**Impact measurement**

High-quality youth work has a massive impact on young people's lives. As practitioners, we see this every day. Being able to capture this, demonstrate change, and communicate this concretely to partners, funders and other stakeholders helps organisations continually improve their practice, and may help unlock additional resources to sustain their work.

**The Young Islington Impact Report**

This annual report seeks to share a picture of how the Young Islington universal youth offer is supporting young people in the borough to ensure they are rooted in a community where they feel safe, can thrive and are able to be part of and lead the change.

**2025 Report**

This year, our theme is **“Championing Young Leaders.”** We want to highlight how youth work helps young people develop leadership skills—not just in formal roles, but in all aspects of their lives.

Leadership comes in many forms. It’s not just about titles or positions; it’s about the everyday moments where young people step up, take initiative, and make a difference. Whether it’s supporting a friend, speaking up for change, or inspiring others to try something new, we want to hear the stories that bring these moments to life.

We’re thinking of young leaders in a few different ways.

**Leading in their own lives – developing agency**

Leadership starts with self-confidence and the ability to take charge of one’s own life. We want to celebrate the moments where young people gain independence, make decisions, and push themselves to grow.

**Supporting others**

Leadership isn’t just about personal growth—it’s also about lifting others up. Some young people naturally take on mentoring or supportive roles, creating an environment where their peers feel valued and included.

**Leading Youth Services**

Some young people go even further, taking an active role in shaping youth services. These are the young people who speak up about what matters to them, influence decisions, and help shape programs that reflect their needs and experiences.

**Making Changes in their community**

Some young people take their leadership beyond youth clubs and into the wider community. Whether they are campaigning for change, leading local projects, or inspiring others to take action, their voices and efforts help build stronger, more inclusive neighbourhoods.

## **How You Can Get Involved**

We encourage you to think about the stories that best showcase your work and the young leaders you support. Use this as an opportunity to help young people reflect on their growth and achievements.

Some questions to explore:

* How have young people in your service demonstrated leadership?
* Have you noticed a young person stepping up to support their peers?
* Has someone taken initiative in shaping or improving youth activities?
* What skills have young people developed through your programs?

We encourage you to think about what stories will best showcase your specific work and use this as an opportunity to support young people to reflect on their own development.

You may already have data that showcases this.

We've created a toolkit to help you capture impact measurement.

**This toolkit includes:**

* QLIP Mel Framework, with suggested indicators highlighted in yellow
* A survey (when you download the pack this is available or use this link: <https://qlip.org.uk/survey>)
* Poster Prompts Tool
* Focus Group or interview questions
* Case study template

Other tools including session plans are available here: <https://www.qlip.org.uk/resource-form/>

If you find yourself using homemade tools that you’d like to share with the sector, then you can send them to us, and we’ll put them on the website (with credit!)

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