

Citizenship & Integration Initiative

A partnership between the GLA, independent funders and civil society to advance shared goals on social integration

Securing Status for Young Londoners

SHARED GOAL: To support young Londoners who have insecure immigration status to secure their legal rights to residence, through engaging people in these issues, raising awareness and supporting young people to realise their rights.

Four individuals have been seconded from civil society into the Greater London Authority (GLA) Social Integration Team over the first two years of the initiative.

They brought with them:

Anita Hurrell (2017/18)
Coram Children's Legal Centre

Dami Makinde (2017/18)
Just for Kids Law

Rosalind Compton (2018/19)
Coram Children's Legal Centre

Chrisann Jarrett (2018/19)
Just for Kids Law



Lived Experience



Expertise



Networks



Legal Knowledge



Image courtesy of the Mayor of London

"We have gained very interesting insights into the different kinds of partnership working, that's been useful. And clarity as to where there are opportunities for working together for the GLA and where there clearly aren't."

Seconding Organisation



Secondees to the Greater London Authority have:

- Created [guidance for professionals](#) and young people
- Created a [promotional video](#) with The Mayor
- Hosted two young people's forums at City Hall
- Connected with GLA colleagues to raise awareness and collaborate



The initiative has also:

- Funded a pilot project offering legal advice through schools
- Collaborated to campaign on national policy



As a result the Greater London Authority:

- Has gained new skills, expertise and connections
- Has developed high quality projects, grounded in detailed knowledge and personal experience
- Has been able to respond more quickly to issues such as the Windrush scandal

The seconding organisations:

- Have a better connection with funders and policy makers
- Have a clearer understanding of policy development within the GLA



And the secondees:

- Have developed knowledge of working in the public sector and policy making
- Have developed skills in joined up working between the GLA and civil society
- Have taken a different approach on issues they feel passionately about

"Some impacts of this initiative have been felt at a really high level in City Hall. For example, our work on young Londoners securing status put us far ahead of others in understanding the issue and what needs to be done to address it."

Matthew Ryder,
Deputy Mayor for Social Integration

"The main thing I have gained personally is having varied professional experience and gain an insight into statutory sector which I've never worked in before."

Secondee, 2017-18