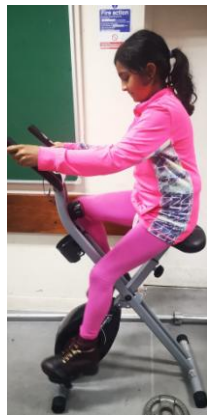




“For Tomorrows Young People, Today”



Youth Programme: Monday to Saturday (except Thursday)
Time: 6pm-9pm and Saturday 12pm-2pm
www.oceanyc.org | info@oceanyc.org

Address:
 Caxton Hall, Central Sports Hall
 and Mile End Astro

Youth Club
 Monday, Wednesday
 and Friday

Football training sessions
 Tuesday, Friday and
 Saturday

What you will learn?
 Team work Creativity Self determination
 Taking on challenges and risks
 Self motivation Understand
 better relationships and
 leadership Learn new and
 develop current skills
 Gain an accredited
 qualification




Annual Report

2018/19



Company Limited By Guarantee: 04543565

Chairs Forward

We are now witnessing a huge cut in vital youth provisions and youth services within the borough and as a result we have seen the rise of youth crime, youth violence and an increased anti social behaviour. OYC has tried its best to stay afloat and has delivered in some of the areas where gaps have been created and issues have risen. After the recent decision of the Local Community Fund funding many small third sector organisations will be disappearing from the borough and their grassroots work will come to an end, the question is who will pick up the pieces.

OYC has now become an essential part of young people's lives in the Ocean Estates and the Bow West area and this has been developed through the continuation to seek funding to develop new and innovative projects and positively involve young people in the process. The team has grown quite dramatically and they have excelled themselves every year in providing a space where young people can be safe, secure and welcomed.

We are still a small charity but we have increased our service delivery and provisions, we still rely heavily on successful bid applications, the generosity of our funders and business donors. We are extremely grateful for all the funding, grants and donations we have received throughout 2018/19 and this has allowed us to run two Youth Clubs on five evenings, two Summer projects and two half term activities, two football training sessions, one Taekwondo Club session, one study support tuition class, and the creation of two outreach teams working to deal with the rise of knife crime in the borough.

I would like to personally thank them all the Management Committee for their help and support and throughout the year in getting the organisation to a level to meet all current delivery standards and all the people involved with making this organisation deliver its aims and objectives to the community.

OYC's financial situation has continued to improve and this is down to the hard work of the Project Coordinator and the Service Contract Manager in sourcing and securing funding, managing the organisations finance diligently, preparing budgets to increase the organisations efficiency and providing transparent accountability with their regular updates. We must also thank them also for updating and developing the organisational business plan for the next five years.

I continue to receive positive feedback from the community and young people that I meet when I attend the projects. I believe we have helped many local young people change their lives by finding them jobs, putting them on apprenticeship scheme and finding them appropriate training.

I am very proud to be part of this organisation and look forward to another good year.

I thank the management committee, the 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 2018/19

Chairperson:	Abdul Munim
Secretary:	Mohammed Abdul Ahad
Treasurer:	Abdul Mu'min Yahya
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Trustee:	Shahin Ullah
Trustee:	Rahan Miah (Resigned 30/09/2019)
Trustee:	Imdadur Rahman
Members:	Anwar Hussin
Members:	Mohammed Abdul Gofur

Honorary Supporters of OYC

- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Committee member, Ocean Estates Tenants Leaseholders Association
- Robert Gibson and Aminul Hoque – London Borough of Tower Hamlets Careers: Learning and Achievements
- Akik Miah – Secretary, Stepney Foundation
- Ishaque Uddin – Secretary, Stepney Fathers Group
- Dr Elizabeth Venables – Trustee, Stepney City Farm
- Nahimul Islam – Chairperson - 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 2018 – 30th September 2019

Staff team

Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:	Project Coordinator
Mohammed Adnan Miah:	Service Contract Manager
Mosammat Rafia	Holiday Youth Support Worker
Rajmina Begum:	Holiday Youth Support Worker
Ruma Zaman:	Holiday Youth Support Worker
Syeda Farjana Ali:	Holiday Youth Support Worker
Abu Tahir	MOPAC Outreach Worker
Fokrul Islam	MOPAC Outreach Worker
Junel Ahmed	MOPAC Outreach Worker
Mozahid Hoque	MOPAC Outreach Worker
Feruj Ali	Youth Support Worker
Hobbibur Rahman	Youth Support Worker
Kamrul Islam	Youth Support Worker
Mehmet Hasan	Youth Support Worker
Meryem Day	Youth Support Worker
Raykeb Khan	Youth Support Worker
Zurain Hussean	Youth Support Worker
Hamza Ahmed	Taekwondo Instructor
Mark Louis Norman	Taekwondo Instructor
Nicos Shuttler	Volunteer

Number of registered young people:

We currently have around 380 registered members as of 30th September 2019

Programme and activities for 2018/19

- Weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA Tuesday & Thursday
- Weekly Youth Club session at Caxton Hall Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Two Football training sessions: Tuesdays, Central Sports Hall & Saturdays, Mile End Astro
- Study support sessions every Sunday
- Two summer projects one in Bow and one in the Ocean Estates
- Intergenerational Community Fundraising Funday with BBQ
- Taekwondo session at Mulberry Sport Centre on Wednesdays
- Annual Football tournament at Mile End Astro
- Residentials and accredited training courses

Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)

Youth Club Sessions

We take this opportunity to thank Tower Hamlets Mainstream Grant who have funded the sessions till September 2019 and the Jack Petchy Foundation who have allowed us to organise trips, buy equipment to run the session and organise a BBQ making it a fun and exciting place to be. Unfortunately we did not secure any future funding from October 2019 we will continue to operate and therefore the organisation has decided to use its reserves to fund the activities till March 2020 until future funding is secured.

We held various in-house competitions throughout the year, engaged young people in cooking healthy alternatives, organised workshops and seminars on gangs, drugs and knife crime, provided arts and craft classes and activities. Our in-house trainee barber gave young people haircuts and our in-house Magna Gym is in full use by young people who want to build those biceps for summer.



We also took part in organising our annual Parliament Week in November 2018 and celebrated the Suffrage 100 of women's right to vote. We also spoke about Brexit and the exit date of 29th March 2019, will it actually happen and how it will affect everyone. We also used the opportunity to look at solutions within our own locality why is it happening and how we can play a part to stop or reduce the rise in crime, violent crime, grooming by gangs and young people achieving low in Tower Hamlets.



We have on average 18 young people attending our youth provisions and around 75 people are registered users. Our Boxing sessions have been very popular and since the end of the project young people still come in and use the boxing equipment to work out and spire with each other. We even have girls come and spire with the equipment which is a good sign of the change in club users.

We have finally got WiFi connection at the club, although the speed is not great but we have connected most of our young people and they seem to enjoy coming and chilling just for the Wifi and playing youtube music.

Through our outreach activities we got to see new young people that have moved to the area who are out and about, using the parks and the new outdoor gym and have now started attending the club. We have also had feedback from a lot of parents who are concerned about the recent increase in knife crime and gang violence and this could be one of the possible reasons why some members choose not to attend.

We also have successfully found jobs for two young people who did not want to go back to education or do any kind of training and we have managed to find part time work for three other young people.

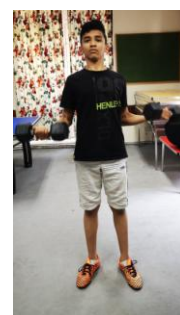


We have also seen more and more young people focused on their test and exam results than ever before and many do not attend our youth provisions throughout the year until the Easter and Summer period but are participating in our tuition classes. We hope to continue this programme and will see that this programme will run in the long term.

Ocean Regeneration Trust, Wakefield & Tetley Trust and BBC Children in Need

Summer and Half term project delivery

We have been successful and lucky this year to have received funding from the above three Trusts to deliver yet another fantastic six week Summer project as well as two half term projects in February and Easter of 2019. We have delivered an exciting, fun and action packed, summer project from the Ocean Estates Tenants Association for young people aged 8-19 years. This was a result of our co-production efforts with young people to plan and implement a fantastic summer programme and identifying funders that support summer holiday projects.



We had six members of staff that were working on the project in two parts, one in the morning from 11am-3pm and the other session from 3pm to 8pm. The staff delivered a varied programme consisting of Arts and Crafts, indoor social games, competitions, cooking sessions, knitting and textile, outdoor games as well as day trips to the cinema, bowling, ice skating rink, Thorpe Park, Coral Reef and Southend on Sea. The project attracted over 70 young people to the project and it was a very successful delivery programme. On average we had around 24 young people attending our sessions especially with a high volume of girls and women that do not attend normal club sessions. This is a much needed programme as summer programme has almost becoming non-existent in Tower Hamlets and our young children are being targeted by criminals.



THE WAKEFIELD & TETLEY TRUST

Bow East Project (Caxton Hall)

We were initially given a six month delivery extension and then it was extended another four months to deliver youth club activities in the Bow West Area till July 2019. With lower targets than the previous year we managed to achieve our targets of 300 contacts, 150 participants, 78 recorded outcomes and train 44 young people with accredited training plus provide 8 case studies on young people. We met our end of year contract and achieved the desired result by the end of the programme, the council youth service was very happy with our delivery. We were fortunate to win the bid to deliver a summer programme in July and August which led us to continue and deliver at a larger scale.

With future funding not secured the management in September decided to fund the programme till the end of March 2020 using their reserves or until funding is secured. Work in the Bow West area is very much needed and we have become a vital service delivery provider at Caxton Hall. This programme has helped us to redevelop the area and for young people to have access to a centre where they can attend, feel welcomed, relaxed and be safe. Thus enabling us to be able to improve the image of the area and make it a better place for everyone and see young people excelling.



Our main aim was for young people to stay away from anti social behaviour knife crime and engage in positive activities that will help them achieve more, improve their learning experiences and personal outcomes during their journey from adolescence to independence.



We have worked closely with Key Workers in Tower Hamlets, Social Workers, Youth Offending Team as well as Youth Workpath and Compass Safe East to ensure that our services were advertised well and that we can make referrals to these agencies to assist our young people. This year the bar has been raised to look for long term funding and it is going to be tough but we will have to do our best to achieve what we can with the limited resources to continue to run a project in the Bow West Area.





We have managed to enter a second year in delivering the Taekwondo class and this year we have been fortunate in securing funding from Awards For All, Charles S French and London Sport. We have around 25 young people registered for the sessions and on average 18-20 young people attend regularly.

The Taekwondo sessions have had a great impact on the young people that attend, their personal behaviour, attitude, humility and courtesy to each others, an increase in physical fitness which has made a great contribution to those young people with health issues. We have had two grading session this year where 10 young people achieved their yellow tag belts, 16 people on Yellow belts and 6 on green tag and we will hopefully organise the next one in February 2020 where we hope that young people will grade and achieve a higher belt.

Our Six Tenets Of Taekwondo: Courtesy, Integrity, Self Control, Perseverance, Indomitable Spirit and Humility



Taekwondo has helped young people to work together as a team, improve their communication skills and significantly built their confidence levels. Young people are becoming more creative, active and learning fast the different patterns and styles being taught. The sessions have improved young people's ability to solve problems, improve their resilience, they are able to deal with conflicts and difficult situations and we have seen a vast improvement in their self motivation and an increase in levels of self esteem.

Our hope to continue to run this Taekwondo session and are in the process of developing a new Taekwondo Session for 5-10 year olds on a Saturday.



Jack Petchey

We have been put on the Silver Scheme recently by the Foundation Coordinator and we have used the funding mainly towards purchasing a PS4 console, controllers, boxing equipment for the club a BBQ and transport cost for trips to Isle of Wight, Downes Scout Campsite and Coral Reef. This year we were visited by the foundation to look at how the Jack Petchey programme is running and how we are spending the funds and were given the green light for continued funding.



We spent last year's Leaders Award Grant funding on providing Boxercise classes for our young people and this was very much enjoyed by them. This year we have nominated Mehmet Hasan AKA Ozzie to be our outstanding Leader for encouraging young people to engage in local youth democracy, participate positively in our youth activities and motivating young people to find work.





We are still delivering Dr Bike Sessions to a few local youth clubs across Tower Hamlets and within our own Youth Centre on the Ocean Estates to repair young people's bikes and make them roadworthy. We want to ensure that they are safe and that they can be used more frequently for school trips and summer bike rides.

We have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible especially during the summer period. We have also been exploring cycling routes in and around Tower Hamlets especially the Island route that goes all around Island with an option to go Greenwich via the foot tunnel. Although we have not received any funding to maintain this project we will be collaborating with a few local charities that raise funds using cycling as a fun way of raising money for children.



MOPAC Outreach and Detached Intervention Work

We were successful in securing a second year MOPAC knife crime funding for October 2019- Sept 2020 and our first grant was to work with 60 young people from four different areas to deter them from using the knife as a means to committing violent crime and resolving conflicts between different groups of young people. We completed our work in the Ocean Estates and Globe Town in the first part of this grant and in the second part we worked in Bow West and the Bethnal Green Area and supported an opening of a new youth club in Mile End.

We were very successful in working with the four group of young people in all of the areas and got them to engage with the local youth provisions being delivered in those areas and worked with young people on a one to one basis. We delivered St John's First Aid training with a focus on knife wound. Our relationship with the young people was a positive one and we worked with them tirelessly to understand the consequences of carrying a knife and to engage in positive activities. Fortunately one of our volunteers who attended training was able to save a young person's life using his bank card.

The project saw some positive outcomes as we saw knife crime slightly drop in those areas. we managed to make contact with 97 young people, got 73 registered, 48 young people completed the accredited course, 21 journey plans were created, 3 people enrolled onto an apprenticeship course and 4 people got employed.

Financial Information 2018 – 2019

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd **Company limited by guarantee** **Detailed trading profit and loss account** **for the year ended 30 September 2019**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Income		
LB Tower Hamlets – MSG	16,250	15,000
LB Tower Hamlets - IYCS	86,666	85,000
Hill Dickinson	-	3,200
Tower Hill Trust	2,000	2,500
Jack Petchey	2,250	2,000
MOPAC	25,000	25,000
OYC contribution	61	1,041
BBC Children in Need	5,000	9,965
Societylinks	8,140	8,685
London Sport	1,440	480
Ocean Regeneration Trust	5,000	5,000
Cando	-	500
Osmani Trust YIF	480	720
Charles S French	1,000	-
Awards For All	10,000	-
Tower Hamlets Homes	5,000	-
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>
	168,287	159,241
Administrative expenses	<u>(120,325)</u>	<u>(109,558)</u>
Operating surplus/(loss)	<u>47,963</u>	<u>49,683</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
- BBC Children in Need for Funding for the summer project and our weekend study support
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment social events and supporting young people
- Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Winter Easter and Summer SPLASH!
- Tower Hill Trust for providing us with funding towards a six week summer programme
- London Sport, Charles S French and Awards For All for providing funding for weekday Taekwondo Session
- London Community Foundation, MOPAC funding for the outreach and detached project for deterring young people from using the knife
- Tower Hamlets Homes for Providing funding to deliver a Summer Programme in Bow West area
- 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 and Malmesbury Community Projects 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



Annual Course delivery information for young people

Half term delivery dates and course titles	No. of Young People Participating
October 2018 Young Leaders Award	10
October 2018 St John's Life save first Aid St John's Life save first Aid St John's Life save first Aid St John's Life save first Aid	11 11 13 12
December 2018 Taekwondo belt grading	16
January 2019 Health and Safety Level 2	12
February 2019 ASDAN Employability Skills	12
April 2019 First Aid level 2	12
May 2019 Level 3 First Aid	8
September 2019 Taekwondo belt grading	16
Total young people trained	133

From October 2018 to September 2019 the total number of accreditations gained with industry level awards and AQA qualifications is **133**