



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



Annual Report

2016/17



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Chairs Forward

2016/17 has been a wonderful and mysterious year in delivering new and creative projects. In these periods of uncertainty and Brexit looming around the corner we have discovered the huge reduction of available grant for young people to deliver generic youth work. However we have continued to plough on to deliver the much needed community programmes & projects as outlined in this report.

This is my third term as chairperson and it only seems like yesterday when I took on the role of managing this organisation and seeing it improve, advance and raise the bar in its organisational policies as well as the delivery of the various projects that has been delivered throughout the year. We have seen funders demanding to deliver more outputs with a reduced budget and it has been a year of the survival of the fittest as more and more are seeking funding for a small pot of available funds.

This year we have dropped significantly from previous records on training young people to various labour industry related courses, this was mainly due to the new council funding strategy and plans to deliver a new youth service programme in Tower Hamlets.

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, security industry and the leisure industry. We have also taken the initiative to working towards building a more cohesive community, through holding 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 pleasure to be part of an organisation that has a drive to support young people and I hope that this continues. OYC is still a grassroots organisation, committed and community led, with efficient and effective delivery strategies in place to achieve great results. I 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 experiences they need to assist them through their period of adolescence to independence to make positive informed choices to improve conditions in their life.

I thank the management committee, dedicated staff team and the young people for their continued commitment, dedication and support to OYC's vision and aims

Abdul Munim (Chairperson)

Board of directors 2016/17

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

- Joyce Archebold - Project Co-ordinator, SocietyLinks (Supporter and collaborative work)
- 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
- Dr Elizabeth Venables – Trustee, Stepney City Farm
- Nahimul Islam – Wapping Youth FC
- Sennie Emanuel and Neros Augustus – Pro-AM Development
- Master Shujahat Fiaz And Instructor Junjian Zheng – Team DJB taekwondo

Ocean Youth Connexions

Reporting period 1st October 2016 – 30th September 2017

Staff team

Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:	Project Coordinator
Mohammed Adnan Miah:	Service Contract Manager
Imran Khan:	Youth Support Worker
Raykeb Khan:	Youth Support Worker
Zurain Hussein	Youth Support Worker
Rajmina Begum:	Girls/women Youth Support Worker
Ruma Zaman:	Girls/women Youth Support Worker
Syeda Farjana Ali:	Girls/women Youth Support Worker
Mohammed Mizanur Rahman	Taekwondo Instructor
Mohammed Razaur Rahman	Taekwondo Instructor
Rizwan Ahmed:	Youth Support Worker
Mehmet Hasan	Youth Support Worker
Kamrul Islam	Youth Support Worker
Monju Hoque	Youth Support Worker
Feruj Ali	Youth Support Worker

Number of registered young people:

We currently have around 440 registered members as of 30th September 2017

Programme and activities for 2016/17

- Weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA every Tuesday and Thursday
- A Six week whole day summer programme: Open access for all
- A summer programme exclusive for girls and women only
- Intergenerational Community Fundraising Funday with BBQ
- Saturday Taekwondo session at Mulberry Sport Centre
- A Box our size project for adults
- The delivery of the Youth Service Contract for the Bow East area from Caxton Hall, Central Sports Hall and Mile End Football pitches: Three Youth Club provisions, three Football training sessions and one Study Support Class
- Residentials and accredited training courses

Youth Club Sessions Ocean Tenants & Leaseholders Association (OTLA)

Ocean Tenants Leaseholders Association is where the majority of youth club activities takes place and we take this opportunity to thank the Tower Hamlets Mainstream Grant who have funded the sessions till April 2019, Ocean regeneration Trust that funded our Junior Club, Tower Hill Trust that funded our summer programme and The Jack Petchey Foundation allowing us to have funds to help us to fund local trips, social gatherings, sports equipment and purchase a PS4, making it a fun and exciting place to be. We held various in-house competitions throughout the year, engaged young people in cooking healthy alternatives, organised workshops and seminars around gangs and knife crime, provided various arts and craft activities as well as fashion wear from recycled clothing. We also took part in organising Parliament week where we spoke about the importance of voting and having a say locally and nationally. We also engaged in local community meetings and looked at solutions to anti social behaviour and summer funding for young people as well as the recent spree of knife crime.



We have on average around 12-14 young people attending our youth provisions and around 10-12 attending our Junior club session daily and this is lower than last year's figures. We are seeing a trend that young people do not want to engage with youth workers and youth clubs during term time as most of the young people have got a PS4 at home and play online, plus they have Wi-Fi at home. We are dealing with an online generation, where everyone almost has a phone and tablet and young people have become addicted to social media, gaming apps on their phones and on PS4 and all this at the comfort of their homes. This is something that the staff and even the organisation needs to plan and come up with a solution as we have no wi-fi access currently at our centre and numbers accessing our services on the Ocean Estate are falling. We have come to a compromise with mainstream music but are trying to encourage young people to play the clean cut version of the tracks. 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 committed individuals that we tend to organise trips, residentials and seminars.

Community BBQ', summer and trips

This year we were funded by the Tower Hill Trust to run a six week summer programme. We organised sessions from 11am to 3pm and had the youth club open on normal days due to funding. We had a trip every week and we held one big community BBQ at our centre, with a bouncy castle, mendhi art, nail art and face art session. We had over 60 young people attend our programme. Parents learnt about what we do as an organisation, how we can help their children and they also volunteered their time. They took information on the activities and promoted it to their neighbours and friends. This was also a golden opportunity to network with other parents, guardians and carers to discuss issues on the estate. Activities included indoor pool table tennis and PS3, PS4 competitions, face art, mendhi art, nail art, cycling and smoothie making, textiles, puppet making, hama bead designs, etc.

This summer we organised just the one programme for the girls and women in the early part of the day and allowed younger siblings to also participate. The organisation contributed towards the funding received ensuring that a good summer project happens. The organisation management did not wish that 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, cinema and a picnic at the park, 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.

Society Links Collaboration in Taekwondo

The taekwondo sessions have been going on for over three 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 were sad to see our two former instructors from Global Taekwondo Art leave us after giving us over two years of commitment to our organisation. Our current Instructors are registered with the South Korean Kukiwon Federation as well as British Taekwondo. They are Team DJB tigers and have supported our cause up until now. They have continued the belt grading process after GTA left and we had one belt grading process after one year. All our young people have progressed from white to Yellow tag and others gone up a rank to Yellow, Green tag to Green belt to Blue tag. Below is a photo of our second year celebration in Taekwondo.

We are now in collaboration with Society links who will take over the taekwondo sessions and run it under their organisation for the foreseeable future.



Bow East Project Caxton Hall (IYCS)

We have been successful in securing a youth service bid to deliver youth club activities in the Bow West Area for a one year period. The targets were very high but we thought that with our contacts in the sport world and varied programme we could deliver this programme and achieve our targets. We had to make 300 contacts, get 180 people to participants, produce 108 recorded outcomes and train 54 young people with accredited training and we achieved this.

This funding has allowed us to deliver a much needed vital service in the Caxton Hall, Bow area where services of this type are negligent unlike other parts of the borough. We recruited staff that lived in the area as a means to develop a faster and better relationship and slowly began to recruit others to help us deliver the services. This programme has helped redevelop the area, and for young people to be able to improve, enhance and develop themselves, as well as raise their aspiration levels. We have created a safe, warm welcoming place where young people can enjoy, meet new friends and achieve a recognised qualification. The aim is also for young people to stay in a safe place away from local negative behaviour and knife crime and have access to facilities that they were not accustomed to previously. We hope to achieve in fulfilling the Helping Children Achieve More (HCAM) outcomes as well as improve the learning experience and personal outcomes of adolescence to independence.

We have worked closely with Key Workers in Tower Hamlets mainly Transition Support Workers and Careers Services as well as Detached and Response Team to ensure that our services were advertised well and that we reached a wider audience especially those that were not engaging in informal services. 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 and did an accredited course.

Next year the bar has been raised by 25% and with a 10% cut in funding. It going to be tough but we will do our best to achieve what we can with the limited resources we have.



Jack Petchey Funding

We are on the Silver Scheme and we have used the funding mainly towards purchasing Taekwondo equipment, PS4 console, games, controllers, trips to the cinema and bowling trips as well as visit to Thorpe Park. We had a big social gathering with all of our young people and funded the grading fees for 10 of our taekwondo students. We have been granted to continue with the silver scheme for 2017/18.



This year we applied for the Leaders Award Grant and spent the money on providing Taekwondo classes for our young people and this was very much enjoyed by them. 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

We have been successful again this year to have received funding from the Ocean Regeneration Trust to deliver two Junior Club sessions from the Ocean Tenants leaseholders association for young people aged 8-16 years of age. We delivered two sessions on Wednesday and Friday between 3:30pm - 5:30pm and we had three qualified members of staff that were working on the project. The staff delivered a varied programme consisting of Arts and Craft, Social games and competitions, cooking sessions, knitting, stitching and textile as well as outdoor games and activities. The project attracted over 60 young people to the project and it was a successful one. On average we had around 12 young people attending our sessions and we tried to encourage those that do not attend our evening youth club to attend these sessions, especially the girls and women that we work with during the summer. We ran the sessions throughout the year and even through the holiday periods. This is a much needed service that the Ocean Estates does not have and for some it was a lifeline because of work commitments.



Dr Bike

We have been delivering some Dr Bike sessions to local youth clubs across Tower Hamlets and within our own Youth centre.

We have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible. Members of the management and staff have also participated in a Briton charity run in aid of helping alleviate poverty in countries that have been devastated by flood and drought as well support children from the mass exodus of the Rohingya people from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

“Wheel Powering Children”



Outreach and detached work

The work on the street has continued to raise the profile of Ocean Youth Connexions in the Bow West Area, we have ordered staff T-shirts and jackets as well as large ID cards for visibility and recognition. The workers have distributed leaflets, through people's doors, put them up in centres and handed them out in places where young people congregate. We have had a good response from young people and our Bow West Youth Centre is one of the busiest and at times we have over 40 young people passing through our doors in one session.

We have intervened on several occasions when gangs from a neighbouring area entered the Stepney area and robbed a group of our young people of their valuables. We had a meeting with our young people and told them that the way they present themselves, makes them attracted to thieves who will rob them. One is carrying the pouch and two having earphones dangling from the pocket and listening to music. Phone crime is on the increase and most of the time young people are pulled up at knife point in dark areas around the estate and park areas.

We also participated in promoting our local Career Advisors to help support 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.

Staff and Management Development

Staff and management have engaged in the following training:

All staff and management have completed their Level 3 in Child Protection as part of their commitment to safeguarding children

- Mohammed Adnan Miah completed the following training:
 - Midas
 - Food Hygiene
 - Fire Safety
- Kamal Ahmed completed the following training:
 - Fire Safety
 - Food Hygiene
 - First Aid at Work
- Kamrul Islam:
 - Health and Safety at Work Level 2
 - Food hygiene Level 2
 - Emergency First Aid Level 2
- Ruma Zaman
 - Emergency First Aid at work
- Rajmina Begum
 - Health and Safety Level 2

Financial Information 2016 – 2017

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Income		
LB Tower Hamlets - PAYP	1,484	18,180
LB Tower Hamlets - YOF	-	1,900
LB Tower Hamlets – MSG	15,000	16,111
LB Tower Hamlets - IYCS	74,999	-
London Council Community Grant	-	6,241
Jack Petchey	1,750	1,946
Bank Interest	-	19
OYC contribution	173	941
BBC Children in Need	-	10,000
Societylinks	8,715	-
Awards For All	-	10,000
Ocean regeneration Trust	5,000	5,000
Cando	500	500
Young people Contribution	85	-
Fundraising	<u>415</u>	<u>-</u>
	110,621	71,468
Administrative expenses	<u>(90,476)</u>	<u>(60,577)</u>
Operating surplus/(loss)	<u>20,145</u>	<u>10,981</u>

Acknowledgments

- **London Borough of Tower Hamlets:**
 - **Mainstream Grant for Youth Club Activities**
 - **Integrated Youth and Community Services for Bow West Youth Service contract to deliver five youth provisions**
- **The TFL Bikeability Scheme contractor Steer Gleave Davis for quality assurance monitoring**
- **BBC Children in Need and Awards for All for Funding the Saturday Taekwondo and Football training**
- **Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment social events and supporting young people**
- **Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Junior Club**
- **Tower Hill trust for providing us with funding to run a six week summer programme**
- **Cando grant for providing Box your size sessions for men with trainer Ashraf Ali**
- **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**
- **We are a member of London youth and we have participated in their free training and funders fair**



Appendix 1

Statistical information on courses delivered during the financial year 1 October 2016 to 30th September 2017.

Funded by Positive Activity for Young People and Awards for All

Half term delivery dates and course titles	No. of young people	Special Educational Needs
February 17 Customer Service Health and Safety Bikeability	8 N/A 10	N/A 12 N/A
April 17 Taekwondo Belt grading U12 Taekwondo Belt grading O12	11 12	N/A N/A
July 17 Young Leaders Award Play Maker Award	9 11	N/A N/A
Total young people trained	61	12

Total number of young people trained with industry level awards and qualifications is 73.