



***“For Tomorrows
Young People, Today”***



Annual Report

2015/16



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Chairs Forward

2015/16 has been a very busy year in delivering projects, programmes and positive activities to help young people achieve more and raise their standards. We were 20% up financially from last year in funding terms which helped us to deliver the much needed activities when around 18 youth centres closed as a result of a major council restructure. There were just a handful of summer projects running in the whole borough and Ocean Youth was one of them. The organisation has continued to deliver positive, enriched activities in the community especially for those with Special Educational Needs, those Not in Education Employment and Training and those involved in negative risky behaviour. In these difficult periods we have struggled and continued to deliver the much needed community programmes & projects as outlined in this report.

This is my third term as chairperson and I still hearing success stories where the young people are disengaging from anti social behaviour, not involving themselves in negative peer groups and engaging in risky behaviour. Young people are more eager and wanting to find new opportunities to improve themselves as an individual and to raise their current economic standards.

This year we have dropped slightly from previous records on training young people to various labour industry related courses. We trained 131 young people and this was mainly due to the council stopping the Mayors Activity for Young People fund.

I have continued to receive positive feedback from the community and young people that attend our projects. We have helped many local young people find jobs in the retail sector, the leisure industry and the care profession. We are still holding regular community events, open days and BBQ's to ensure that people of different ages and backgrounds are able to positively engage with one another.

It is a great pleasure to be part of an organisation that is still functioning, seeking funding and striving hard to support young people and I hope that this momentum continues. OYC is still a grassroots organisation, committed and community led, with efficient and effective delivery strategies in place to achieve great results. I still believe that OYC will continue to deliver creative, productive and sustainable projects that fulfil young people's needs and demands. I hope that young people get the best possible life experiences they need to assist them through their period of childhood, adolescence to independence to make positive informed choices to improve themselves and their conditions in their life.

I thank the management committee, the staff team, the volunteers and the young people for their continued commitment, dedication and support and deliver OYC's vision, aims and objectives.

Abdul Munim (Chairperson)

Board of directors 2015/16

Chairperson:	Abdul Munim
Secretary:	Mohammed Abdul Ahad
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Honoury Supporters of OYC

- Joyce Archebold - Project Co-ordinator, SocietyLinks (Supporter and advisor)
- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Committee member, Ocean Tenants Leaseholders Association
- Robert Gibson and Aminul Hoque – London Borough of Tower Hamlets Personal Advisors
- Akik Miah – Secretary Stepney Foundation
- Ishaque Uddin – Secretary, Stepney Fathers Group
- Nick Coke – The Salvation Army
- Dr Elizabeth Venables – Trustee, Stepney City Farm

Ocean Youth Connexions

Reporting period 1st October 2015 – 30th September 2016

Staff team

Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:	Project Coordinator
Mohammed Adnan Miah:	Youth Worker In-charge
Imran Khan:	Youth Support Worker
Raykeb Khan:	Youth Support Worker
Zurain Hussein	Youth Support Worker
Ruma Zaman:	Girls/women Youth Support Worker
Rajmina Begum:	Girls/women Youth Support Worker
Mohammed Mizanur Rahman	Taekwondo Instructor
Mohammed Razaur Rahman	Taekwondo Instructor
Rizwan Ahmed:	Volunteer Youth Worker

Number of registered young people:

We currently have 172 registered members as of 30th September 2016

Programme and activities for 2015/16

- Weekly Youth Club Sessions – Ocean TLA Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Outreach and Detached Work – On the Ocean Estates as and when required
- Half Term Activities: For Special Educational Needs (SEN) and those with Learning Disability and Difficulties (LDD)
- Half term activities: For those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
- Six week summer programme: Open access for all
- Six week summer programme: Exclusive for girls and women only
- Community BBQs and Funday
- Saturday Football Training at Mile End leisure centre
- Saturday Taekwondo session at Mulberry Sport Centre
- Cando Healthy Eating project
- Supporting the Safer Neighbourhood team through information sharing and resolving gang and territorial issues

Youth Club Sessions

Ocean Tenants & Leaseholders Association (OTLA)

Ocean Tenants Leaseholders Association is where all the delivery of youth club activities takes place and we take this opportunity to thank the Tower Hamlets Mainstream Grant who have funded the sessions for the next three years. The Jack Petchey Foundation has also helped us to fund local trips, social gatherings, purchase sports equipment and a PS4, making it a fun and exciting place to be. We have held various in-house competitions, improved our cooking skills in healthy alternatives organised workshops and seminars, engaged in local community issues and looked at solutions.



On average we now have around 15-18 young people attending our youth provisions daily and this is mainly due to the size of the venue and also the trend why young people do not want to engage with youth workers. This is something that the team needs to plan and come up with a solution as we have no wifi access and that is huge problem and not allowing modern mainstream music containing inappropriate language cause many not to not attend. The young people this year have enjoyed cooking up healthy meals from the Cando grant and preparing different dishes from different cultures. We have participated in a local estate cleanup operation which was well attended by young people. We also received 6 new bikes from Pantheon a city corporation that donated them after their team away day and we have used them to deliver Bikeability training. We have a good age range of young people that attend our facilities and our connection within the community has seen a lot of younger people from different ethnic backgrounds accessing the club sessions but we are still lacking on-going female participation during normal sessions. The organisation will look into providing a session exclusively for the girls through funding opportunities. The provision is keeping young people out of anti social behaviour, risky behaviour, local nuisance and being involved in negative peer groups. We have seen more and more young people focused on their test and exam results than ever before and many do not attend during the whole year until the summer period. There is a steady ongoing bunch of young people that regularly attend and do not give it a miss and it is with these young people that we tend to organise trips, residentials and seminars.

Community BBQ', summer and trips

This year we held one big community BBQ outside our centre, during the summer holidays. We had over 80 residents attend our programme they learnt about what we do, how we can help their children and where to seek help if they have an issue with their child. They also took information on the activities we provided during the summer and throughout the year. This was also a golden opportunity to network with other parents, guardians and carers to discuss issues on the estate and how to tackle them jointly by reporting crime, anti-social behaviour and threatening abuse from drug dealers. Activities included indoor pool table tennis and PS3 competitions, face art, mendhi art, nail art, cycling and smoothie making.

This summer we organised two separate programmes one for the girls and women in the early part of the day and the open access session in the afternoon through to the evening. We received no funding from the council this summer so the organisation contributed towards the funding of ensuring that a summer project happens. The organisation management did not wish its young people to be isolated for such a long period of time and not engage in positive activities and turn to anti social behaviour, crime and being engaged in negative peer groups.

The summer programme was a success and we had a lot of new young people that engaged and participated for the first time. We were very busy on most days, there were a lot of cooking of different dishes from fried to dried foods to healthy to full fat meals and shakes to juicing. Young people enjoyed themselves and commented very positively at the end of the summer programme.

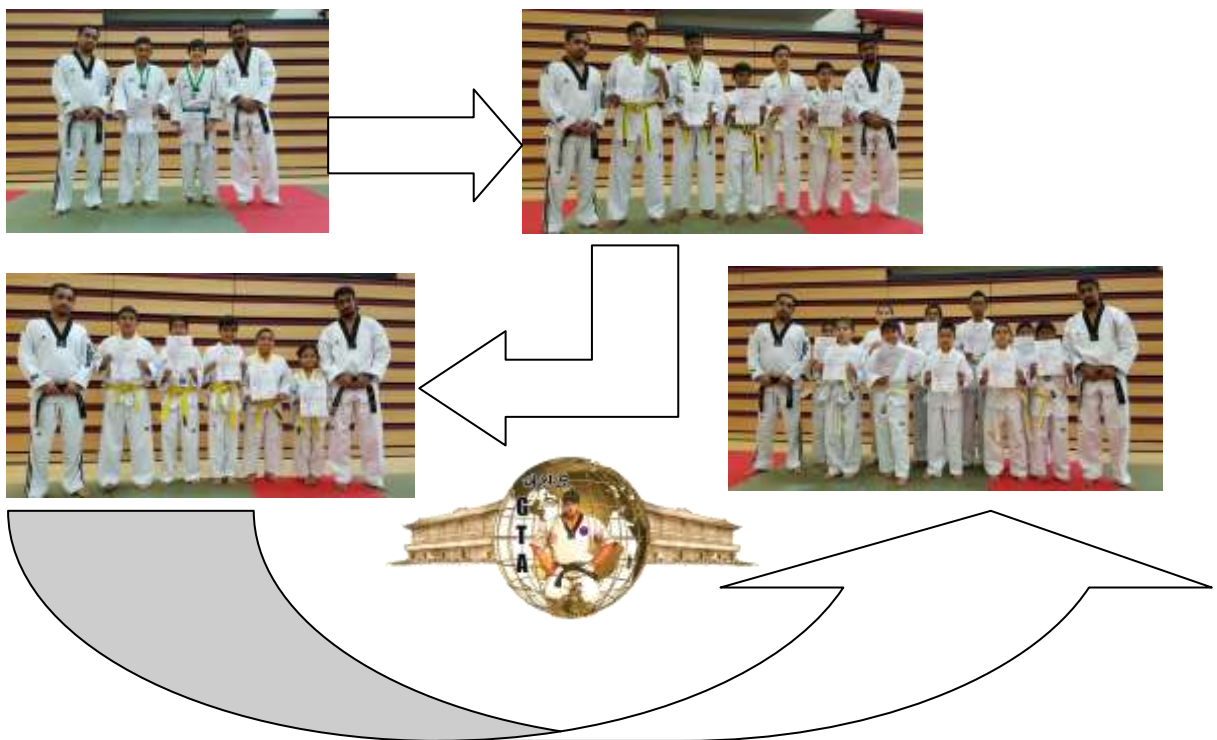
We organised a variety of trips and multiple trips for young people to participate and enjoy; Bowling, ice-skating, top golf, Thorpe Park, and Cinema all of which were fully attended and oversubscribed. For next year we need to reflect on the demand and needs of young people and aim to meet their needs rather than their demands.

Both projects were also monitored by the council and they were happy with their feedback on trying to engage girls and women onto the project. The summer programme allowed us to meet the council targets on contacts, participants and recorded outcome. Our customer service programme for NEET young people was poorly attended after a huge initial demand which was a bit disappointing.

BBC Children in NEED

The taekwondo sessions have been going on for over two years and we have been successful in securing the funds for this project. We have around 35 registered young people for the sessions and on average 25-28 young people attend regularly.

We have seen a great improvement on young people's attitudes, behaviour and focus in life, on top of their health benefits and increased fitness levels. Young people have also been excelling in their belt grading and now we have more young people achieving their belt grading in their first attempt than previously.



We are registered with the British Taekwondo Association and have continued the belt grading process. Our young people have progressed from white to Yellow tag to Yellow belt and Green tag to Green belt and our two young experts are working tirelessly to get their blue tag. Below is a photo of our second year celebration in Taekwondo.



Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)

We have been successful in securing three half term bids to continue to deliver PAYP activities during October 15, December 15 and February 16 Half Term activities for young people that have Special Educational Needs (**SEN**) and those that are Not in Education, Employment and training (**NEET**).

We have delivered the following PAYP courses during this reporting year:

- 2 x BSM Signal Theory course
- 1 x HSE Emergency First Aid
- 1 x Paediatric First Aid
- 1 x HABC Level 2 in Customer Service
- 1 x Health and Fitness
- 2 x Young Leader Award
- 2 x Health And Safety
- 1 x Food and Hygiene



(See Appendix 1 for a detailed analysis on numbers trained)

PAYP funding has allowed young people to improve, enhance and develop themselves as well as raise aspiration, enjoy meeting new friends and achieving a recognised qualification. The aim is also for young people to stay safe, be engaged during half term and make an economic contribution to society. We hope to achieve fulfilling the Helping Children Achieve More (HCAM) guidance criteria when delivering these projects.

We have worked closely with the PAYP Key Workers, Personal Advisors and Careers Services to ensure that our services were advertised well and that we reached a wider audience. Getting referrals for SEN young people, was a great challenge this year but we managed to attract them to the project and engaged them fully in our activities. Those that fell under the NEET category were also from a difficult group but they gained new experiences and industry accredited courses that will support them when applying for work.

The PAYP programme is at the heart of the success criteria of our services during the holiday period. The PAYP courses were well run and organised and due to the discontinuation of the PAYP fund we managed to train 100 young people this year. The Mayor of Tower Hamlets has decided not to fund the PAYP programme for 2016/17



Jack Petchey Funding

We are still on the Silver Scheme and we have used the funding mainly towards purchasing equipment, latest PS4 games, controllers, cinema and bowling trips as well as visit to Thorpe Park. The funds were also used for cooking session, BBQ and a youth celebration event which was very successful. The funding also allowed us to hold in-house competitions with trophies as prizes. We have been granted to continue with the silver scheme for 2015/16.



This year we applied for the Leaders Award Grant and spent the money on buying cooking equipment, ingredients to encourage cooking and improving young people's lifeskills as well as organising trips and competitions, estate cleaning and social gatherings. We also had the opportunity to raise money for a water well by buying OYC t-shirts and collecting money to give to a local charity to see it actualised. The nomination process is made by identifying leaders who have committed themselves to the project for over two years and next year we should have more leaders and workers to choose from. Workers that are recognised for their commitment and dedication to the organisation and the youth work programme will be chosen for the next year's Leaders Award.



Ocean Regeneration Trust

Our Saturday football session is still continuing at Mile End Leisure Centre Pitch 1 & 2 and is becoming a hit with young people. We have an average of 24 young people attending weekly and have around 65 registered for the sessions. Young people are enjoying the facilities provided for them and this weekend project keeps young people active and engaged when youth provisions do not open. We have also attracted young players from different teams that operate within tower hamlets and they use our facilities to prepare themselves for the Sunday league games. The project needs to find ways to secure its future funds to keep this provision going and it is attracting a lot of young people with and without talent and helping to keeping them safe and away from negative peer groups and risky behaviour.



Dr Bike

We have been delivering Dr Bike sessions to local youth clubs across Tower Hamlets and within our own Youth centre during the half term holidays. The bike project is still an attraction for projects to buy our services of training and bike maintenance.

We still have not been successful with raising funds to deliver training at schools, youth centres for free, but we have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to getting as many young people cycling as possible. We participate and engage in local fairs, events and seminars and provide this free service to anyone that brings in a standard bike with universal parts

“Wheel Powering Children”



Outreach and detached work

With the reduction in Police and Safer Neighbourhood officers we have been working on the streets every now and then when need arises to deal with gang violence and territorial fights.

The workers have been distributing leaflets, organising seminars and gang mediation talks to resolve conflicts and issues. We also have been assisting young people who have drugs and alcohol issues by referring them onto services that can help and assist them to kick the habit.

The outreach team have seen a sudden increase in the abuse of consuming laughing gas by young people. We can see the streets and parks being littered with silver canisters every morning, even around schools and people's homes. This issue has been raised with the council and councillors but nothing seems to be done by having Police patrol around hot spot areas. Young people are inhaling over 30/40 canisters in each session, driving cars recklessly, speeding and causing accidents in the area.

We have carried out door to door leafleting to promote our services and setup a Watsup group chat to inform young people on what is going on and if any of them or their friends are interested then they can participate in the organised activities.

We also participated in outreach work on Guy Fawkes Nights, informing young people the legal aspects to carrying fireworks and the consequences of being caught with fireworks under the legal age. The aim of the outreach was to ensure young people do not cause any upset to neighbours or to passersby through misuse of fireworks and to reduce injury through misuse. It was a successful night and not many fireworks took place during the night.

We also participated in promoting our local Career Advisors to help support our young people to look for jobs, develop soft skills for interviews and assist in online applications. We also used the opportunity to target and reach young people who are NEET to attend our half-term projects that deliver accredited courses and labour industry qualifications. We have seen many of our young people finding jobs in retail, the leisure industry and the care profession

Staff and Management Development

Staff and management have engaged in the following training:

- Mohammed Adnan Miah completed the following training:
 - Health and Safety Level 2
 - Forced marriage
- Imran Khan completed the following training:
 - MIDAS training
 - Prevent training
 - Child Sexual Exploitation & FGM
 - Forced marriage
- Kamal Ahmed completed the following training:
 - Prevent training
 - Child Sexual Exploitation & FGM
 - Forced Marriage
- Mohammed Raykeb Khan is currently completing the following training:
 - QCF Level 3 in Youth Work
 - Forced Marriage
- Ruma Zaman
 - Emergency First Aid at work
- Rajmina Begum
 - Health and Safety Level 2



Financial Information 2015 – 2016

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2016

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
LB Tower Hamlets - PAYP		18,180		17,950
LB Tower Hamlets - YOF		1,900		495
LB Tower Hamlets - Summer Grant		-		2,400
LB Tower Hamlets - DART		-		1,600
LB Tower Hamlets – MSG		16,111		5,000
LB Tower Hamlets - OTH		-		1,400
London Council Community Grant		6,241		18,455
Jack Petchey		1,946		1,200
Bank Interest		19		16
OYC contribution		941		150
BBC Children in Need		10,000		6,300
William Wates		-		5,539
Shadow Youth		-		139
Awards For All		10,000		-
Ocean regeneration Trust		5,000		-
Cando		<u>500</u>		<u>-</u>
		71,468		60,644
Administrative expenses		<u>(60,577)</u>		<u>(92,319)</u>
Operating surplus/(loss)		<u>10,981</u>		<u>(31,675)</u>

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- **London Borough of Tower Hamlets:**
 - **Mainstream Grant**
 - **Positive Activities for Young people**
- **The TFL Bikeability Scheme contractor Steer Gleave Davis for quality assurance monitoring**
- **BBC Children in Need for Funding the Saturday Taekwondo sessions for a year**
- **Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment social events and supporting young people**
- **Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Saturday Football sessions**
- **The residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates who have supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the project a success**
- **Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities**
- **Lifeskills Development Ltd for discounted training sessions**

Appendix 1

Statistical information on courses delivered in Half term holidays during the financial year 1 October 2015 to 30th September 2016.

Funded by Positive Activity for Young People and Awards for All

Half term delivery dates and course titles	Special education Needs No. of young people	Not in education Employment and Training No. of young people
October 15		
Young Leaders Award	11	N/A
Health and Fitness	12	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A	12
Food And Hygiene	N/A	10
December 15		
BSM Signal Training	9	10
Emergency First Aid	7	N/A
February 16		
Paediatric First Aid	9	N/A
Young Leaders Award	11	N/A
Customer Service	N/A	8
Health and Safety	N/A	1
June 16		
Taekwondo Belt grading	N/A	26
August 16		
Customer Service Level 2	N/A	5
Total young people trained	(SEN) 59	(NEET) 72

Total number of young people trained with industry level awards and qualifications is 131.