

MAY NEWSLETTER



Dear Community partners,

There is no better way to kick-off this newsletter than by announcing that One Southwark is finally up and running. After months of hard work finalising the model, developing our brand and engaging community partners, we have now started officially supporting our first cohort of 20 young people.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank all the community partners that supported our recruitment drive by sharing the word across the borough. We received 70 applications for the available 20 places on the programme, so selection was very difficult.

Programme Update

The inaugural 'Connecting Session' took place on April 8th and was hosted by Coalition member, Norton Rose Fulbright. We invited 39 young people and 28 attended - a great turn out!

35 community volunteers from 16 organisations from across Southwark pitched in, one way or another, and helped to ensure the day was a resounding success.

The young people attending the session took part in activities such as Table Top Escape Room team building, mental wellbeing session with Kooth and a leadership session by Active Communities Network. There was also a networking lunch and a Q&A Panel with leaders from the community.

Learning project

In exciting news for the programme we have secured a grant from Merchant Taylors' Foundation, our newest Coalition member. This will fund a Learning Partner who will support us to better understand the barriers to progression, systemic changes needed and to develop the proof of concept.

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:

- Access to individuals who specialise in film production and photography
- Free or subsidised kitchen spaces (i.e. community kitchen) for food production
 - Voluntary support staff to assist with admin
 - One-to-one tuition, Maths & English
- Legal advice for young people setting up their own business
- Aspiration Tours, opportunity to have a tour of an office and potentially speak to members of the team (preferably corporate organisations)
 - Access to FREE or discounted Prince 2 Project Management Course
- Vending (machine) business contact (to provide information on logistics)
 - Access to FREE First Aid course
 - Access to Electrician Course
- Virtual meeting with a civil servant to get more info on roles, expectations, how to apply etc.
 - CV development support
 - 1 week dentistry placement

If you can assist with any of these requests please email wcole@ustsc.org.uk (Will Cole)

A foremost principle of the One Southwark programme is connecting young people with the wider community, therefore please share this list to anyone you think can offer support.

Best wishes for the coming months

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