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Young Harrow Foundation – Street Safety and Detached Youth Work 27th May 2020

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Funders Perspective

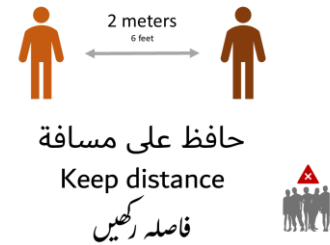
- GLA recognises the value and importance of **detached youth work** and outreach – both for targeted groups of young people who might be more vulnerable and also for universal youth provision.
- The **Mayors £45m Young Londoners Fund** invests in over 200 youth organisations reaching over 110,000 young people. Projects using detached youth work include LB Haringey, Spotlight, The Harrow Club, Prospex and Ignite Trust.
- GLA is signed up the London funders statement to support organisations affected by COVID-19. Underpinned by the following principles: **Adapting activities; Discussing dates; Financial flexibility** and; **Listening.**

Impact of COVID-19



Huge financial impact (after years of funding cuts).

Social distancing and lockdown – impact on engaging young people and referral routes



Adapting services - providing food and resources families, delivering counselling and services online and care calls to young people.

Disproportionate impact on some communities and groups.

Funders Response

- Recognising there is a gap in provision - as lockdown restrictions are reduced there will be more young people in need of positive activities and wider support.
- Detached youth work and outreach is one way in which groups can begin to address this gap and prepare for the re-opening of their services.
- The [Youth Endowment Fund](#) launched a national £6.5m funding pot in response to COVID-19 to fund a range of activities including detached youth work.
- The [London Community Response Fund](#) includes a theme on children and young people

What can you do now?

How can detached youth work and outreach complement your current programmes and your organisations long term vision?

- **Listen** to young people, what do they want?
- **Learn** from each other - how to deliver **quality** detached youth work and outreach (you often only get one chance)
- **Collaborate** and build partnerships (you don't have to deliver everything on your own),
- Develop the right **knowledge and skills** (e.g. training, resources and guidance)
- Seek **support** from your current funders