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# CORONAVIRUS: HOW IS THE YWF COMMUNITY RESPONDING?



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# SUMMARY

Over the last few weeks we have witnessed one of the most significant challenges of our lifetime. The pandemic has disrupted the life of every young person and family in Westminster. Lockdown has forced systemic changes to the way we work. Swiftly moving to a remote way of working has meant a radical re-think for organisations in order to operate internally and also maintain services for young people.

With such major societal crises it is often the most vulnerable who suffer most. My concerns are focussed on the families who are at risk of becoming further marginalised. I am particularly worried about the mental health and wellbeing of young people. Young Minds [1] surveyed over 2000 young people nationally at the end of March and found that 83% agreed that the pandemic has made their mental health worse.

Young lives have been disrupted at crucial life stages of education and transition. Moreover, young people already in employment tend to be in more insecure work and once again will be the hardest hit from the economic fallout with low skilled work drying up. The under-30s are two-fifths more likely to be working fewer hours and two-thirds more likely to be made unemployed than their seniors [2].

It is imperative that organisations continue to collaborate. Solidarity is more important than ever, in particular to reach out to and support vulnerable children and young people in Westminster. YWF is working with our members, Westminster City Council, One Westminster, London Metropolitan Police, our business partners and the wider voluntary sector at the beginning of a long term collaborative effort. We hope to continue to support children and young people's organisations to remain operational wherever possible, whilst beginning to prepare for the transition to post lockdown.

I have been encouraged by the creative responses and collaboration across the Westminster community, with youth clubs delivering hot meals and activity packs. Youth services, mentoring and support are proving agile; moving online and via telephone. We see that the trusted relationships between youth workers and young people are as important as ever, if interactions move online then they still fundamentally rely on connection, communication and listening.

Business partners have offered support, for example donating laptops and providing virtual support for young people to review CVs. The Westminster Connects service established swiftly to support the community response.

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[1] 'Coronavirus: Impact on young people with mental health needs', Young Minds, March 2020

[2] 'Young Britons have been hit hard. We owe them a future they can believe in', The Observer, April 2020

The collaboration of funders is also important and it has been great to see the timely emergence of the London Community Response funding portal for emergency and transition funding and the Government announcement of a charity funding package. We need to ensure that youth charities are still there post lockdown and recognise the significant loss of income from earned income and fundraising events. Funding beyond this crisis is needed for us to collaboratively transform, adapt and continue to provide the best opportunities for young people in Westminster.

We are yet to fully understand the impact this will have on young people & our colleagues in the sector; however what is clear is that we will need to listen and adapt, and remaining flexible in order to support in new and different ways.

The following document provides a snapshot of what we currently understand to be the impact on the sector and Westminster's young people, together with a summary of the response from the YWF community to date. We will begin to look ahead to the challenges we foresee in the weeks and months ahead, whilst considering our longer term approach. This will remain entirely flexible and will be informed by the changing needs of our community.

Philip Barron, CEO

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# 1. WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM OUR MEMBERS

Over the last few weeks we have spoken to many of our 90 members and whilst they are encountering individual challenges there are common themes emerging around their responses and the ensuing challenges.

## Emergency response:

All organisations we have spoken to have responded by adapting services in some form.

Responses have been informed by what young people and their families are telling organisations, themes include:

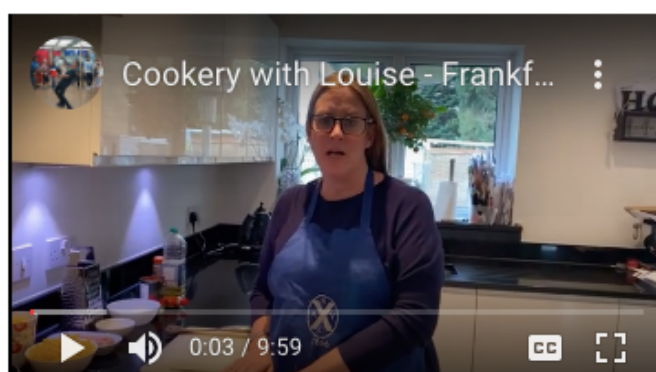
- lack of technical devices for young people
- problems accessing food
- lack of other resources available

These needs are being met by our members where possible: they are creating and delivering craft/food and resource packs in their local community (for example **New Pin Family Centre**, **Fourth Feathers** and **North Paddington Youth Clubs**), referring young people and families on to other agencies such as **Early Help** and **Westminster Connects**. **Avenues Youth Project** have transformed their kitchen to support the response and have already delivered over 1000 hot meals to families and **Greenhouse Sports** is looking to use their hall and facilities for an emergency food response.

A positive aspect of the current situation is the increase in partnership work between different members and a shared approach to solving problems. For example **North Paddington Youth Club** and **Marylebone Bangladesh Society** are referring young people to **Future Men** for mentoring. Whilst some members have now moved, or partially moved, their service delivery to a digital platform many are finding that being able to talk to someone on a one to one basis is still an important part of their work. The trusted relationships that are in place with young people are as important as ever. Telephone counselling services are available with referrals for example through **Westminster MIND**.



*Avenues (top) delivering hot lunches to the community and online cooking tutorials for young people from Louise at St Andrew's (right)*





### Whole family approach:

Calling and checking in with their young people has given youth workers an opportunity to reach out to their families, and as a result **Future Men** noted that a positive effect of this direct contact approach was a closer engagement with parents. At **Westminster Befriend a Family**, mentors and befrienders are encouraged to talk to parents and family members to understand the situation for the whole family.

Members and youth workers are keen to understand the issues of spending time together in small living spaces and the impact this has on young people and the whole family. **Cardinal Hume Centre** are keeping spaces open as a respite space for families to come in and use.

Members are also working closely with the **Early Help Family Hubs** across the Borough to ensure that services are linked up and that the whole family approach and learning is shared with colleagues in **Westminster City Council**.

### Impact on organisations and services:

Organisations have responded to the crisis in a variety of ways with differing organisational impacts. Adapting delivery has highlighted the different levels of digital skills within our member base. It has shown that whilst some members have staff who are easily able to support the process of both developing digital content and delivering it themselves, others are still acquiring the skills and confidence to do so.

Many have struggled to ensure that staff have access to the equipment they need to support the move to virtual delivery and youth workers are often using their own phones/laptops.

Safeguarding has also been highlighted as an area of concern by our members as they move to different methods of delivery. **DreamArts** have very usefully shared a digital agreement and risk register with other members, and access to other resources offered by the **National Youth Agency** and **Local Safeguarding Children Board** [3] has been useful.

Financial concerns have been raised: members are losing revenue due to loss of hire of their premises, the inability to run scheduled fundraising events or due the change in focus that staff have had to make to their workload which threatens the usual fundraising work. This, coupled with uncertainty of future funding for core costs as funders direct all their efforts and funding to an emergency response, will be an ongoing concern for organisations who are keen to retain staff rather than furlough them.

Some members though, especially cultural organisations or those delivering programmes almost solely with schools, have felt it necessary to furlough staff. As the crisis continues members are having to make difficult decisions and consider this as a real possibility in order to preserve their organisations.

[3] <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/lscb/>

**Moving online:**

The rate at which organisations have been able to move into virtual delivery varies considerably. Some organisations have started delivering services in virtual format: pre-recorded cookery sessions are being streamed via Instagram at **St Andrew's Youth Club**, **Marylebone Bangladesh Society** are facilitating FIFA competitions, online sewing and cookery, **Outbreak's** Messy Craft sessions have moved online and **Caxton Youth Organisation** are delivering weekly zoom sessions focussing on laughter and fun. **Pan Intercultural Arts** are delivering their Friday evening session virtually and **Fourth Feathers Youth Club** are running both junior and senior sessions on Zoom. **Al Ola Supplementary School** have moved their Arabic and Maths provision online, as have other Westminster supplementary schools. Delivering inventively and adapting the delivery of current programmes has resulted in a whole range of competitions and challenges being offered out to young people. **Positive View Foundation**, currently unable to run their photography sessions for young people, have launched a photography competition. Learning 'on the job' has been something that many have encountered in moving sessions early but members have been happy to share their learning and tips around what works.

**Challenges:**

- Digital Challenges in how to upskill staff quickly and how best to alter delivery
- How to ensure what they are delivering is engaging to young people
- How to ensure that longer term funding and revenue is protected as funders change priorities and those who are usually working on fundraising are re-deployed
- How to ensure youth workers are motivated and have opportunities to continue working

*The insight & response from the Members we have highlighted in this report is by no means an exhaustive list. There are many more organisations in Westminster supporting their young people and communities. We're hoping to continue to collate this insight to support a collaborative response across the borough and beyond.*

## 2. WHAT WE'RE HEARING FROM YOUNG PEOPLE



*For me, the biggest consequence of the crisis is the uncertainty that many young people feel about their futures and careers.*

*I think the crisis has really exposed how young people's home environment plays a key role in their wellbeing & learning"*



*Anika, YWF Youth Engagement Intern*

With a major focus on digital working and adapting services, in response to the crisis, it is important for us to continue to ensure that the voice of young people remains central to our work. During a Young People's Foundation wide webinar focused on Youth Voice we heard from 7 young people who talked through how the lockdown and Covid-19 has affected their lives, their friend's lives and their fears of how they think it might effect their futures. These young people had a variety of experiences, including those approaching the end of school or university and those in work. We discussed:

- What is working for them? Are they receiving the support they need?
- What challenges are they facing as a result of the 'lockdown'? Are they finding ways of dealing with the crisis? Can they help in designing new services?

### **Here's a summary of what we heard:**

#### **Impact of social media**

We heard that many young people spend all day on social media, leading to:

- Increased negativity and targeted harassment
- Increased pressure to be 'productive'
- Increased pressure for weight loss and dieting
- Potential increased risk of sexual exploitation/ harassment

#### **Home environment**

- Young people with responsibilities at home note increased pressures
- No quiet spaces for working
- Unable to go outside to relieve stress, home being a hostile and restrictive environment for some
- Overcrowding leading to poorer family relations
- Adverse impacts on academic performance if young people cannot study
- Need to recognise the importance of intersectionality

#### **Issues with accessing support**

- Lack of accessible information, full list of services is not out there
- If young people do not have social media or access to internet, they remain 'outside' of information
- WIFI gap - not everyone has access to WIFI, which has huge impact on wellbeing, welfare and academic performance
- Potential for substance misuse

**Bereavement**

Young people are anxious that they cannot get closure following death of loved ones. They worry about:

- Big extended families mean increased risks
- Adverse impact on mental health
- loves ones becoming a number/ statistic among so many others
- Other causes of death (other than from COVID-19) seem to be forgotten

**Outlook on employment**

Many young people are currently looking for jobs or are in their final year of school/uni and need to adapt

- Graduate jobs / internships are cancelled
- Need to redefine plans and which has an impact on future career plans, state of limbo
- Students don't have jobs but also cannot apply due to crisis
- Huge feeling of uncertainty - can impact mental health
- Many young people lack a safety net and cannot afford to miss out a few months' work/ job opportunities

**Why are young people still outside?**

- Lots of parents remain outside services, and this has an impact on young people who have to provide support to them. Parents are not always aware of support offered
- People feel overwhelmed and find the lack of routine damaging
- Unhealthy family dynamics and poor living conditions mean young people go outside for stress relief
- there are two issues with policing young people: 1) there is a relationship of mistrust between some young people and the police and 2) there may be a general lack of awareness which could lead young people to not follow social distancing advice

**Potential support mechanisms**

We heard that young people should not rely on other people in knowing what's out there. They recommended the following:

- Incorporate parents and carers into strategies
- Distribute leaflets with lists of services/ numbers that can be contacted
- Calling young people with regular updates
- Using Whatsapp / Zoom, move therapy or counselling sessions online, online fitness classes
- Put out advice on how to cope with pressure, provide young people with structure
- Explore creative outlets - Think creatively about how we fill the gap the lack of physical contact is leaving
- Simply speaking to someone is helpful

**What can Youth Organisations do?**

- Inform young people why they should be social distancing and how young people have a major role to play in transmissions
- Direct young people towards services and communicate effectively and clearly. Some young people do not have individuals in the home who understand their situation, especially first generation students. Youth organisations can stand in and provide support
- Just be there to listen, and acknowledge that these are uncertain times and that you cannot deal with all problems but still do your best
- Youth workers have unique part to play as they hold a special relationship with a lot of young people, mutual trust will enhance credibility and encourage young people to listen
- Do not guilt trip young people, be understanding of difficult situations
- Myth busting of misconceptions such as dieting to ensure young people's wellbeing
- People craving routine so regular sessions would engage many and support their mental wellbeing



## 3. OUR RESPONSE

In response to our conversations with our members and in collaboration with our Westminster partners we've broken down our short term response into the following areas:

### INFORMATION & ADVICE:

A key priority for us in the short term is providing easily accessible and relevant information, advice and resources for members and young people. There is a huge volume of information available for voluntary sector organisations, which is changing constantly. We want to cut through some of the noise and following consultation with members decided to create a single point of information through new webpages and webinars supplemented by local cluster meetings for shared learning.

#### WEBSITE:

We created a web page containing all information from Government & NHS advice, funding updates, digital youth work resources, wellbeing support and much more. This is regularly updated. These links have been communicated to members and wider Westminster partners through **Westminster City Council** channels and daily bulletin, in partnership with the **Early Help Board** and **Family Information Service**.

**Copy this link for new page for Members:** <http://www.ywfoundation.com/members-coronavirus-resources/>

**Copy this link for new page for young people:** <http://www.ywfoundation.com/young-people/>

**Copy this link for WCC Family Information Service:**

<https://fisd.westminster.gov.uk/kb5/westminster/fis/advice.page?id=mBrQCJ5qMB4>

#### WEBINARS:

During this rapid process of trial & error it is also vital that we share learning across our community in order to adapt and refine our services with the best possible outcomes for young people. Our aim for the webinars have been to facilitate discussion, making use of the virtual Q&A function and to provide a platform for Members to share their experiences and ask questions.



*It's important to maintain a sense of community and collaboration at this time, especially when our colleagues in the sector may be in isolating outside of the borough and feel a sense of disconnection. Interactive webinars seem to be the best way to bring our community together and share learning, whilst loosely replicating our membership meetings.*



**Matira, Communications & Marketing Manager, YWF**

### LOCAL CLUSTER MEETINGS:

Following feedback from Members, we've recently begun local cluster meetings for approx 8-10 youth workers in the following regions; North West Westminster, North East Westminster, South Westminster. These regular, informal meetings provide a forum for hyperlocal collaboration and learning.

## DIGITAL TRAINING:

In order to survive, our members are rapidly having to move everything online - from staff meetings to service delivery. This has posed a number of challenges, from skills, to safeguarding, to availability of laptops to digital safeguarding. We have been aware for some time of the need to support the sector with increased digital capacity. Pre-COVID we partnered with YWF business partner, **Total Media**, to deliver a programme of training in digital skills for YWF members and wider partners over the Summer 2020. The lockdown and the urgent need for youth organisations to move their services online accelerated this process. We have rapidly rolled out this programme, delivering via webinars, and providing the opportunity for bespoke 1-2-1 support where needed.

The training provided has included:

How to reach young people through social media?

A Guide to YouTube & Instagram Live

A Guide to TikTok

A Guide to Zoom & video platforms for online calls and session delivery

This has been supplemented by webinar programme across the **Young People's Foundation** network which has covered the following topics to date:

- Digital Working
- Safeguarding
- Funding
- Youth Voice
- Education
- HR/Furlough/Legal

We are certain that the shift to online will leave a permanent mark on the sector; with organisations that are open to adaptation being well placed to continue to reach and support young people in digital as well as physical spaces.

# FUNDING:

## SIGNPOSTING & SUPPORT TO NEW FUNDS:

All new funding opportunities are added to our dedicated webpage and shared via webinar and cluster meetings. Where appropriate YWF is supporting members with applications. We are beginning to explore a partnership bid as part of the third wave of the **London Community Response Fund** focussing on digital engagement and detached outreach work.

## SUPPORT FOR EXISTING GRANTEES:

Alongside Funders across the country we have co-signed the **London Funders** COVID-19 statement, which sets out our approach to supporting our grantees in the weeks and months ahead. We have been in touch on a individual basis with grant recipients in order to support flexibly where needed.

We recognise that the covid-19 outbreak is an exceptional event that will have an impact on civil society groups, and want to offer reassurance that we stand with the sector during this time. We are committed to:

- **Adapting activities** – we recognise that you may experience difficulties achieving some of the outputs or outcomes we agreed for your grant during the outbreak, and would like to be able to maintain our grant payments to you at originally-agreed levels during this period, so please have a conversation with us if you are affected in this way;
- **Discussing dates** – we don't want to add pressure, so if you think you will struggle to meet a reporting deadline please get in touch with us so that we can agree a more realistic time for you to get things to us wherever possible;
- **Financial flexibility** – we know you may need to use your funding to help cover sickness, purchase equipment, or deliver services differently, and we will be reasonable if you need to move money between budget headings to ensure your work can continue;
- **Listening to you** – we are here if you want to talk to us about the situation you're facing, but we'll wait for you to call us so that these conversations are at the right time for you.

***You can read the statement in full here:*** <https://londonfunders.org.uk/our-blog/we-stand-sector-funder-response-covid-19>

# PARTNERSHIPS:

## WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL:

YWF is participating in regular MS Teams **Early Help** Meetings and a weekly Community Intelligence Forum. Through the Early Help partnership YWF is sharing information with member organisations and sharing intelligence for example on particular vulnerable families and attendance at school. We are referring our member organisations to the **Westminster Connects Service** which has been established to match volunteers with those in need of help during the coronavirus outbreak.

## BUSINESS PARTNERS:

Several business partners are in touch with the YWF Team to offer their support. A request has been disseminated across business partners for specific donations including IT devices and items for children's activity packs. Examples of support from business partners has included:

- **Shaftesbury PLC** have announced that, in light of the Covid-19 situation, the Board has agreed waivers of 20% of both executive director base salaries and pension contributions and non-executive director fees for three months. The Company has set up a Community fund, equivalent to these cost savings which will be made available to its local community partners to address immediate needs arising from the current situation, as well as funding for initiatives as Government restrictions begin to be lifted totalling £144,000
- **John Lewis & Partners** has donated laptops to St Andrew's
- A new partnership with **Twitter** has developed who have donated a Macbook to a youth worker at **St Andrew's**.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FOUNDATIONS:

YWF is involved in bi-weekly calls with the 7 other **Young People's Foundations** and also a wider meeting with respective local authorities and the **Partnership for Young London** to share learnings. One interesting learning has come from **Brent** where 3 teams of detached outreach workers are going out twice a day and have interacted with 255 young people out and about in groups aged 13-25, the majority aged 19-25 mostly bored and wanting fresh air. Another example is from Camden, where **Young Camden Foundation** is working with **Camden Giving** on a joint campaign that has raised £165,000 to give out to the voluntary sector locally to support the COVID response.

## LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE

YWF is in regular contact with the **Central West Borough Command Unit's (BCU) Youth Engagement Team** to share information. The team are continuing to work across Family Hubs and are being tasked where there is high risk. The **Safer Schools Team** officers are now being used for Operation Pima for reassurance patrols.



# MEMBER RESPONSE

## CASE STUDY: 2-3 DEGREES

### INITIAL RESPONSE:

2-3 Degrees offer face-to-face personal development and employability skills workshops to young people.

They now work with business partners and young people to move employability workshops online. They used a simple survey monkey questionnaire to ask young people which platforms they use and how they want to stay in touch. Also made use of polls function on Instagram and asked via posts on social channels.

### INSIGHT:

The overwhelming response from young people was that they wanted to use this time effectively, learn something new, pick up new skills. In the same way it's useful for organisations to be positive about learning new skills; this can be useful to frame these uncertain times in a positive way for young people.

Good platforms to use – Instagram Live, YouTube Live

Shorter more frequent video content works better, young people will be getting lots of other notifications whilst watching your video content so expect them to not be 100% engaged  
Trial & error – we're all learning! Expect to make mistakes, doesn't matter if a video isn't perfect.

### NEW/UPDATED SERVICE:

Signpost to other skills based activities e.g. Open University free courses. Make special use of digital newsletters at this time, increasing frequency.

### FEEDBACK & LEARNING TO DATE:

Between 40-44 young people attended first 3 workshops. The learnings from this session included:

- Keep it very interactive using chat buttons. Use 'interactive' breaks where people had to put the camera on and do star jumps etc
- One person moderating but set ground rules with young people about how the session will run from the beginning
- 3 people needed to deliver sessions - for safeguarding and moderating purposes
- Use Eventbrite to register and Zoom link only send through one hour before - prevents risk off 'Zoom bombing' when link is shared widely
- Decided not to record sessions as doesn't have permission to show faces – need to look at how to deal with this





# MEMBER RESPONSE

## CASE STUDY: ST ANDREW'S YOUTH CLUB

### INITIAL RESPONSE:

St Andrew's spent time reflecting and deciding what is possible, before launching an online service. Including a needs analysis, surveying 600 young people and reviewing safeguarding in light of new digital working.

Pre lockdown delivered physical activity packs to families who may have limited access to internet/devices.

### INSIGHT:

*Taken from a survey of 33 members of St Andrew's*

Q Ages of respondents

5-9years - 6%

10-13years 27%

14-18years - 55%

18+ - 12%

Q. When asked how they were feeling about lockdown?

Happy as they get to spend more time with family – 12%

Ok, but it takes a bit of getting used to – 67%

Unhappy - I don't like being away from friends and school - 15%

Very Unhappy - I am finding it very hard and am struggling with it. - 3%

Other – 3% - Bored

Q. Do you feel you understand what is happening with Covid-19 and why we are in lockdown?

Yes I understand – 76%

Yes I understand but am worried – 21%

I don't really understand – 3%

Q. Where are you spending most of your time?

Bedroom – 55%

Living room – 42%

Kitchen - 3%

Q. Are you eating regularly?

Yes - 79%

No - 3%

Sometimes – 18%

Q Are you exercising?

Yes every day – 25%

Yes but not every day -66%

No - 9%



# MEMBER RESPONSE

## CASE STUDY: ST ANDREW'S YOUTH CLUB

Q. Are you worried about being able to keep in contact with friends and family during lockdown?

Yes – 18%

No – 70%

Don't know - 12%

Q. Does having regular access to the internet worry you?

Yes – 13%

No – 66%

Don't know - 12%

Q. How would you like to keep in touch with St Andrew's and our virtual sessions – could choose more than 1 answer

Facebook – 3%

Instagram – 48%

Google Hangouts 6%

WhatsApp group – 42%

Zoom – 9%

Tik Tok – 24%

House Party – 27%

Twitter – 12%

Q. What would like to see from our virtual offer?

Giveaways, challenges, workouts, a way to be in contact.

### NEW/UPDATED SERVICE:

- Priority is to reassure young people and inform them of who to contact, and how, if they need support
  - Develop a routine and digital mirroring of previous services. Run online activity e.g. cooking tutorial at same time each week and at the same time (if possible) as the session ran in the physical programme
  - Keen not to forget about non screen activities e.g. setting craft activities
  - Created a new hashtag to use across all platforms for new resources - #AndrewsVirtual
- Focusing on creating a bank of video content to share on YouTube and social channels, rather than live videos. This means that resources will still be available and valuable post coronavirus
- Video content will include games, fitness and virtual challenges
- This is brand new! St Andrew's has never had a digital offer before – we're all learning together and it's important to stay connected and share learning



FOURTH FEATHERS

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# MEMBER RESPONSE

## CASE STUDY: FOURTH FEATHERS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

### INITIAL RESPONSE:

Fourth Feathers carried out a telephone survey of a sample of 25 members (8 to 17) and spoke to a number of their parents. The purpose of this was to find out how young people were using their time during the lockdown.

### INSIGHT:

*How are you feeling about the present situation?*

50% said they were fine, not bothered 25% said they were either annoyed with situation or angry

*How are you using your time?*

100% said they had online school/ college work to do ranging from 2 to 7 hours studying per day. 5% said they were still going out – not in large groups visiting a friend(same) 100% had internet access at home. 100% were gaming or chat room based activities.

*What online platforms were you using?* Roblox, Fortnite, Youtube (incl Live) and generally surfing. Phone: Tik Tok and Instagram most popular.

*How do you think you can be supported?* 80% said they would like activities to do at home(when prompted) board games, arts n crafts, drawing paper was welcomed). 20% said they are not sure.

*Parents:* All were worried about things for their children to do in the home as time moves on insolation.

### NEW/UPDATE TO SERVICE:

Based on this insight, Fourth Feathers have purchased a range of board games, arts & crafts, pens and paper, along with existing resources, will be either posted, collected or dropped off in the next coming weeks given the logistic difficulties of receiving the materials, arranging with families and taking into public safety. Once the first batch of activities packs have been handed out they will carry out a review and plan their next steps.



# MEMBER RESPONSE

## CASE STUDY: REDTHREAD

### COPY LINK TO WATCH:

[WWW.REDTHREAD.ORG.UK/GET-INVOLVED/COVID-19-APPEAL/](http://WWW.REDTHREAD.ORG.UK/GET-INVOLVED/COVID-19-APPEAL/)



## 5. LOOKING AHEAD

**Flexible approach** – continue to listen to our members and their young people through the lockdown whilst preparing to mobilise once the lockdown is lifted; being aware that we will not ‘go back to normal’.

**Positive outlook** – feedback from young people includes that they are doing more things they enjoy, gang crime has decreased and coping strategies have evolved. There’s recognition that this is a good time to think about the bigger picture, reconsider what the world should look like, an essentially transformative time. So we will work with member organisations and young people about how to positively change the world. We will use our member’s learning to explore the development of common infrastructure, building on the groundwork of a digital engagement programme and joint outreach programme.

**Partnership Funding** – YWF to explore a partnership bid as part of the third wave of the London Community Response Fund focussing on digital engagement and detached outreach work.

**Brighter Futures Fund** – YWF to bring forward timeline of annual grants programme from the Autumn to the Summer to support the transition for youth organisations post lockdown. We’re calling out to our corporate partners, Westminster City Council and other sponsors to help continue to fund this programme.

**Needs Analysis** – YWF had embarked on our needs analysis in February and has now been paused, we will look to restart this piece of work as soon as possible, listening to young people to inform our long term response to the crisis and future programmes.

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