

The Hub: Barnardo's in East London Giving young people the tools to succeed

About The Hub

The Hub is a **unique, effective and inspiring Barnardo's service**, working to improve the lives of children and young people in east London. The work we do from this centre is vital: almost **half of all children** in Tower Hamlets live in poverty and it is the third most-deprived borough in the UK.

The borough has the **second-highest unemployment rate** in London and unacceptable numbers of young people not in education, employment or training. Poverty, family breakdown and lack of opportunity all play a part.

Many of our children and young people face tough challenges that can make it hard to succeed, such as issues at home including **domestic abuse and mental health problems**. This can mean children take the wrong path and find themselves struggling at school, often dropping out and being drawn to gangs, substance misuse, and crime.

We need to help them find routes to success.

Our work at The Hub

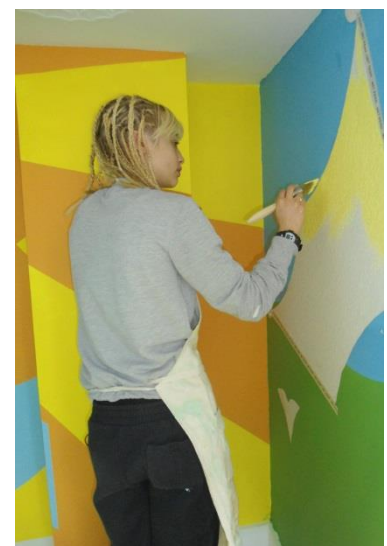
The Hub has a team of dedicated staff with **a proven track record of transforming the lives of young people** through education. The Hub provides a range of courses and young people are given the opportunity to focus on what matters to them as opposed to what mainstream education has directed them towards. For young people who have struggled in mainstream education the opportunity to try something new and to be successful is hugely significant.

The Hub currently offers **accredited training courses** in:

- GCSE English & Maths
- Business admin
- Retail

Tower Hamlets

- **18%** of families live on less than £18,000 a year
- **7%** of 16-24 year olds are NEET (not in employment, education or training)
- **16%** of 16-24 year olds claiming unemployment benefits
- The **average rate of violent crime per 1,000 people is 26.5** in Tower Hamlets compared to 14.6 in England overall



- Construction
- Painting & decorating
- Carpentry
- Life Skills
- Nutrition & Health
- Managing money
- Equality & Diversity

The chance to try something different can be all a young person needs to begin succeeding in education. By offering a wide range of options **based on what young people want** and what employers look for, we can ensure these courses will be of immense value.

The Hub provides dedicated support to **over 120 young people** each year. This support works to raise young people's engagement with education and help get them into employment or training. It is a place where young people can learn, develop, and begin to achieve their potential.

We provide:

- one-to-one tuition
- vocational training
- key skills development, including English and Maths
- counselling
- career guidance and job interview support
- job opportunities through close links with local employers

We know this approach works. Last year **100% of students** on an accredited courses gained a qualification and our extended youth work has made The Hub a centre of engagement for the local community.

"I went in knowing nothing; I came out knowing everything you need to know. I've gained lots of experience and skills, and I hope to keep progressing and get my next qualification." - Ricky, a former student at The Hub

How you can help

We want to do more. There are hundreds of young people in Tower Hamlets and nearby areas who aren't achieving their potential. We have the chance to help them by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

If we don't give these young people a chance to break the cycle then we risk them falling through the gaps, ending up unemployed, homeless or in prison.

- **£3,000** will allow our **youth engagement programme** to work with another **7 young people** over the course of a year, working with them to develop their

skills, overcome obstacles in their lives and find **a route into education or training**. This work can make a lasting difference to the local community – it receives no statutory funding and **will only happen if we receive voluntary donations**.

- **£6,100** will pay for the additional **expert support** that can help **turn a young person's life around**, covering the costs we need for the student to attend The Hub for four days a week **learning a trade**. After three terms of study they will be half way to an accredited qualification that will **help them into a rewarding career**.
- **£12,200** would cover placements for **two young people**, allowing us to provide the personalised support which will put them on course for a successful career. Around 50% of our funding for these courses comes from statutory sources. This allows us to keep the building running – but **to actually work closely with these children as individuals and give them the opportunities they need, we rely on people like you**.

With your support we can tackle youth unemployment and poverty in east London and make a lasting difference to the community.

Thank you.



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