



For children and young people

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## **Invitation to tender for Youth sector research – 2022**

**SYP Trust aims to bring about positive change where it is needed in the lives of children and young people in London.**

Through our grants we aim to:

- Reach children and young people who may be disadvantaged due to their physical or intellectual capacity, gender, citizenship status, race, health and life expectancy, sexual orientation or previous criminal activity.
- Reach children and young people who fall between the gaps of high and low attainment and privilege, who are often left without access to opportunities and whose potential is frequently overlooked.
- Encourage organisations to be flexible and creative in their approach, to be bold and try innovative and untested ideas that have the potential to have meaningful impacts and bring young people into their leadership and decision making.

**SYP Trust is looking to commission a research review to analyse existing youth participatory studies, to help us:**

- a. Determine if our priorities (below) are shared with children and young people (aged 10-24) in London, particularly in the post-pandemic environment, and how we might want to adjust our priorities to narrow our current focus.
- b. Identify the desired impacts children and young people are looking for under these priorities.
- c. Develop recommendations about potential gaps in funding/services as well as further areas of research

We would like the review to identify and focus on areas of London with;

- high instances of poverty
- high instances of marginalised groups
- relatively low service and charity provision for children, young people and families,, or evidence of low impact of services and provision

We recognise that children and young people are not a homogenous group and that they have intersecting identities and experiences. This means that they experience life in different ways, face unique challenges or opportunities based on their age, gender, race, ability, sexual orientation and socio-economic status. We would like the review to adopt an intersectional lens so that we can better understand the intersectionality, in relation to our priorities, for each of the below identities and experiences:

- a. Age group (10-14, 15-19, 20-24)
- b. Gender
- c. Race

- d. Disability
- e. Socio-economic status
- f. Care experience
- g. LGBTQ+

Budget: £3,000 to £5,000 (timescale tba but a preference for completion by early 2023)

We welcome expressions of interest and discussions on the final research questions and budget required. We particularly welcome researchers or research teams with experience working with children and young people in London and with a strong background in applying an intersectional lens to research projects. A modest list of published research we would like to be included will be provided, but we welcome recommendations of additional research you may be aware of. We also welcome research plans which include one or more 'touch in' opportunities for us to feedback on findings.

Please send your proposed methodology, timeline and budget along with a short cover letter outlining your relevant experience to: [jtompsett@shaftesbury.org.uk](mailto:jtompsett@shaftesbury.org.uk) Please call for an informal discussion if required: 07801501324

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Our current funding priorities are:

### **Providing opportunities and encouragement for young people to access learning and employment**

We know that with the right education and learning opportunities and support to keep going, young people are likely to experience a range of positive personal outcomes, affecting where and how they live, and the choices they make in the future.

We support work that:

- Prevents young people from falling out of education and employment.
- Provides inspiration and engagement in the subjects young people are passionate about, to help them visualise education and employment opportunities that fit with their interests.
- Increases access to employment or volunteering that can build skills and experience which complement their interests and strengths.

### **Empowering young people to lead the healthiest lives they can**

Being healthy and active makes you feel better, have more energy and can lead to fewer health problems. We want to empower young people to be as healthy as they can be (physically, mentally, emotionally and sexually), regardless of ability or life expectancy

We support work that:

- Provides creative ways for children and young people who are less likely to participate in, or who feel excluded from mainstream sport, to engage with activities that can improve their health.
- Demonstrates the benefits of engaging in healthy activities, such as team work and self discipline, particularly for those young people in addiction recovery or at risk or gang grooming.

- Encourages young people to develop the life skills needed to make good health choices now and later in life, and to take responsibility for and be more aware of the benefits of improving their health.

**Engaging young people to feel empowered in their choices, to be able to act independently, and to have a voice. Especially when it comes to decisions that affect their today and tomorrow.**

Young people are the workforce and leaders of tomorrow. By providing opportunities for young people to volunteer, to be involved in the important conversations and take on responsibility, we can enable them to bring about positive impacts for themselves and others.

We support work that:

- Develops social, professional and emotional life skills and builds confidence.
- Demonstrates to young people what they should expect and ask of people in authority.
- Provides opportunity for young people to inform and improve the services developed to support them and shape the decisions that affect them.
- Creates opportunity to express, share and reflect on emotions and experiences.