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Youth Violence Commission

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Sara Masters

9th May 2019

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Principles

1. Listen Embed the voices of young people and communities at the heart of our approach by engaging at every stage of the process

Young
Westminster
Foundation

Royal Foundation

2. Co-produce Facilitate the genuine participation of young people and communities working as equals with power alongside other professionals, academics and policy makers

Camden Council

3. Cooperate Seek out opportunities to work in partnership, and support others to do this too, building on insight about what works

Hyde Foundation
& Battersea
Power Station
Foundation

Principles

4. Consider Understand the context, needs and assets of people, communities & organisations before committing investment

London
Community
Foundation

Youth Endowment
fund

5. Learn Develop work based on existing evidence and be responsive to new learning

The Clothworkers'
Foundation

The Berkeley
Foundation

6. Commit Recognise that the issues young people and communities face need long-term support and investment combined with immediate action

Lewisham Council

John Lyons' Charity

National Lottery
Community Fund

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7. Share Contribute intelligence about future plans, the impact of current funding and learning from past work

Education and Youth Team, GLA

8. Support Know that people delivering this work need investment in their wellbeing and resilience too and this should be acknowledged in our funding programmes

City Bridge Trust

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Understand what participation really means

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Transparency about parameters

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Know your areas

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Stay abreast of key work

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Long-term funding

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Utilise London Funders networks and mailings

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Encourage organisations to talk about their need in this space and consider making additional funding available

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Continue to engage and contribute

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Key Challenges

- The answer has always been there
- What about the bigger picture?
- We reject a deficit approach
- Isn't this just good grant making?
- Accountability



London Funders Response

- Long term, collaborative and systemic
- Serious youth violence a galvanising and urgent issue
- We know it is not easy
- *“Those who can, should.”*



London Funders Role

- Convening: bringing people together and maintaining a bigger vision.
- Find a way to '*hold funders to account*'.
- Create a strategic space for funders committed to working in this way



Funders Alliance

- Working together for the next 3-5 years
- Embedding principles and demonstrating their value
- Supported by a learning package developed together



What an Alliance could look like?

- Active group of members
- Willingness to commit time and energy
- Responsibility to lead on specific areas
- Willing to talk about failure
- Challenge and hold each other to account

Questions

- What would being part of an Alliance mean to you and your organisation?
- What would you hope to gain from being part of an Alliance?
- What could you/your organisation offer to a Funders Alliance?
- What would be the main obstacles to your organisation working in this way and how could they be overcome?
- What could London Funders put in place to support your involvement?

*“Ultimately youth violence is a problem that can be reduced. **We’ve just got to want to do it.** That requires us to face difficult truths about systemic problems and to be ambitious in our solutions.”*

Michael Turner QC April 12 2018

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Panel discussion

Jamel Fraser, Youth Policy Consultant

Lib Peck, Director of the VRU

Kate Markey, London Community Foundation

Shane Ryan, National Lottery Community Fund

Harriet Gugenheim, Impetus

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