

JULY NEWSLETTER

Dear Community Partners,

There is no better way to kick-off this month's newsletter than announcing that we have officially contracted IVAR (Institute for Voluntary Research Action) as our learning partner for the next two years.

The IVAR team will work closely with the cohort of 20 young people to explore the barriers to young people's progression, and how we can all work differently to enable them to progress. Our cohort will also be involved in the design of the research and its outputs. IVAR will also collect data and insight into the experiences and perspectives of One Southwark partners, including Coalition members and delivery partners.

We received some great applications and were wowed by some of the other candidates during the interview process but it was unanimously agreed that IVAR were the organisation that aligned closest to our ethos and could support us in our goal of effectively demonstrating the impact of the programme. We are due to commence work in August, and are excited about the prospect of working with IVAR, our Coalition, young people and other community partners.

Programme

The programme is in full swing and we have been proactively supporting our young people to access meaningful opportunities. Some notable highlights over the past two months:

- We have supported members of the cohort to access ADHD assessments where they have struggled to get this done
- They have received employability support from some great local businesses
 - Montagu Private Equity LLP
 - The Body Shop
 - Blue Bermondsey BID
 - Keegans
 - Peckham Levels
 - Big Local Works
 - Rich Power Films
 - Afroposure
 - ORU Space
- And accessed support from Kooth mental wellbeing service
- And received chromebooks from Peabody Foundation
- They have attended group workshops hosted by:
 - Kid in You (Creative Learning)
 - The Money Charity (Financial Wellbeing)
 - Inzyme (Business Development workshop)

Community Partners

Our community partners continue to play a big role in the development of the programme and we are always grateful for the support they provide.

Our members have attended some great events hosted by some key community partners over the past few months and we just had to shout them out:

- Active Communities Network, for their Peer Power Youth Action Group workshops
- Montagu Private Equity LLP, for their First Aid at Work course
- Rio Ferdinand Foundation, for their Into the Music Industry Event
- Community Southwark, for their How to influence your local MP workshop
- TSIP, for their Workshop on co-designing a youth-led fund

Comms

Our programme Director, Will Cole wrote a short blog for London Funders, about the journey of setting up One Southwark. If you have not done so already, please check it out:

Our journey so far: Developing One Southwark | London's Giving (londonsgiving.org.uk)

Support List – We need you

We have lots of requests from our cohort who need connections, advice, and practical experience. We need your support to facilitate the following for our young people.

- 1 week dentistry placement
- Information and advice on NHS roles
- Information/advice on Civil Service roles and career pathways
 - Business mentoring – clothing
- Business development support – vending machines
 - Access to security courses
- Access to part-time customer service roles (i.e. receptionist)
 - Access to paid film production opportunities

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:
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