system.

Evidence in delivery over the last two years suggests that the programme is sowing the seeds for sustainable, community-led approaches for stabilising and reducing violence in the long-term through growing a network of:

- Young people and communities who feel more empowered, heard and supported
- Grassroots organisations able to deliver wrap-around, community-based support
- Better connected systems of local partners embedding preventative approaches to violence reduction - rather than enforcement

Collectively, these shifts are fostering a more empowered, connected, local ecosystem and establishing the vital foundations for long-term impact to stabilise and reduce violence.

To ensure that these roots take hold, the VRU now has a unique opportunity to deepen, amplify, and evidence the long-term impact of the MyEnds model by:

- **Investigating the long-term impact of the community-led, hyper-local approach**, helping to understand the effect of the programme model on violence affecting young people
- **Focusing on embedding the programme** within local systems to ensure that the outcomes of the programme far outlast the involvement of VRU or the initial investment period
- **Spreading the learning** from the MyEnds journey with leaders, government and practitioners to support the growth of hyper-local violence reduction strategies nationwide

FIND OUT MORE

This report is complemented by various public documents that showcase best practices, impact stories, and practical resources for those looking to learn from the MyEnds Model



The MyEnds Zine captures stories celebrating the activities, people and impact that is happening in MyEnds neighbourhoods.



The MyEnds Toolkit captures key insights from the development and implementation of the programme. It serves as a guide for organisations, partnerships and commissioners looking to adopt the MyEnds approach to violence reduction and adapt the model to their specific community needs.

Reports can be found on the [**VRU Evidence Hub**](#).

SECTION ONE

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Welcome to the learning and evaluation report for the 2024–2026 MyEnds programme.

Set out in this report are the findings of an independent ‘dynamic process evaluation’ (DPE) undertaken by Innovation Unit³ across the 2024–2026 delivery period.

The aim of this report is to share significant insights and learning points captured across the two years, spotlighting features of the MyEnds programme that appear most effective in enabling local systems to change, and ultimately contributing to reductions in violence. This includes exploring the activities and practices across the London’s Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and the MyEnds Sites delivering the programme.

The DPE took an appreciative inquiry approach – identifying practice-led innovation and sharing best practice across neighbourhoods, with a focus on **‘what’s strong, not what’s wrong’**.



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CONTEXT: JOURNEY OF THE MYENDS PROGRAMME

MyEnds is London VRU's flagship programme – it promotes a hyper-local, community-led approach to tackling violence that puts young people and communities at the centre of decision making.

In 2021, the VRU developed the ambitious and innovative community-led MyEnds programme, investing £9 million to provide support, capacity and funding for locally-designed interventions in neighbourhoods affected by high and sustained levels of violence.

Following the success of the pilot, an additional £7.8 million was secured through Mayoral investment, allowing the VRU to implement key learning from the first three years and develop an evolved iteration of the programme, expanding from 8 to 11 hyper-local areas.

The VRU seeks to create long-term sustainable change through a public health approach, this is translated to the local level through MyEnds⁴. MyEnds empowers young people and communities to meaningfully contribute to grassroots and systemic change, by putting their voice at the heart of the programme. By prioritising youth voice, the programme aims to reach some of the most under-represented young people.

An impact evaluation of the first iteration of the programme (MyEnds 1.0) identified emerging outcomes that included stronger local networks, more joined-up working, increased engagement in support services amongst young people and grass roots organisations better able to support local communities⁵.

The second iteration of MyEnds began in April 2024 (MyEnds 2.0). It was designed to build on the successes of the MyEnds 1.0 and continue to pioneer new, hyper-local partnership approaches to tackling violence. This second phase sought to better understand what enables local systems change, alongside highlighting innovative and impactful interventions and promising practice in violence reduction.

MyEnds 2.0 established Consortiums of community and statutory partners in nine London boroughs, these are called 'MyEnds Sites'.

[Find out more about the MyEnds Sites, the delivery partners and their interventions.](#)

⁴ Find out more about the [VRU's public health approach and outcomes framework](#)

⁵ Find out more about MyEnds 1.0 impact evaluation on the [VRU Evidence Hub](#)

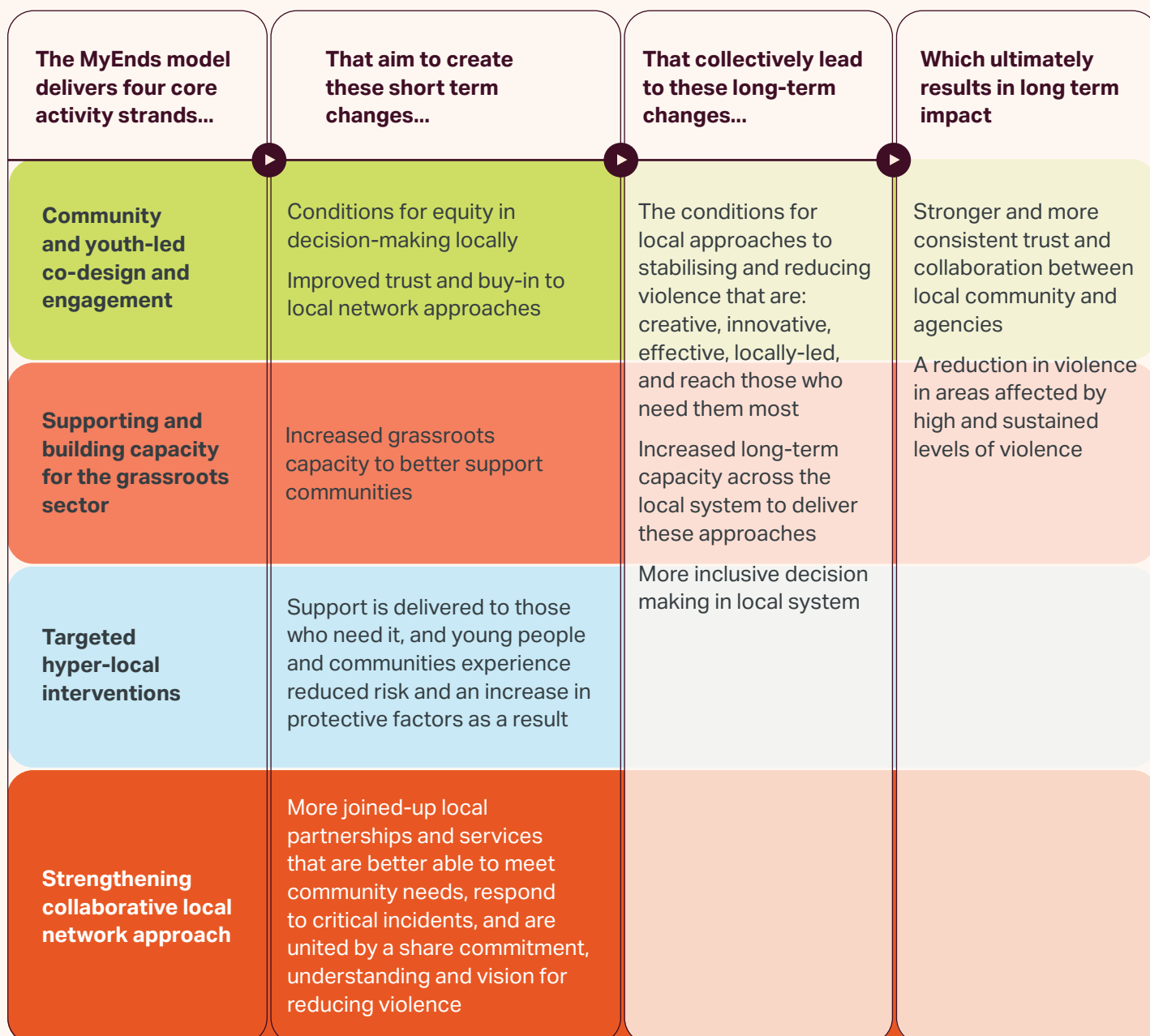
WHAT IS MYENDS TRYING TO CHANGE?

The objectives of the MyEnds 2.0 programme focus on providing direct support to local communities and neighbourhoods affected by high and sustained levels of violence to achieve these localised outcomes over time:

- Creating the conditions for local approaches to stabilising and reducing violence (creative, innovative, locally-led and reaching those most in need)
- Increased long-term capacity across the local system to deliver approaches for stabilising and reducing violence
- More inclusive decision-making in local systems

The longer-term programme outlook is that these system-level changes will enable stronger and more consistent trust and collaboration between local communities and agencies, and a reduction in violence in areas affected by high and sustained levels of violence.

MYENDS LOGIC MODEL ⁷



⁶ This diagram summarises the main activity strands and outcomes of the programme, and has been adapted from the full MyEnds logic model generated in October 2023. See the logic model in full: <https://www.london.gov.uk/media/106651/download>

70%

of knife-based violence takes place within 1% of our streets.

In London, nearly 70% of knife- related homicides happen within just 1% of small geographic areas⁷

IDENTIFYING HIGH NEEDS NEIGHBOURHOODS

SITE SELECTION AND LEARNING FROM MYENDS 1

The VRU's Strategic Needs Assessment highlighted that violence was concentrated within hyper local areas (e.g. particular estates, wards, prominent shopping districts)⁸.

A key recommendation from the MyEnds 1.0 evaluation was to make better use of data to strategically determine local need and develop targeted interventions⁹. Responding to this this, a data driven approach was employed, spanning two key areas:

'Area Prioritisation Tool'

To select Sites for MyEnds, an 'Area Prioritisation Tool' was developed. This combined data from a range of sources including police data on violent crime, public perceptions insights and public health data. This process was designed to identify the wider causes and risk factors for violence were taken into account and ensure that a public health approach was taken.

Through this activity, 15 boroughs containing 50 of the wards with the highest sustained levels of violence and public health issues were invited to tender for the MyEnds 2.0 bid. The VRU received 18 applications from 15 boroughs, with 9 successful Sites securing funding.

Community Needs Assessment

Core to MyEnds is a recognition of the value of lived experience and local insight. In order to look beyond data the VRU commissioned Civil Society Consulting and Plinth to deliver a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) during mobilisation¹⁰.

Each Site received:

- A digital mapping tool developed by Plinth, presenting key data points for each Site, including demographics, police crime data, and metrics on wider socio-economic determinants of crime and an area and stakeholder map.
- A written report for each Site, providing a more in-depth analysis of the above and incorporating local consortium reflections of local assets and risks.
- A capacity-building needs report, which will support the MyEnds Programme team to provide the Sites with targeted capacity building support throughout the delivery period.

The findings of the CNAs shaped the MyEnds Site delivery plans, Theory of Changes, and Equality Impact Assessments.

⁷ Massey, J., Sherman, L. W., & Coupe, T. (2019). Forecasting knife homicide risk from prior knife assaults in 4835 local areas of London, 2016-2018

⁸ [Violence in London: What we know and how to respond | London City Hall](#)

⁹ [MyEnds 1 Evaluation](#)

¹⁰ Find out more about Community Needs Assessments in the [MyEnds Community Needs Assessment Best Practice Guide](#).

MYENDS SITES

MyEnds brings together community and statutory partners in nine London boroughs, these are called 'MyEnds Sites'. Find out more about the nine MyEnds Sites and interventions below:

BETTER BETHNAL GREEN, TOWER HAMLETS

ECOSYSTEM COLDHARBOUR, LAMBETH

HARINGEY HOME COOKED

I AM BRENT

KICKBACK, ISLINGTON

MY LEWISHAM

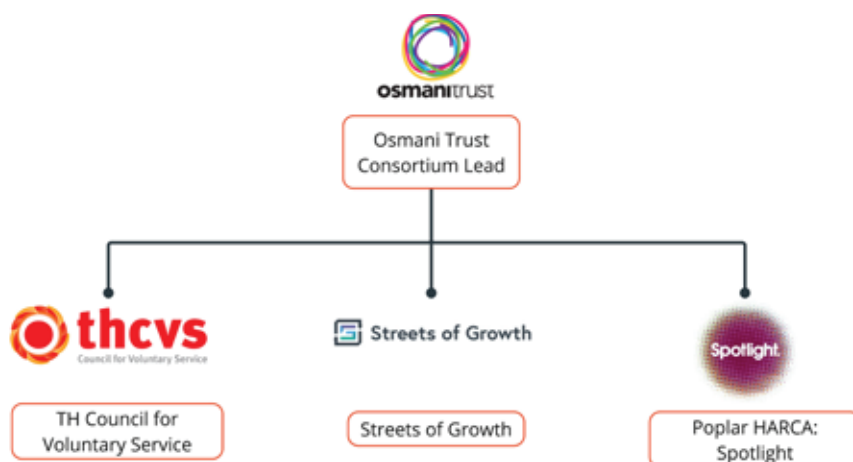
NEW ERA CROYDON

SOUTHWARK GAMECHANGERS

WINNING HARTS, BARKING AND DAGENHAM



BETTER BETHNAL GREEN, TOWER HAMLETS



Interventions

Schools Resilience Programme
Criminal Justice Support
Targeted Support
Targeted Street work
Inspire School Workshops
Police Familiarisation Training
Knife Crime Educational Prevention programme
Pathfinder Career Programme
Sports Offer
Employability
Trauma informed and de-escalation training for Frontline Workers
Osmani Youth Space @ LEAP PRU
1-2-1 Case Work

The Better Bethnal Green (BBG) consortium builds on its MyEnds experience in Tower Hamlets aiming to reduce violence impacting young people through outreach, mentoring, and creative engagement. Led by Osmani Trust, the consortium delivers wraparound support across all intervention levels, with partners offering CBT-based mentoring, safe youth spaces, and employability programmes.

ECOSYSTEM COLDHARBOUR, LAMBETH



Interventions

Parenting Programme/Family Support
 Homework club and diversionary sports and creative arts activities
 One to one therapeutic sessions
 YEC Youth Group
 CEIAG, Mentoring and job search support for at risk young people
 Riding to inspire development and education
 TICC's and Young Peoples Movement youth leaders
 Engage Inclusion programme
 Outreach, IAG and signposting
 Tertiary focused support service
 Schools engagement

Ecosystem Coldharbour is a consortium tackling violence affecting young people in Lambeth through creative, therapeutic, and community-led interventions. Led by Marcus Lipton Community Enterprise, the team delivers support across all intervention levels, from horse-based activities at Ebony Horse Club to employment mentoring and gang prevention. Focusing on estates and hotspots in Brixton North and Brixton Windrush wards, the consortium draws on deep local roots and proven collaboration to build safer futures for young people.

HARINGEY HOME COOKED

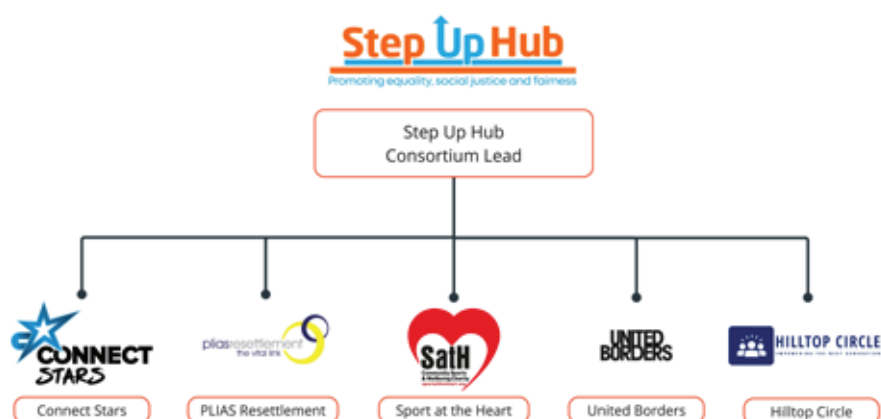


Interventions

Journey in School
 1-2-1 Mentoring
 Trauma Informed Practice Training
 CAMHS Transition Support
 Emotional Support
 Non-Violent Resistance Training Course
 Parent Support
 Employability Support
 Youth Advisory Board
 Detached Youth Outreach
 Sports Sessions

The Home Cooked consortium is a partnership tackling violence affecting young people and community safety in Northumberland Park through holistic, locally rooted interventions. Led by The Bridge Renewal Trust, the consortium delivers support from early prevention in schools to delivering employability support and employment pathways for those at risk.

I AM BRENT

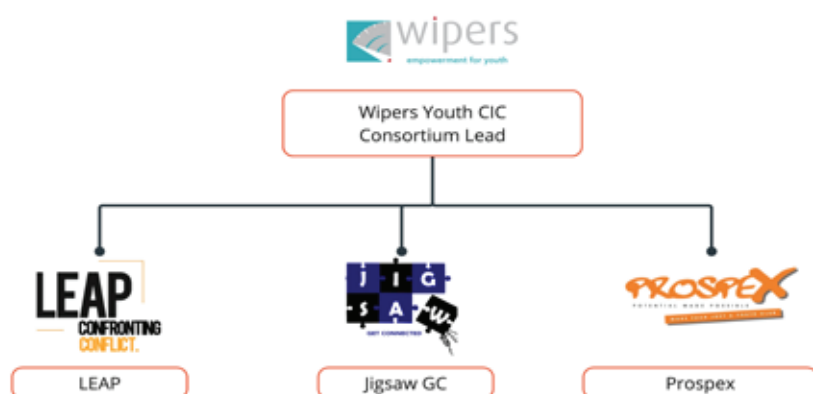


Interventions

Sport and Physical Activity
Mentoring and Befriending
Youth Clubs and Forums
Youth Leadership and Development
Rehabilitation and Resettlement Support
Parenting Support
Youth Education and Outreach
Capacity Building

The I AM Brent Consortium brings together six organisations to tackle violence affecting young people across key hotspots in Brent through culturally sensitive, trauma-informed, and youth-led interventions. Led by Step Up Hub, the Consortium offers a range of interventions from family safety programmes, sports programmes, to resettlement services for ex-offenders. Their target areas include Church Road Estate, Stonebridge Estate, St Raphael's Estate, Chalkhill Estate and Harlesden Town Centre areas.

KICKBACK, ISLINGTON

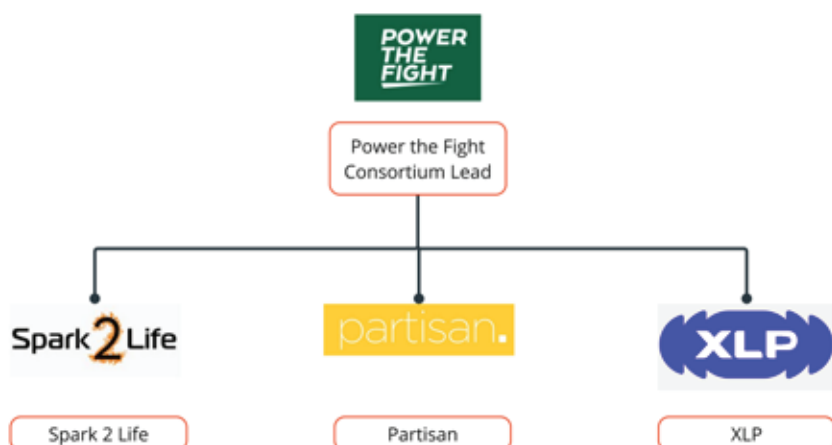


Interventions

Accredited Group Work Programmes
Alternative Provision/tuition
Detached Youth Work
Educational Workshops
Employability Schemes
Parent and Family Support
School Programmes
Specialist Mentoring
Therapeutic Counselling
Training for CJS and VCS staff
Training for Parents
Training for Professionals
Universal Youth Support Services

Kickback delivers targeted interventions across four hotspots in Finsbury Park Ward including Andover Estate, Six Acres Estate, Finsbury Park Station, and Blackstock Road to reduce violence affecting young people and support at-risk young people through mentoring, conflict resolution, and outreach. Led by Wipers Youth CIC, the consortium offers trauma-informed programmes from early prevention to tertiary support, with partners specialising in conflict transformation, family support, and youth engagement. Rooted in the local community, Kickback builds on years of frontline experience to create safer, more supportive environments for young people.

MY LEWISHAM



Interventions

Participatory Grant Making Project
Detached Youth Work
Holistic Mentoring
Bus Project
Girls Drama Group
School Based Mentoring

My Lewisham is adopting a unique approach to supporting young people at risk or being affected by violence by centring therapeutic approaches and contextual safeguarding. My Lewisham's target areas for delivering interventions are focused in the North of the borough. These include: Pepys Estate (within the Evelyn Ward), Honor Oak Estate (within the Telegraph Hill Ward), and the Monson and Hatcham areas of New Cross (from Kender Street in the West).

NEW ERA CROYDON

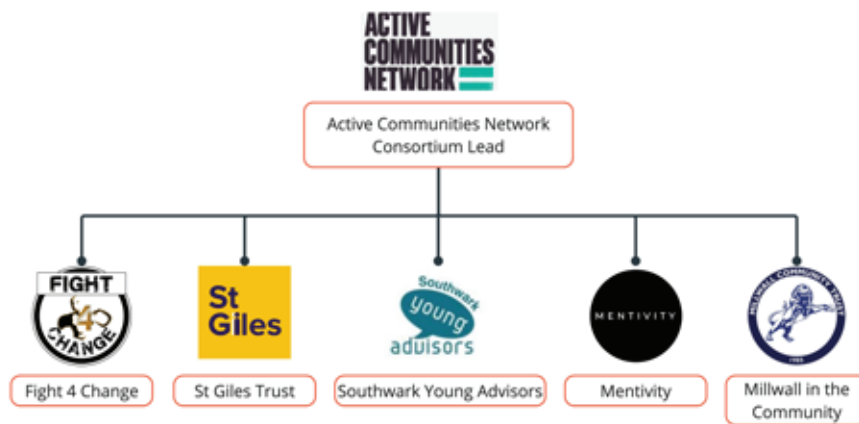


Interventions

Mentoring Project
Be Inspired Youth & Community
Challenging Young People to be Leaders of their Own Lives
Hub Provision
Palace For All
After School Provision

The New Era Croydon consortium brings together partners to reduce violence affecting young people through sport, mentoring, outreach, and community empowerment. Led by Croydon Voluntary Action, it delivers interventions ranging from football programmes and youth cafés to gang intervention and crisis response. Focusing on Croydon Town Centre, which spans two wards, the consortium builds on its first-round successes and local knowledge to create safer futures for Croydon's young people.

SOUTHWARK GAMECHANGERS

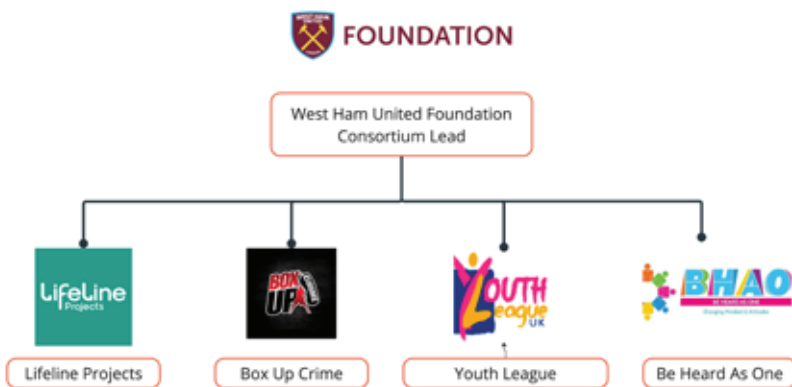


Interventions

Fight4Change
 St Giles Trust
 Millwall Community Trust
 Southwark Young Advisors
 Mentivity
 Active Communities Network – Primary
 Active Communities Network – Secondary
 Active Communities Network Tertiary/Community Engagement

The Gamechangers consortium unites six organisations to reduce violence affecting young people across Walworth, Old Kent Road, and Peckham through targeted interventions. Led by Active Communities Network, it delivers primary, secondary, and tertiary support via mentoring, sports, advocacy, and capacity-building of grassroots groups. Each partner plays a specialised role, empowering young people and local communities to transform lives and create safer neighbourhoods.

WINNING HARTS, BARKING AND DAGENHAM



Interventions

PL Kicks
 Community Boxing
 Outreach support
 Detached support
 Mentoring
 Positive Activities
 Free Rangers Service
 After School Clubs
 Mentoring/pastoral support

Winning Harts deliver a multidisciplinary range of interventions across primary, secondary and tertiary strands, leveraging sports (particularly football and boxing) and music while empowering local grassroots organisations. Their target areas are in and around Harts Lane Estate in the Northbury Ward, Barking.

ONWARD GRANT PROGRAMME

In order to ensure a broad range of grassroots organisations are involved and a wide local reach, the 'Onwards Grant programme' was built into commissioning criteria. This is where local MyEnds funding is redistributed to grassroots organisations, to help grow local capacity and support in the community. With VRU's guidance, this small grant programme was locally-led, with MyEnds Sites leading the application, support and decision-making process. MyEnds Sites also lead their own support and convening process with the grant holders, with many regularly bringing them together to share learning, insight and support delivery.

In total, the MyEnds Sites distributed over £610,000 into local communities through the Onward Grant programme, supporting 101 grassroots organisations.

MYENDS REACH INTO COMMUNITIES: 2024 TO 2025

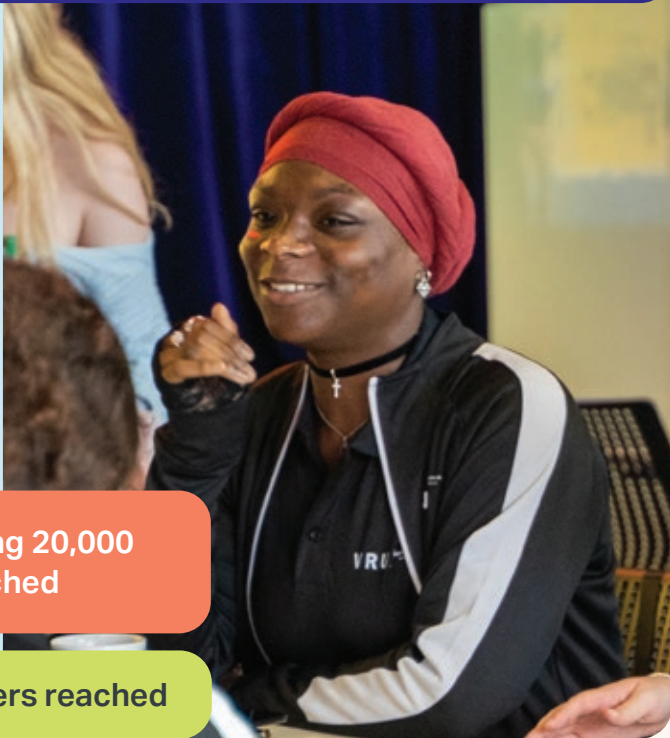
Since 2024, the Sites involved in the MyEnds 2.0 programme have¹¹ delivered:

106 INTERVENTIONS

¹¹ Source: Application data and self reported monitoring data (April 2024-September 2025)

Including activities like:

- Mentoring
- Sports programmes
- Training for practitioners
- Mental health support
- After school programmes
- Detached Youth Work
- Employability schemes



OVER 23,000

people in communities, including 20,000 children and young people reached

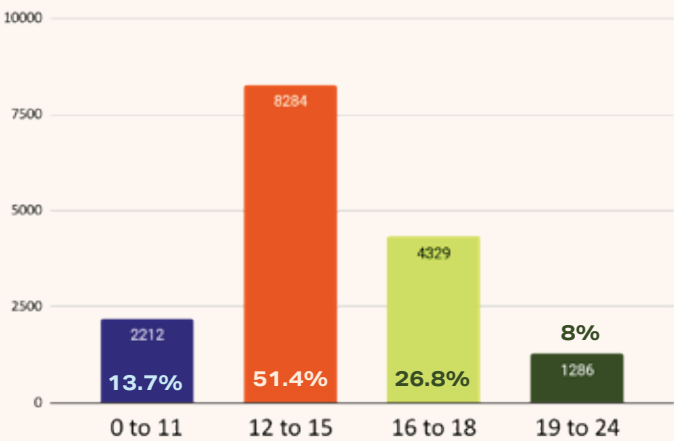
OVER 700

parents and carers reached

Total MyEnds reach: intended vs actual

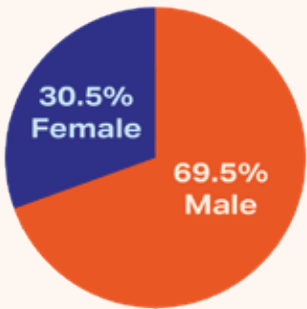
Children and young people reached by age group

Fig 1: Children and young people reached by age group across all Sites. Source: Site-reported reach data gathered in Quarterly Monitoring Reports (April 2024-September 2025)



Children and young people reached by gender

Fig 2: Children and young people reached by gender across all Sites. Source: Site-reported reach data gathered in Quarterly Monitoring Reports (April 2024-September 2025)



DYNAMIC PROCESS EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

'What's strong, not what's wrong'

Building on MyEnds 1.0 learnings and a co-produced model for hyper-local systems change, the Dynamic Process Evaluation (DPE) set out to understand the programme in more detail, including building a deeper understanding of how the identified mechanisms of change are contributing to improvements in outcomes.

The core objectives of the evaluation were to:

- Capture the process of mobilisation and strategy development to understand the key strengths and challenges
- Support Sites to identify Theories of Change at various levels of the programme
- Share progress and promising practice amongst MyEnds Network leaders and with the wider local communities
- To update our understanding of the MyEnds model and develop a toolkit to support the implementation of the model in other Locations

The approach taken was to carry out an evaluation grounded in strong community voice, using an appreciative inquiry methodology, looking for 'what's strong, not what's wrong'. An important element of the methodology was adapting to emerging, or changing, needs of Sites. Differences between Sites were recognised and reflected in a responsive stance to the evaluation activity.

The DPE sought to gather insights and learning across three distinct levels of the MyEnds Programme – programme, Site and intervention.

The DPE was guided by the following questions:

Intervention Level

- To what extent have interventions succeeded in identifying & reaching those most in need of support, and specifically within marginalised & minoritised groups?
- What has been the impact on YP engaged in MyEnds programmes locally?

Site Level

- What has been the perceived impact of the programme on equity in local decision-making processes between partners, local orgs, the community & YP?
- What are some examples of YP/community engagement increasing trust and buy-in to local approaches?
- What has been the impact on multi-agency working?

Programme Level

- How has the programme created the conditions for local approaches to stabilising and reducing violence?
- What has been the perceived impact on the long-term capacity of the local system to deliver local approaches for stabilising and reducing violence?
- How has programme support impacted local approaches to violence reduction?

WHO WAS INVOLVED?

The active engagement and participation of each Site enabled data to be collected through the diverse set of activities, which are detailed in [Appendix 2](#)

Through surveys, peer and practitioner interviews, workshops and events, the evaluation gathered insights from **approximately**:

440 YOUNG PEOPLE

270 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

100 MYENDS SITES DELIVERY PARTNERS

70 SYSTEM PARTNERS

60 MEMBERS ACROSS GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS



LIMITATIONS

There are some limitations that are important to note when considering the findings in this report.

Self-Reported Data:

The monitoring data utilised in this report was provided by MyEnds Sites. Self-reported data can increase the likelihood of gaps within the data or inconsistencies.

Sample Size Constraints:

Relatively small sample sizes were recorded for specific activities - most notably community workshops, peer interviews, and system partner stakeholder workshops¹³. Consequently, larger sample sizes would be needed to generalise some findings to the broader population.

Engagement Bias:

Feedback from system stakeholders was gathered from those who actively opted into the evaluation process. These individuals likely represent the most engaged segments of the stakeholder group, and their perspectives may differ from those who are less involved or reached.

Facilitation Bias:

Programme staff were present alongside evaluators during all workshops with community members and young people to support engagement and safeguarding policies. Evaluators note that this presence may influence participants to share more positive feedback than they would have in a neutral, third-party setting.

¹² These stakeholder numbers are based on number of people who took part in the Evaluation activities, and may not be unique stakeholders

¹³ 42 wider community members took part in the community workshops, but only 5 Sites took part in these, at an average participation of 8 people per Site. 14 peer interviews were conducted by 9 peer researchers, from Southwark and Islington. 15 system partners took part in the workshops, from 4 Sites. Insights from other system partners were gathered through an online survey.