Centre for Youth Voice

ONLINE LAUNCH EVENT · WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

Launching our 2027 offer

Toolkits, evidence, data and training for anyone giving young people a real say in decisions.

316 resources

313 research reports

39 events and recordings

Funded by The National Lottery Community Fund · Hosted by the Network of Regional Youth Work Units

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WHILE PEOPLE JOIN

Before we start

1

Live captions

Captions are running. Switch them on with the Captions button in Zoom.

2

We're recording

The recording and these slides go on the event page afterwards.

3

Camera off is fine

Keep your camera and microphone off if you'd rather. You can still take part.

4

Questions

Put them in the chat at any time. We'll pick them up in the Q&A at 10:50.

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01 · 10:00 · 10 MINUTES

Welcome

The Centre for Youth Voice and today's agenda

Sharon Long

Director, Partnership for Young London

Centre for Youth Voice

TODAY · 10:00 TO 11:30

Today's agenda

10:00	**Welcome: the Centre and today's agenda**	Sharon Long, Director, Partnership for Young London
10:10	**Ambassador welcome and plans for 2027**	Django Perks, Youth Voice Ambassador
10:15	**The new CYV website: a live walk-through**	Matthew Walsham, Lead, Centre for Youth Voice
10:25	**Introduction to Miro**	Interactive
10:30	**National policy context**	Sharon Long, Director, Partnership for Young London
10:40	**Youth-led funding**	Jo Rich, The National Lottery Community Fund
10:50	**Q&A**	Sharon, Django, Matthew and Jo
11:05	**From Voice to Power**	Co-op Foundation
11:10	**Young Grant Makers: £50,000 of funding decisions**	Young Hammersmith & Fulham Foundation
11:15	**CYV training offer for 2027**	Matthew Walsham
11:25	**Closing remarks**	Matthew Walsham
11:30	**End**	

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THE UK CENTRE FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION PRACTICE

Every decision about young people, shaped with them.

DATA & EVIDENCE

Insight

Data and evidence on young people's lives and how youth voice works, from the Evidence Library to Youth Matters.

220 RESOURCES

Involve

Practical toolkits for peer research, youth-led funding and decision-making, plus training and Communities of Practice.

121 RESOURCES

Impact

What changes when young people are heard: evaluations, measurement frameworks and case studies.

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WHERE WE'VE GOT TO

The Centre today

316

toolkits, guides and evaluations in the Resource Library

313

research reports in the CYV Evidence Library

39

events and recordings

400+

young people trained as peer researchers, evaluators and grant-makers

1

Roots in youth impact

Started as the Centre for Youth Impact, later hosted by YMCA George Williams College.

2

Project Discovery

64 young people and practitioners set out what a national centre should do.

3

A regional home

In 2025 the Centre moved to the Network of Regional Youth Work Units.

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Ambassador welcome and plans for 2027



Django Perks

Youth Voice Ambassador

1 My journey

I first joined the Centre for Youth Impact when I was still new to youth social action, and I've stayed with it through YMCA George Williams College and now the Centre for Youth Voice.

2 What I hope the Centre will help address

I want it to be the first place people turn to when they want to work genuinely with young people, not just for them, and to make it easy to see what's happening locally and where the gaps are.

3 The 2027 Ambassadors

A new cohort, recruited through each regional youth work unit and based in their region. They'll be youth connectors: finding case studies and talking to young people and organisations about their practice.

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03 · 10:15 · 10 MINUTES

The new CYV website

Resource Library, Evidence Library and case studies: a live walk-through

Matthew Walsham

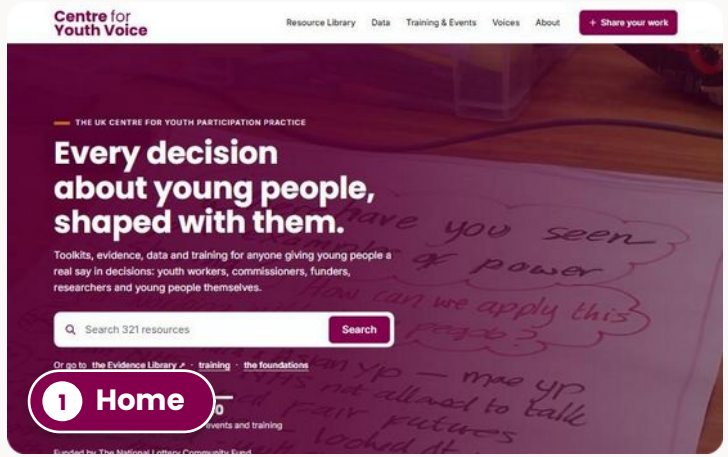
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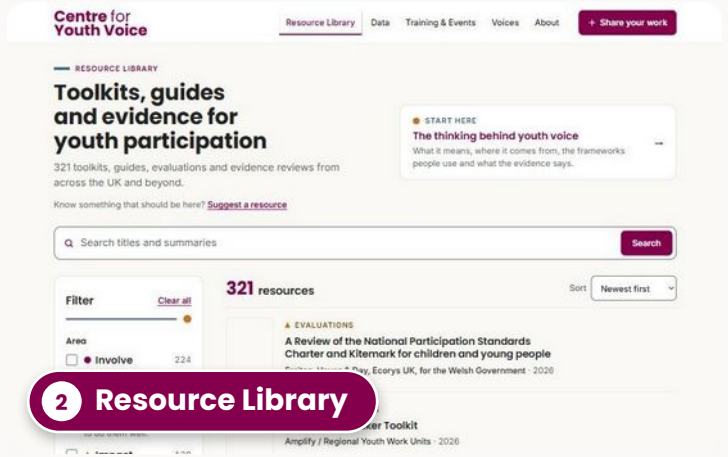
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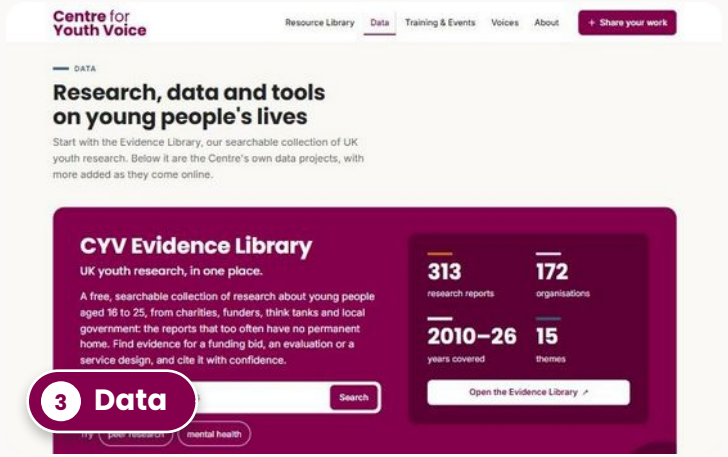
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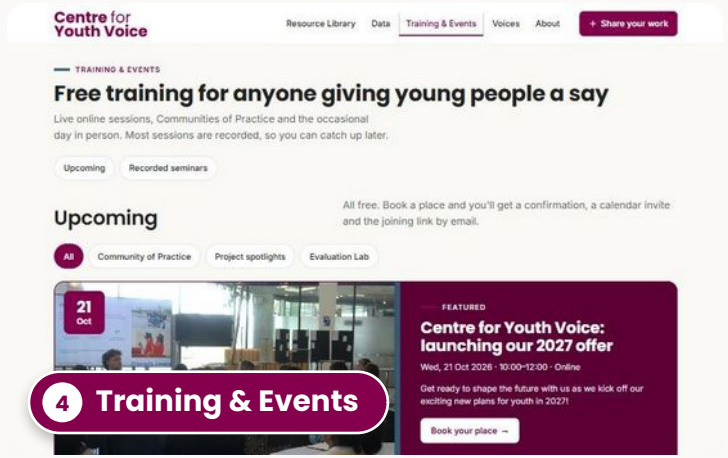
NOW LIVE · THE NEW WEBSITE, FROM HOME TO ABOUT

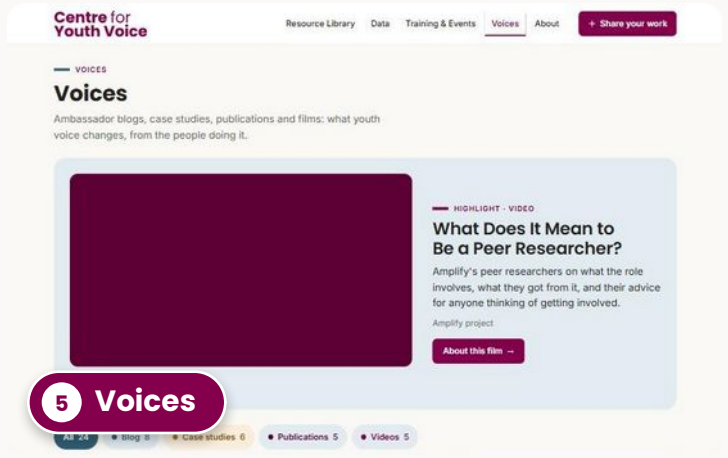
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THE NEW WEBSITE

What's on the new site

Resource Library
316 toolkits, guides and evaluations

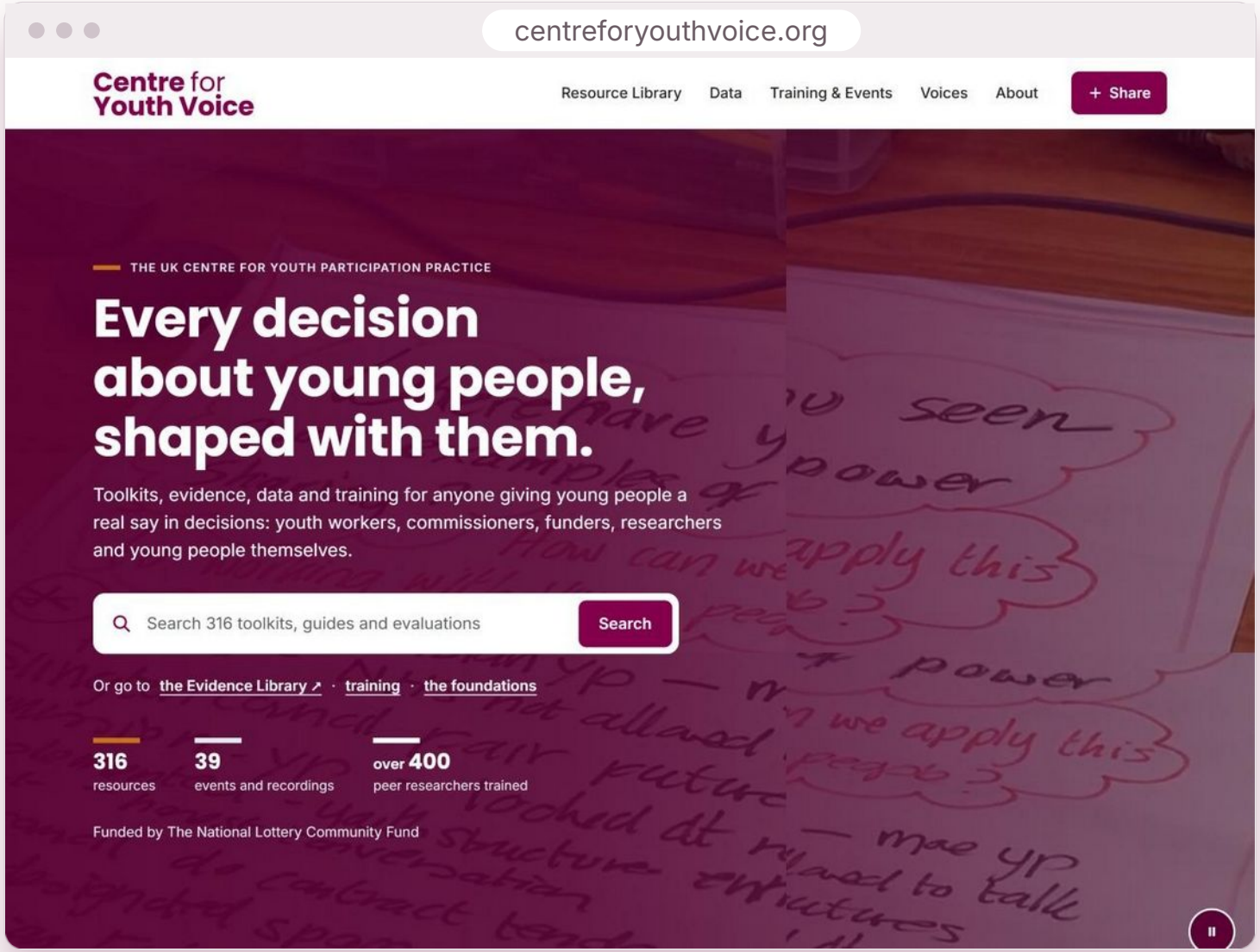
CYV Evidence Library
313 reports about 16 to 25-year-olds

Data
Youth Matters data and co-assessment

Training & events
Free sessions and recorded seminars

Voices
Blogs, case studies, publications, films

Foundations
The thinking behind youth voice



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RESOURCE LIBRARY

316 toolkits, guides and evaluations

1 Search

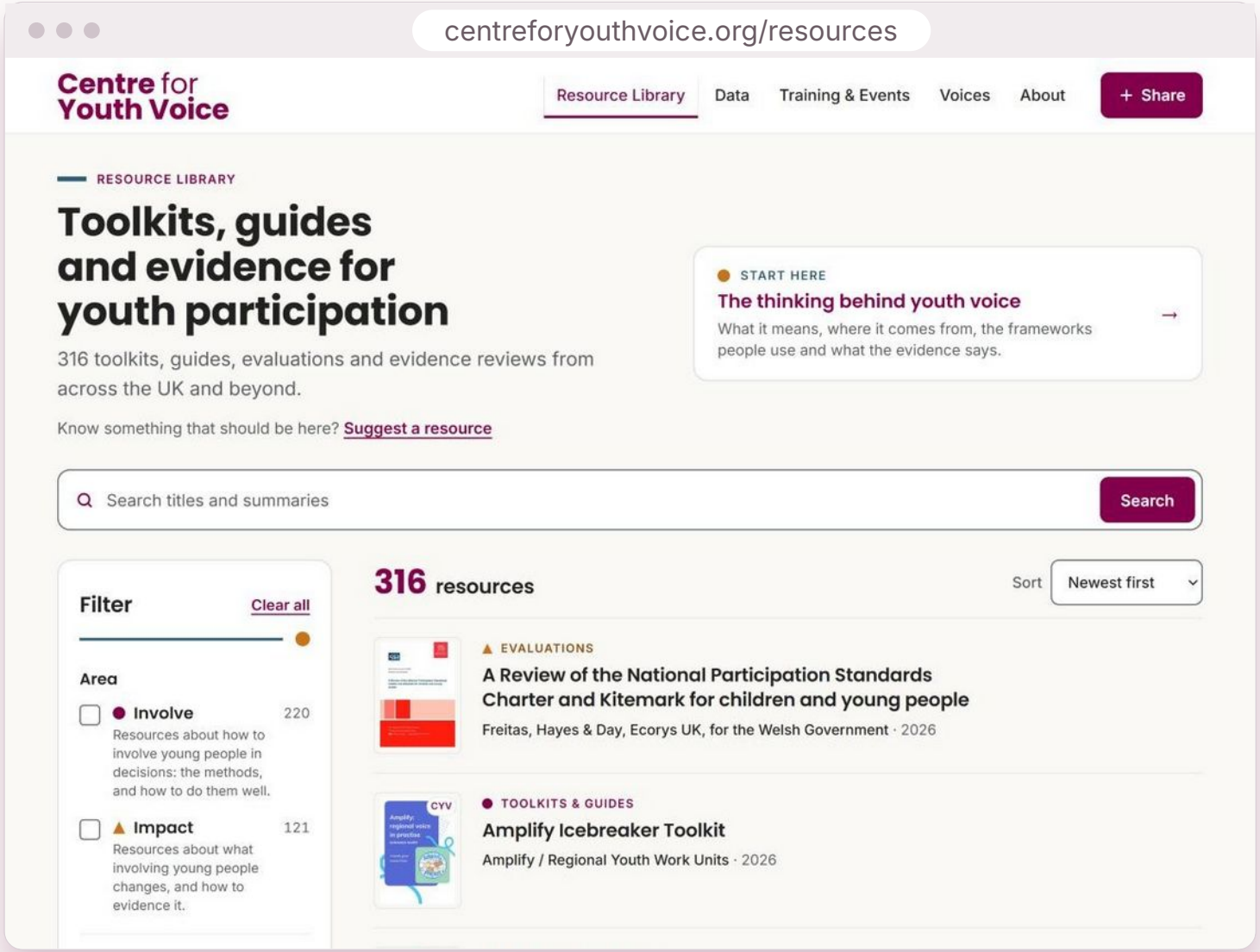
Search titles and summaries from across the UK and beyond.

2 Filter

Narrow by area, section, type and format down the left.

3 Open

Every resource has its own page, with a summary and a link to the original.



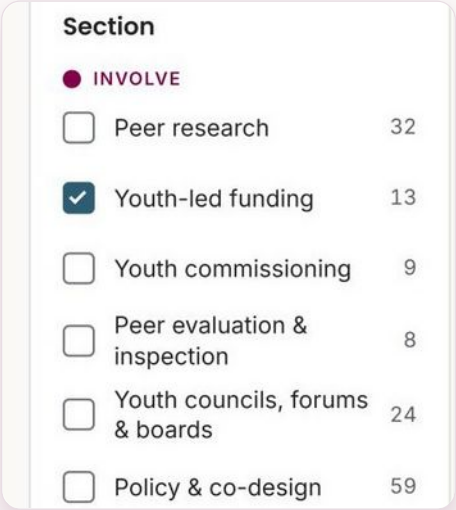
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RESOURCE LIBRARY

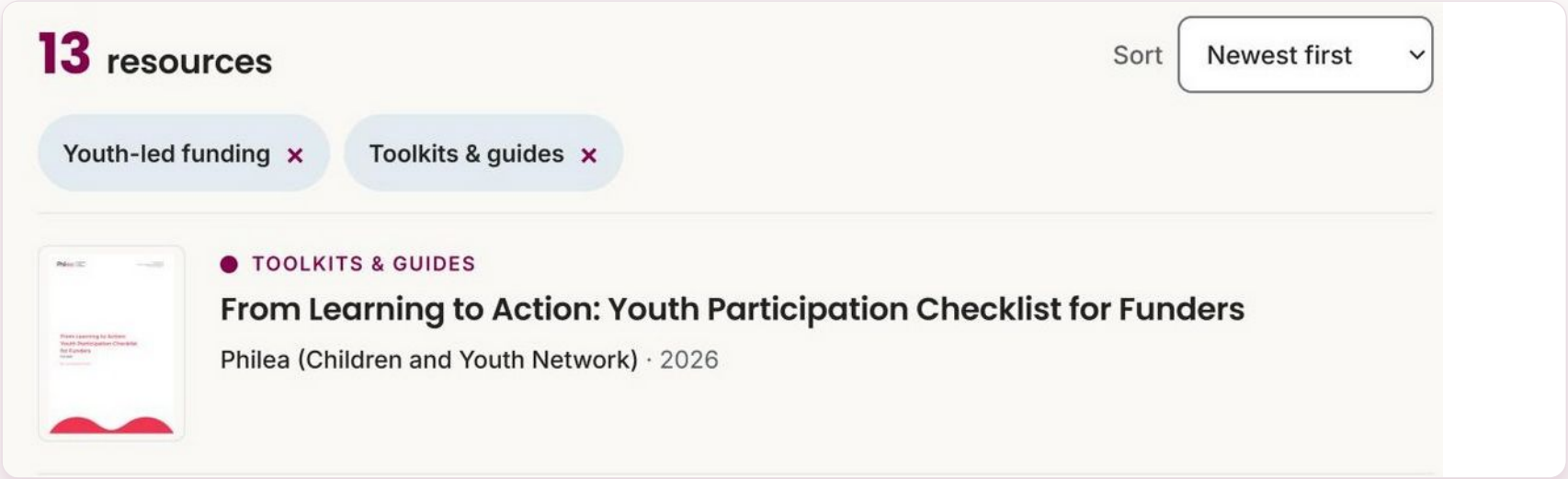
Search, then narrow it down



1 **Search** titles and summaries. “Peer research” finds 47 resources.



2 **Tick filters.** The counts update as you go.



3 **Your filters show as chips** you can remove. Sort by newest or A to Z.

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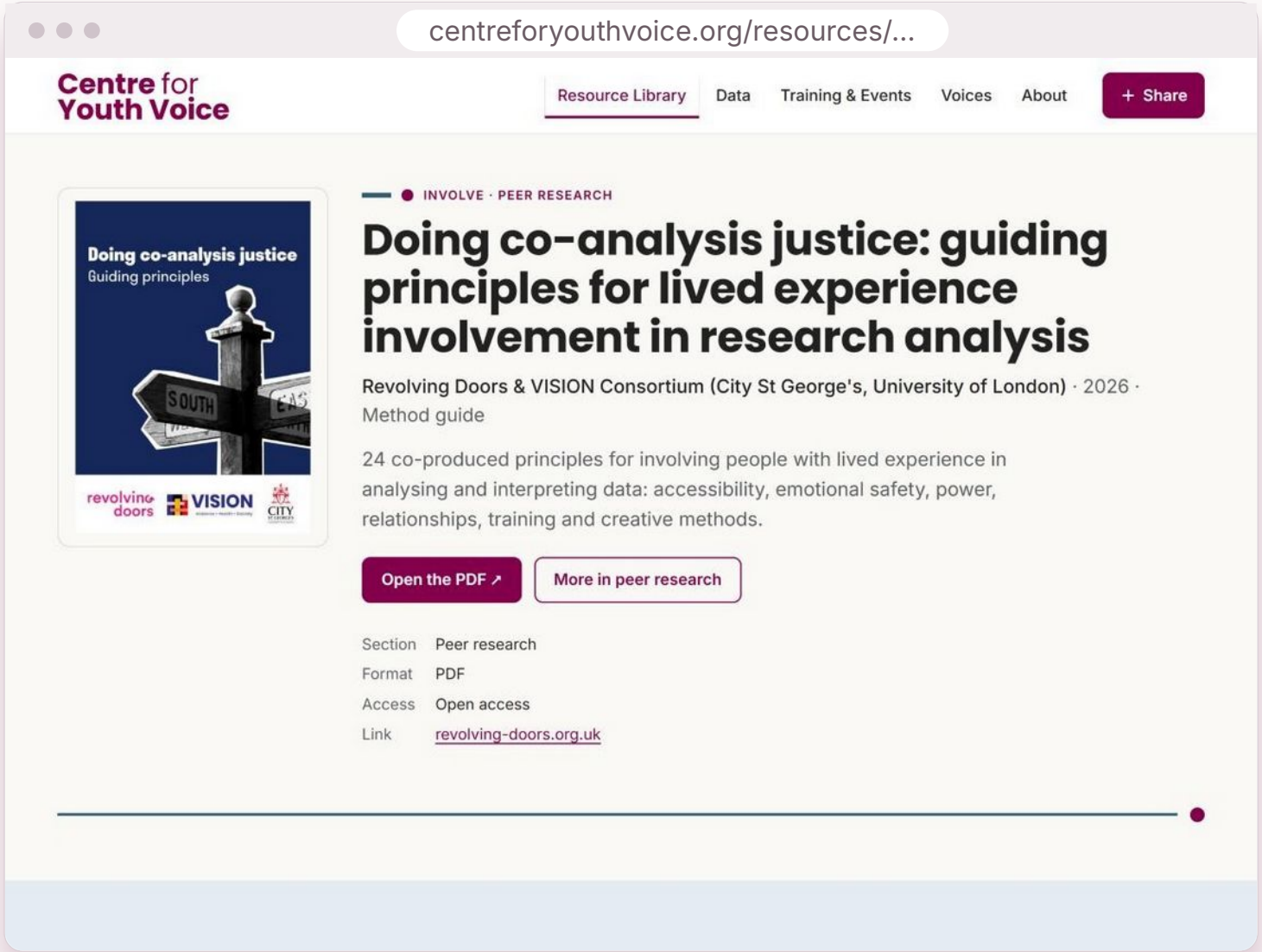
RESOURCE LIBRARY

A page for every resource

1. **What it is**
   A short summary, who made it, the year and the type.

2. **Open the original**
   The PDF or web page, on the publisher's own site.

3. **Find more like it**
   More in the same section, and related resources underneath.



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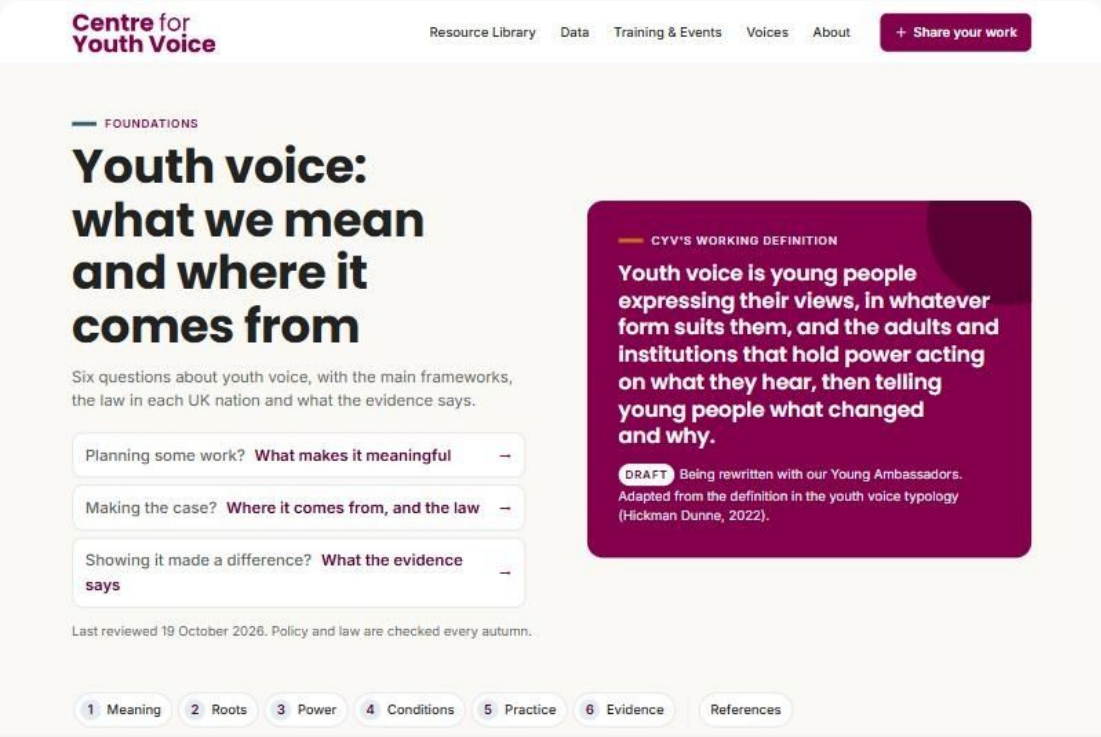
THE NEW WEBSITE · FOUNDATIONS

The thinking behind youth voice

Six questions about youth voice, with the main frameworks, the law in each UK nation and what the evidence says.

1. **Meaning** — What do we mean by youth voice?
2. **Roots** — Where does it come from?
3. **Power** — How much power do young people hold?
4. **Conditions** — What makes it meaningful?
5. **Practice** — What kind of voice, and where?
6. **Evidence** — What do we know, and what is contested?

Last reviewed 19 October 2026. Policy and law are checked every autumn.



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NOW LIVE · CYV EVIDENCE LIBRARY

UK youth research, in one place.

A free, searchable collection of research about young people aged 16 to 25, from charities, funders, think tanks and local government: the reports that too often have no permanent home.

evidence.centreforyouthvoice.org

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313
reports

172
organisations

2010–2026
years covered

15
themes

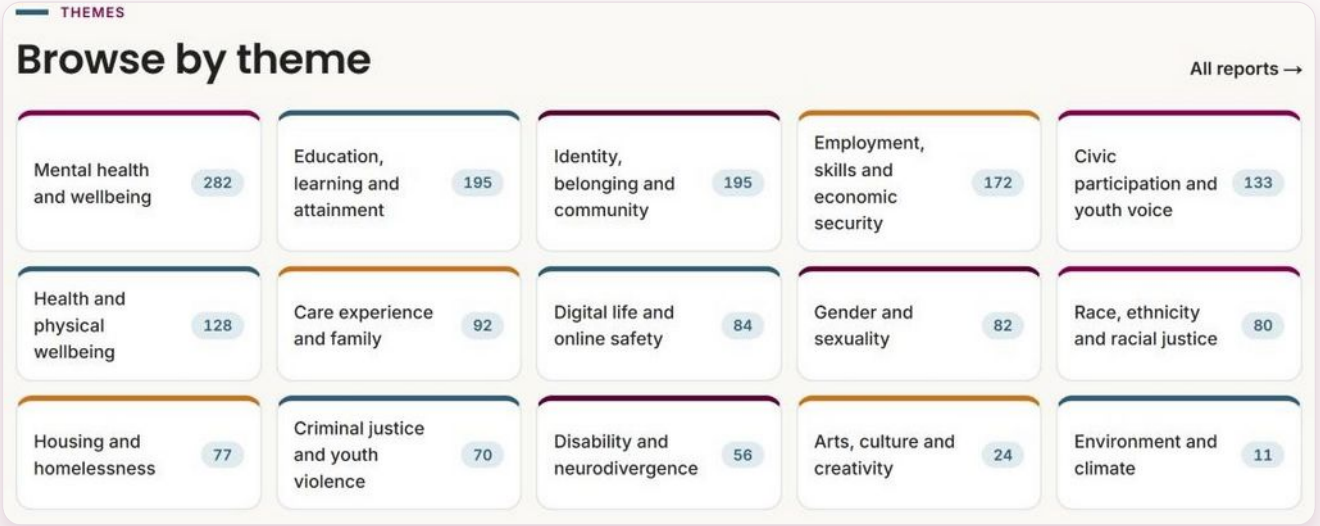
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CYV EVIDENCE LIBRARY

Search, or browse by theme



1 **Search** by topic, organisation or keyword, or start from a suggestion.

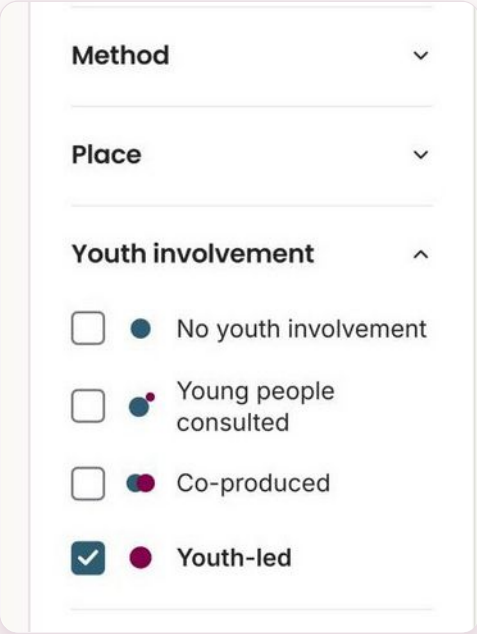


2 **Browse 15 themes,** from mental health to environment and climate. Each shows how many reports it holds.

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Filter by how young people were involved



1 **Youth involvement,** from consulted to youth-led.



2 **Every report is tagged** with its theme, youth involvement, methods and place. You can also filter by who it's about and year.

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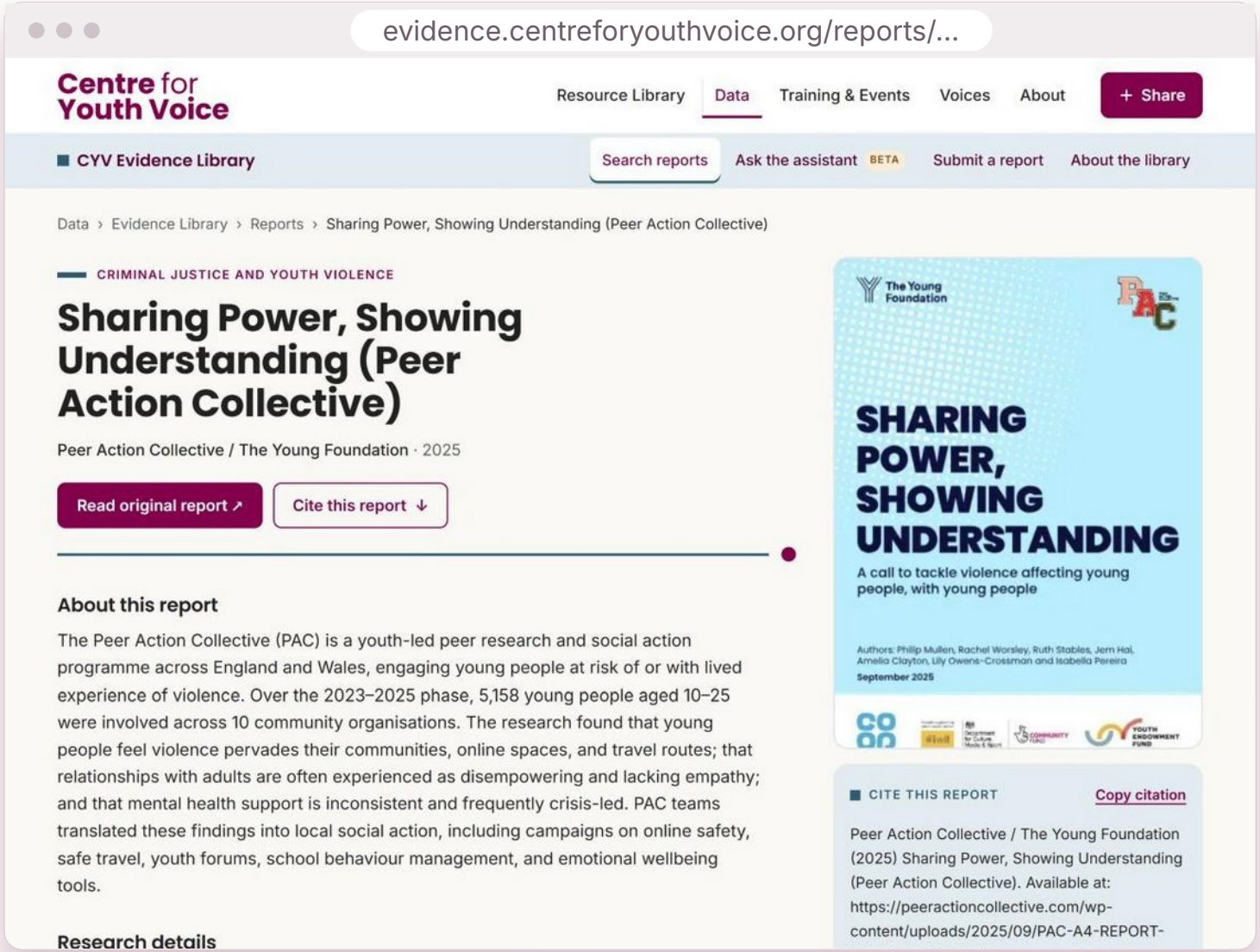
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A page for every report

1. **What it found**
   A summary of the research and its findings.

2. **How it was done**
   Methods, sample, who it's about, place, youth involvement and funders.

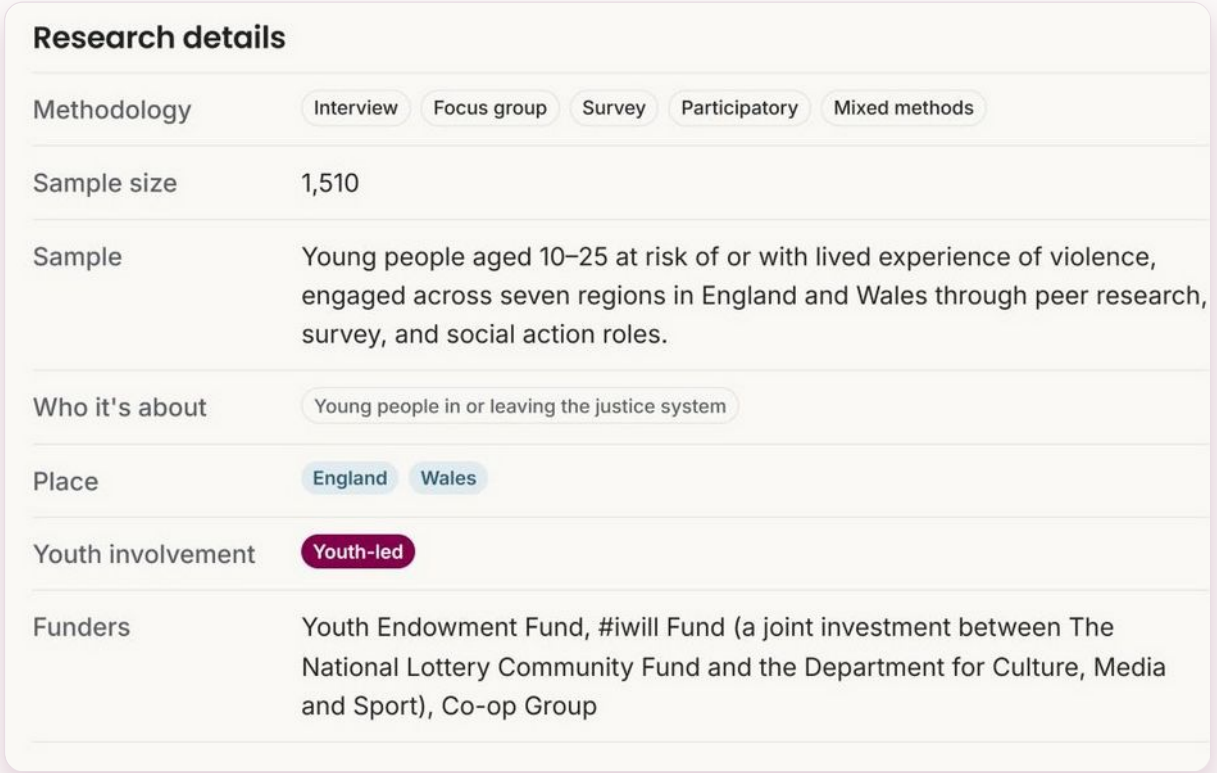
3. **Read and cite**
   Go to the original report, or copy a ready-made citation.



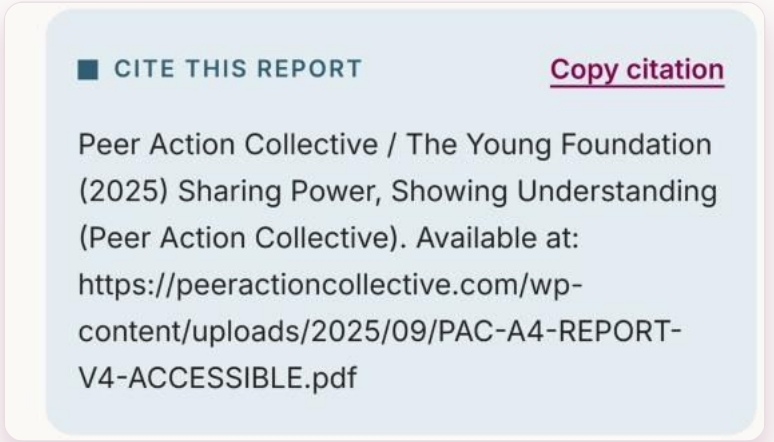
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Check the research, then cite it



1 **Research details at a glance:** how it was done, who took part and how young people were involved.



2 **Copy the citation** in one click, with a link to the original report.

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What gets in

1

About young people aged 16–25.

The people studied must include young people aged 16 or over. A study of 13 to 18-year-olds counts. A study only of under-16s, or only of over-25s, doesn't.

2

Presents evidence.

It must share data collected from or about young people, such as surveys, interviews, focus groups, participatory research or new analysis of existing data, and say how it was done.

3

Grey literature.

It must not already be published in an academic journal or as official government statistics, which have their own permanent homes. Most reports come from charities and youth organisations; think tanks, commissioners and university centres can qualify too.

4

Free to read.

It must be free to read at a working web address.

What the library is for

Research about young people aged 16 to 25 that has no other lasting, searchable home. Children's research already has good libraries. There was nothing equivalent for 16 to 25-year-olds.

A report has to pass all four tests before it goes in. The full criteria are on the library's site.

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THE NEW WEBSITE · DATA

Youth Matters, region by region

The survey behind England's national youth strategy, broken down by region. National averages hide big differences in how heard young people feel.

14,134

young people surveyed

9

English regions compared

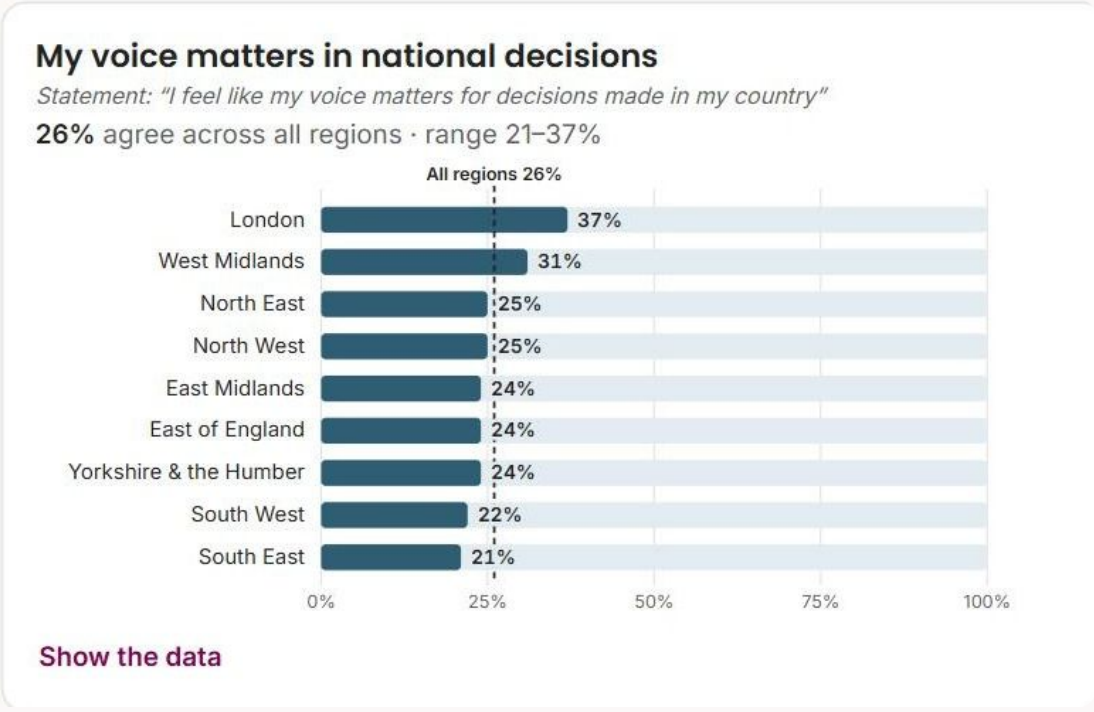
49%

disagree that their voice matters in national decisions

16 pts

gap between London and the South East on that question

Savanta's online survey for DCMS, March to April 2025, analysed by region by the Centre for Youth Voice.



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VOICES

Case studies

Good practice written up by the people who did the work.

Young Grant Makers
Young Hammersmith & Fulham

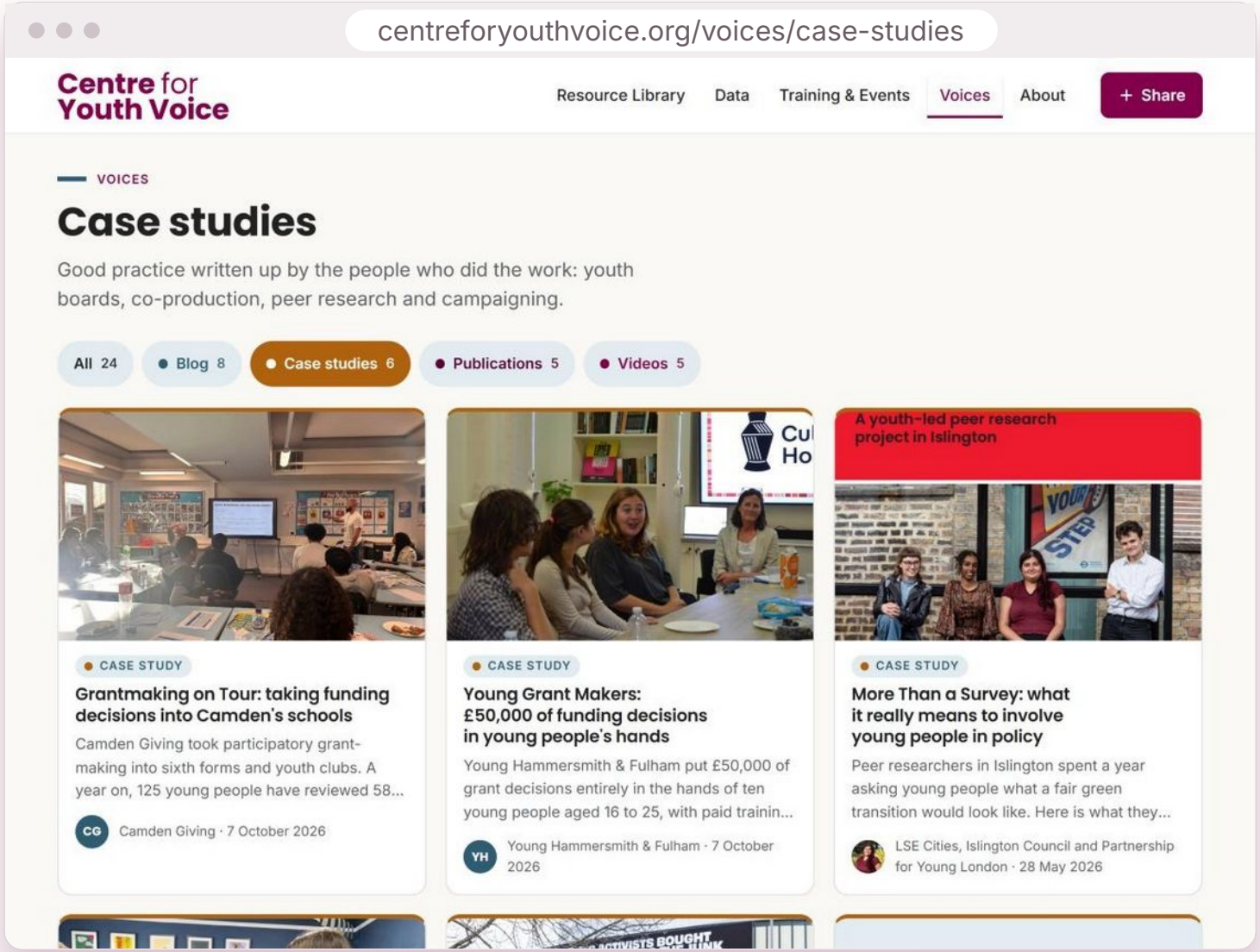
Grantmaking on Tour
Camden Giving

More Than a Survey
LSE Cities, Islington Council and PYL

The Day One Project
Young people in Sheffield on climate

Bite Back 2030
A youth-led movement on food

Participation at Become
Become



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THE NEW WEBSITE · VOICES

Publications, and a new peer research toolkit



SPOTLIGHT · NEW TOOLKIT

Involving Young People: A Toolkit for Peer Research

Partnership for Young London, funded by Trust for London · December 2025

A step-by-step manual for running peer research with young people, from planning to impact, with checklists, session plans and templates.

- Foundations and ethics
- The Scope Triangle
- Fieldwork and analysis
- Budgets and fair pay
- Recruitment and training
- Impact and legacy

ALSO IN PUBLICATIONS

Project Discovery consultation summary
Centre for Youth Voice · January 2024

A Framework of Outcomes for Young People 3.0
Centre for Youth Impact · June 2023

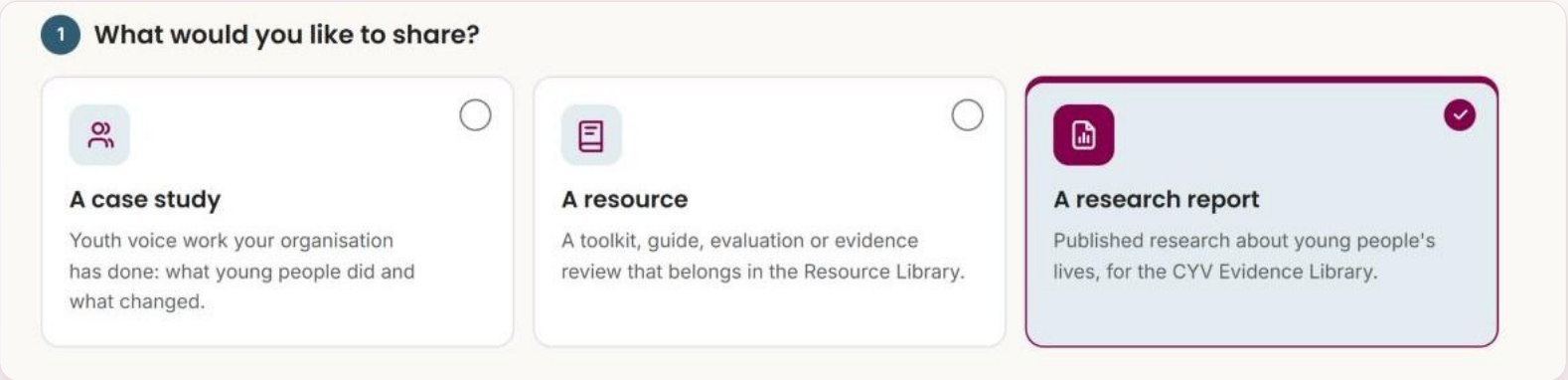
A typology of youth voice for UK youth provision (v2.0)
Centre for Youth Impact · November 2022

Young People's Participation in Decision-Making: UK 2022 survey report
Youth Power Survey · 2022

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SUBMIT

Share your work with the Centre



One form for both libraries. Choose a case study, a resource or a research report. A real person reads every submission.

1. We'll email you, usually within a week.
2. The team and the Ambassadors review it.
3. If we use it, we'll tell you where it appears.

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Your ideas

Your turn: the link is in the Zoom chat

Open the board

Click the Miro link in the chat. It opens in your browser.

Add a sticky note

Pick the sticky note from the toolbar on the left, then type.

One idea per note

Add as many as you like, next to the question each one answers.

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National policy context

What's changing for youth work, and what to look out for

Sharon Long

Director, Partnership for Young London

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NATIONAL POLICY CONTEXT · 1 OF 3

Government investment in youth services

1,000

new youth workers

Government will support the training and employment of 1,000 new youth workers, “the first step in rebuilding the youth workforce”, focused on young people most at risk of becoming NEET.

First in post by spring 2027

Funding and delivery details to follow

£400m+

Youth Matters Fund

Capital and revenue funding for youth spaces and in-person activities. Communications on the fund are expected soon.

Grants from April 2027

Delivery partner to be confirmed

Announcement on the partner expected shortly

31

areas named for Young Futures Hubs

42 new hubs across 31 local authority areas, open by March 2029. Areas are reviewing provision and co-designing with young people until February 2027.

Delivery partner to be confirmed

Part of the Transformation Programme

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NATIONAL POLICY CONTEXT · 2 OF 3

Growing the youth work workforce

Youth Work Bursary

Funded by DCMS and delivered jointly by the National Youth Agency and the Network of Regional Youth Work Units. Bursaries towards Level 2, 3 and 4 youth work qualifications in England.

Apply by region

nya.org.uk/bursary-funding-2026

Standard Qualification Framework

Being developed by the National Youth Agency to create clearer pathways into and across youth work, from essential training for volunteers to Level 6 professional status.

In development

nya.org.uk/standard-qualification-framework

Youth Work Week 2026

Where Futures Begin. Celebrating the people and places where young people grow, belong and thrive.

Mon 2 to Sun 8 November

#YouthWorkWeek2026

nya.org.uk/yww26

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NATIONAL POLICY CONTEXT · 3 OF 3

New democratic education resources

DEMOCRACY CLASSROOM

Democratic Education Framework

A practical tool for anyone working with young people aged 4 to 25: reflect on your democratic education work and find ways to strengthen it. Built around six strands:

Navigate · Understand · Take part · Engage · Experience: youth voice · Influence

democracyclassroom.com/framework

NATIONAL YOUTH AGENCY

Bringing Democratic Education to Life

Informal democratic education guidance for the youth work sector, created with Youth Council UK and York St John University. It covers:

- why democratic education matters
- legal, ethical and practice principles
- running safe, inclusive and impartial discussions

nya.org.uk

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Youth-led funding

From the funder of the Centre for Youth Voice

Jo Rich

The National Lottery Community Fund



Youth Voice at the Fund 2026

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Our Youth Voice Goals

Our goals

1



We involve youth voice

2



We fund youth voice

3



We influence youth voice

JNITY

The National Lottery Community Fund
Youth Voice Journey 2020 -2025

2020
Young People in the Lead

International
Youth day
Instagram takeover

12
young people

3000
stakeholders reached

2021
Mind our Future

£10m
co-designed

Decision making

Peer research

2022
Youth Voice Teams

25
young people across England, Wales, NI

Staff training and events

Jubilee and People Projects decision making

Youth voice journeys

Personal development Outcomes: jobs as Funding officers; Trustees; and setting up on their own projects



Youth voice in events

Communities can conference to over 700 attendees

Scan to read The Journey of Youth Voice

Youth voice in staff

Kianna [former YPIL] recruited as Youth Voice Officer

Scan to read Kianna's blog

2023
New strategy

Strategy input

Youth Voice review/evaluation

Committee presentations

2024
Youth Voice focused funding

4 Youth Voice advisors

2 Young decision makers

5 18-30 yr old Governance roles

2025
Embedding

Youth voice plan with each directorate

400 staff trained in Youth Voice

3G model established

Youth voice in strategy

Kim spoke at Strategy Launch Event



Youth voice in influence

Tias Youth Voice Film & 30th anniversary celebration

Scan to watch Tias video

Youth voice embedded

Connected presentation to 800 staff with Ellie and Holly Interview



Future

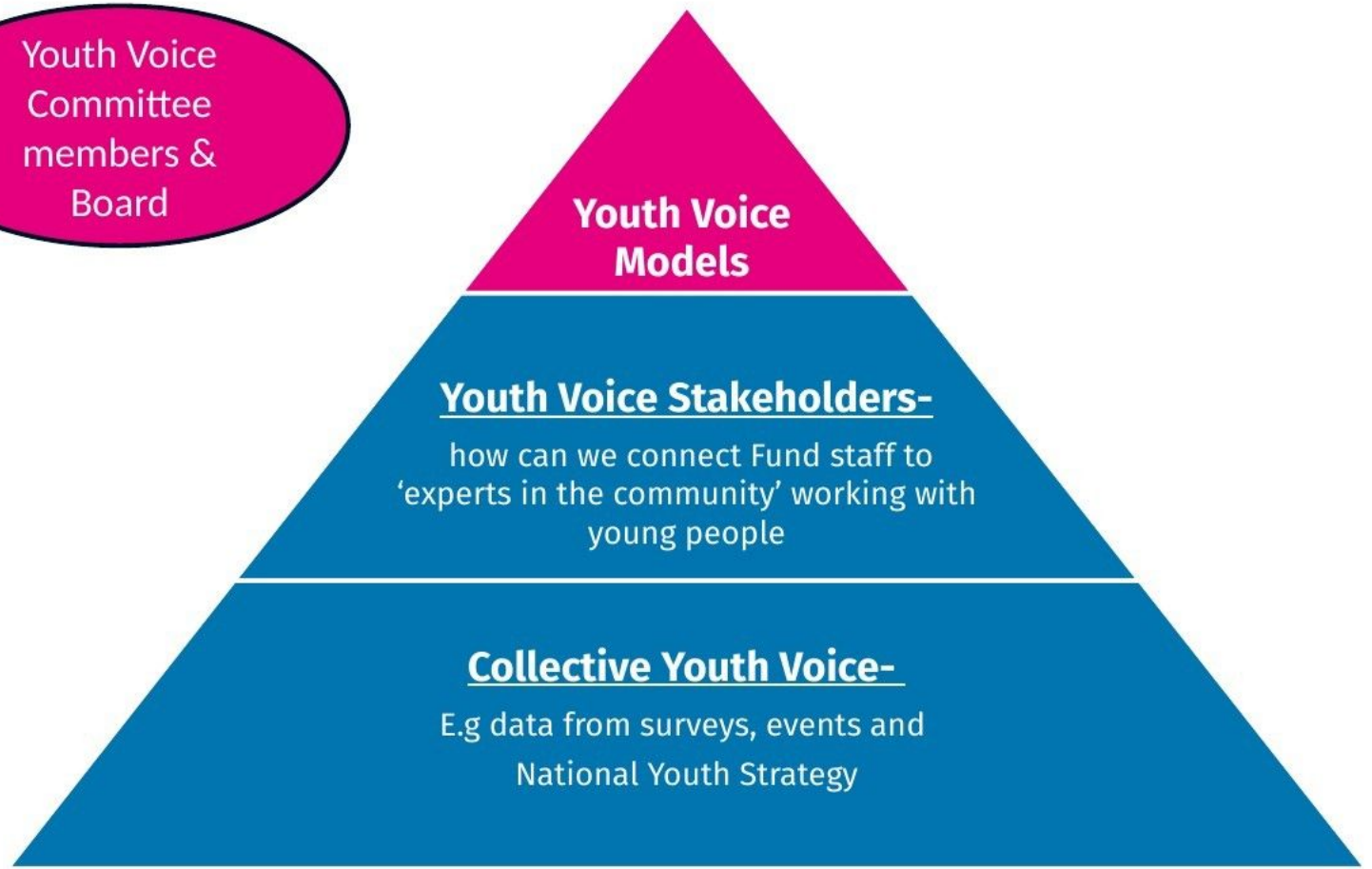
Link closer to EDI

People team talent strategy

Future funding design

Youth Voice Participation Pyramid

Youth Voice Committee members & Board



Head Of Youth Voice [HoYV] = CYP staff champions

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What Next?



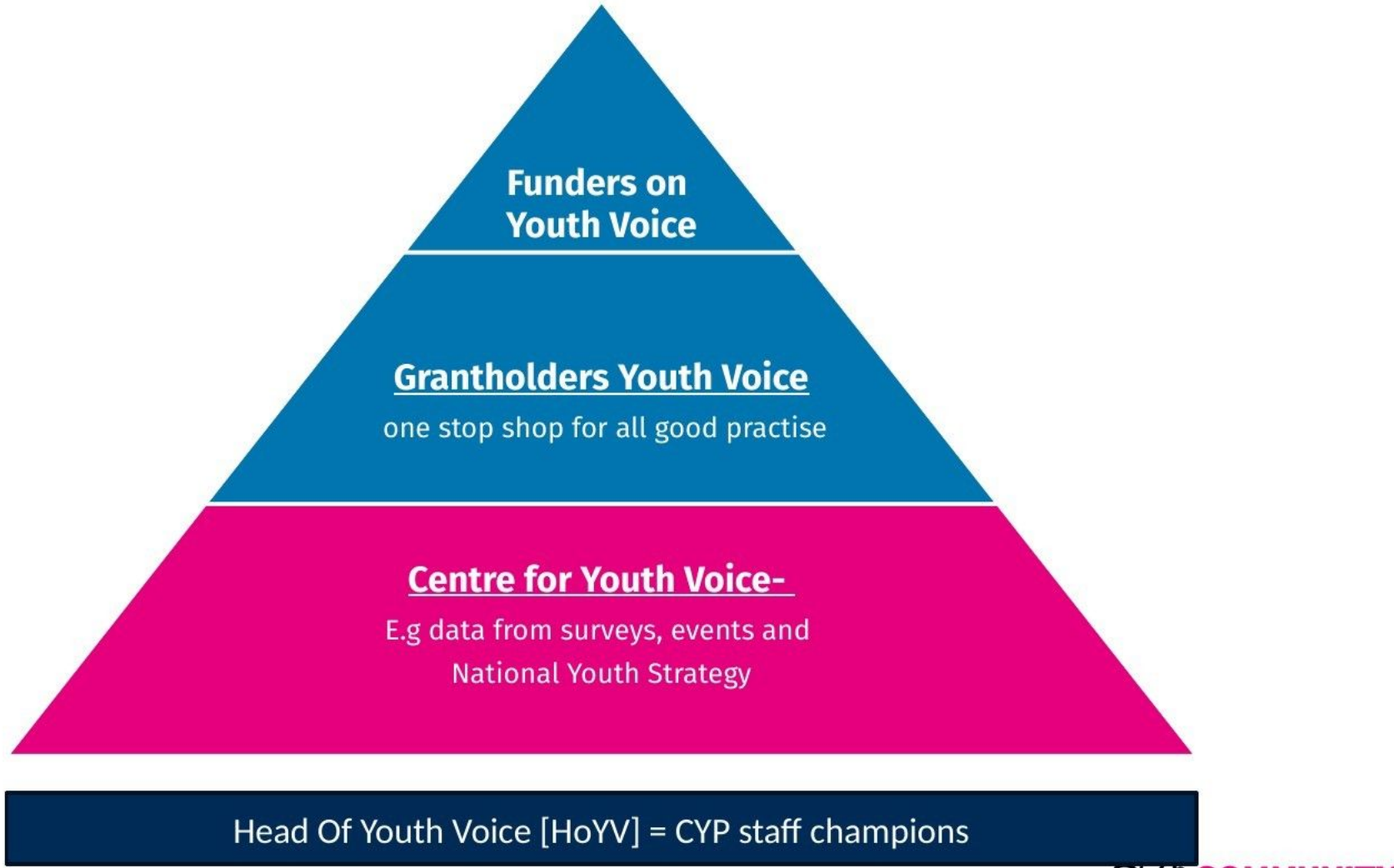
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Key opportunities with Centre for Youth Voice

- **Strengthen Youth voice across the sector through free resources and training**
- **Inform Funding decisions with data from youth led surveys**
- **Elevate Youth Voice across more platforms**

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07 · 10:50 · 15 MINUTES

Q&A

Put your questions in the chat.

Sharon Long
Partnership for Young London

Django Perks
Youth Voice Ambassador

Matthew Walsham
Centre for Youth Voice

Jo Rich
The National Lottery Community Fund

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From Voice to Power

Young people shaping communities with Co-op Foundation's funding

Co-op Foundation

Louise Snelders, Head of Funding and Partnerships

FROM VOICE TO POWER

Young people shaping communities alongside Co-op Foundation

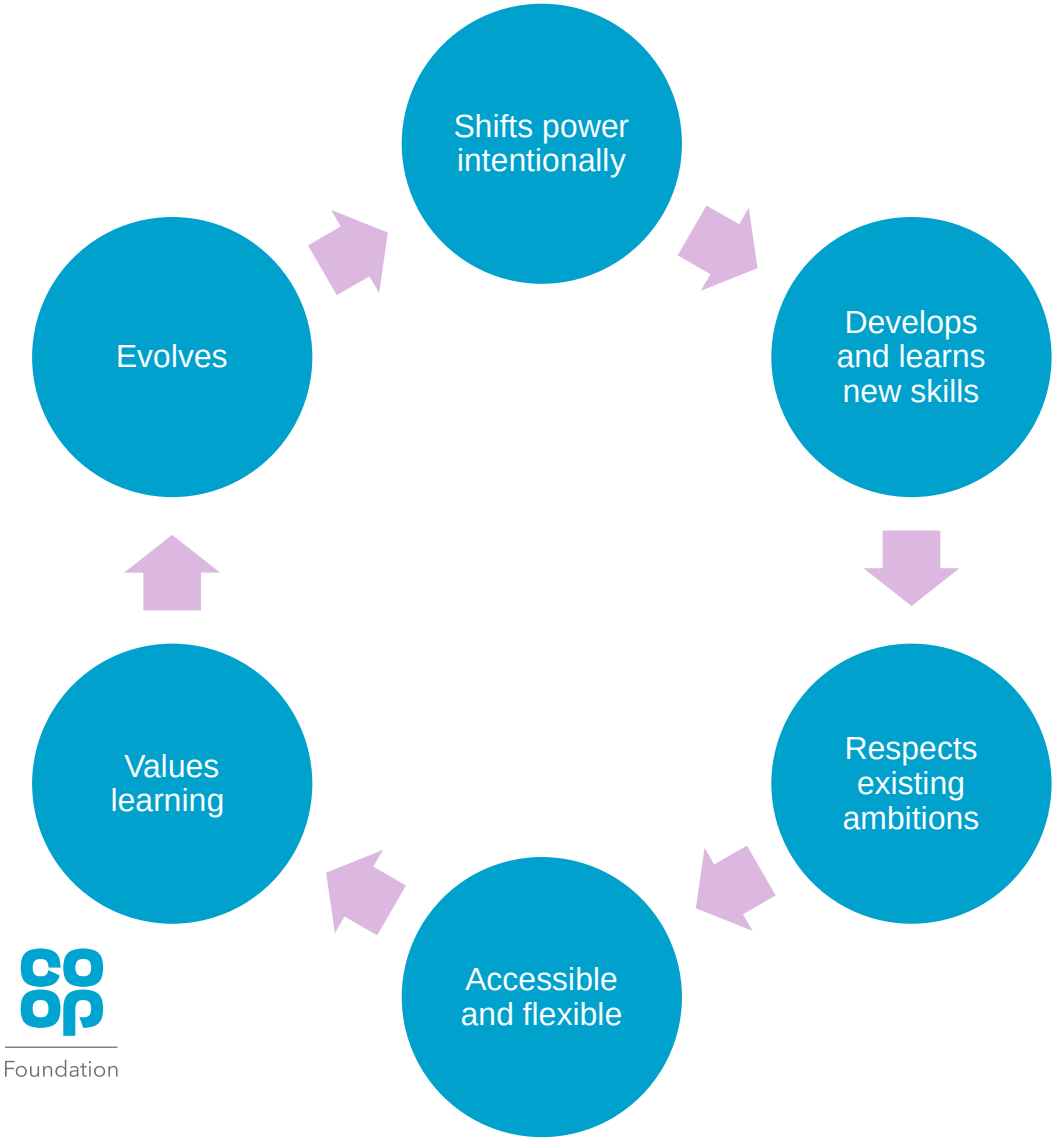
Foundation



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CO-OPERATIVE YOUTH LED FUNDING WITH OUR FUTURE COMMUNITIES COLLECTIVE



Foundation



Youth Participation Journey





1 Visioning Exercise - April/May 2022

Voices of yp shaped our strategy

- We initially worked with a Youth Advisory Group
- Our work on the Lonely, Not Alone campaign to tackle the stigma of youth loneliness also informed this process

2 Appointed a youth collective - Oct 2022

Hudl relationship began

- To support our first strategic fund - Future Communities Fund, Round 1
- A rocky experience that was tricky for our team to support and we moved too fast

3 Board Paper - Learning from this first fund - June 2023

Shared recommendations on next steps

- To create a youth participation strategy
- To take more time in our youth participation work
- To appoint a dedicated youth participation lead role to drive the work forward

4 Involvement across our funds - 2024 onwards

Our refreshed FCC have had a range of experiences across our funds

- Future Communities Fund - Round 2 (criminal justice focus)- decision making authority sat with young people
- Green Opportunities Fund - Environmental Collective shared decision making power



5 Expanded the scope of our FCC's work

FCC have shaped our work across the organisation

- Campaigns working group
- Comms working group - videos, blogs, impact report, fund launches
- Other opportunities - for learning, training and shaping - ie recruitment, learning, meeting partners



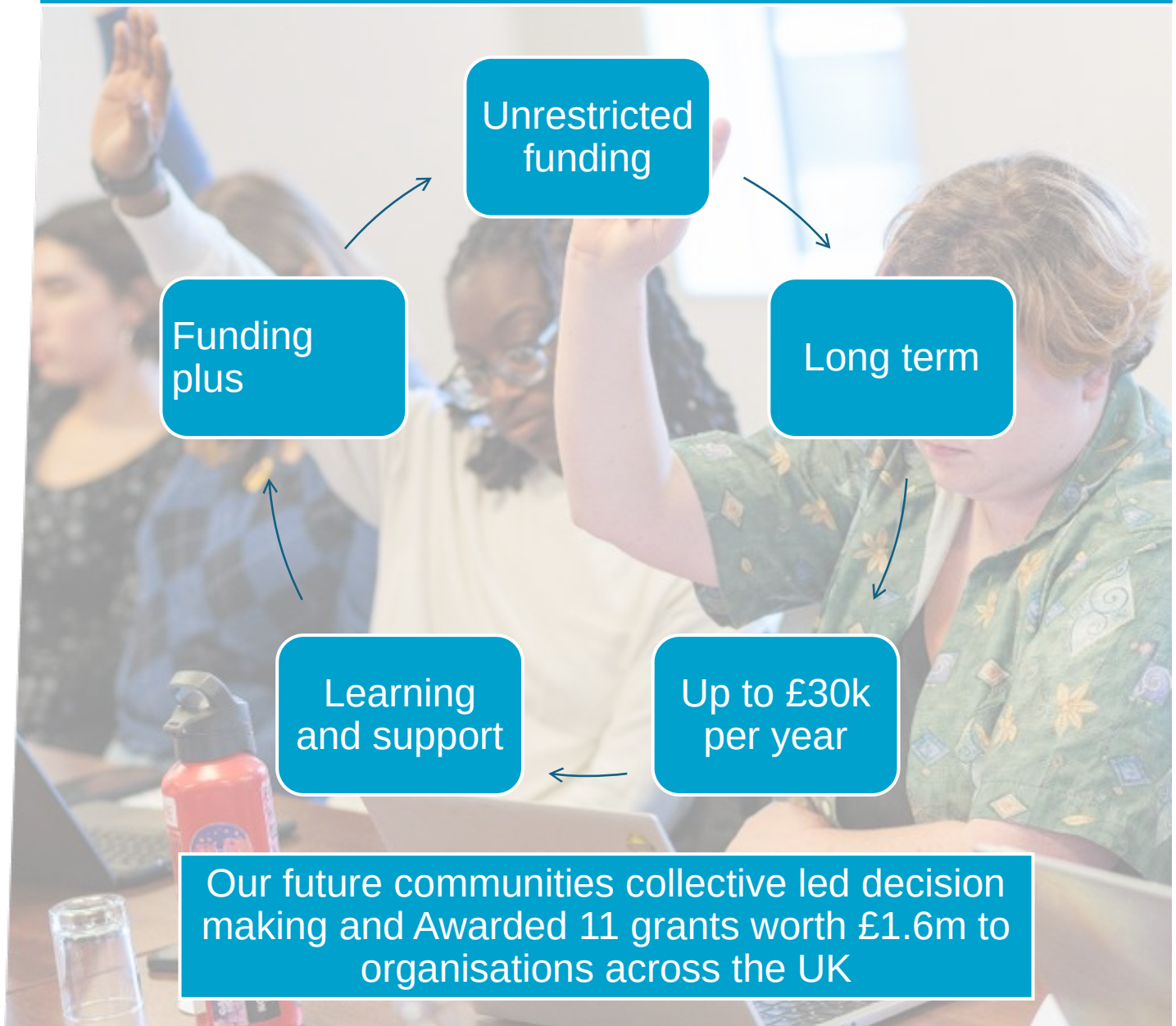
FUTURE COMMUNITIES FUND - ROUND TWO

Priority 1: Creating diverse, equitable and inclusive communities

Priority 2: Creating communities that prioritise youth activism, shared power and transparent governance

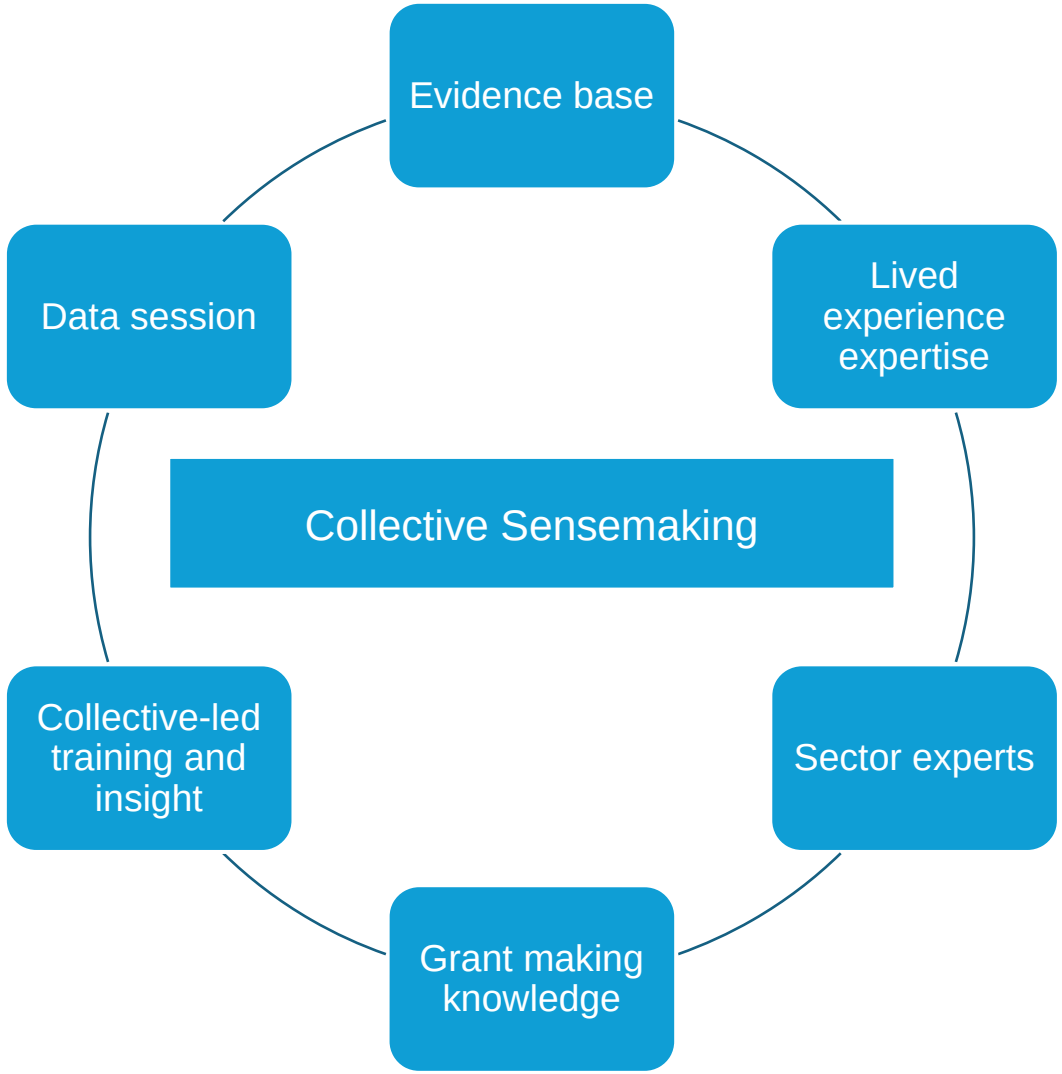
Priority 3: Creating safer communities

The fund supports organisations working to support young people who have experience of the justice system to re-engage with communities



Our future communities collective led decision making and Awarded 11 grants worth £1.6m to organisations across the UK

LEARNING A NEW FUND TOGETHER





WHAT WORKED FOR OUR COLLECTIVE?

A strong training offer that met their needs

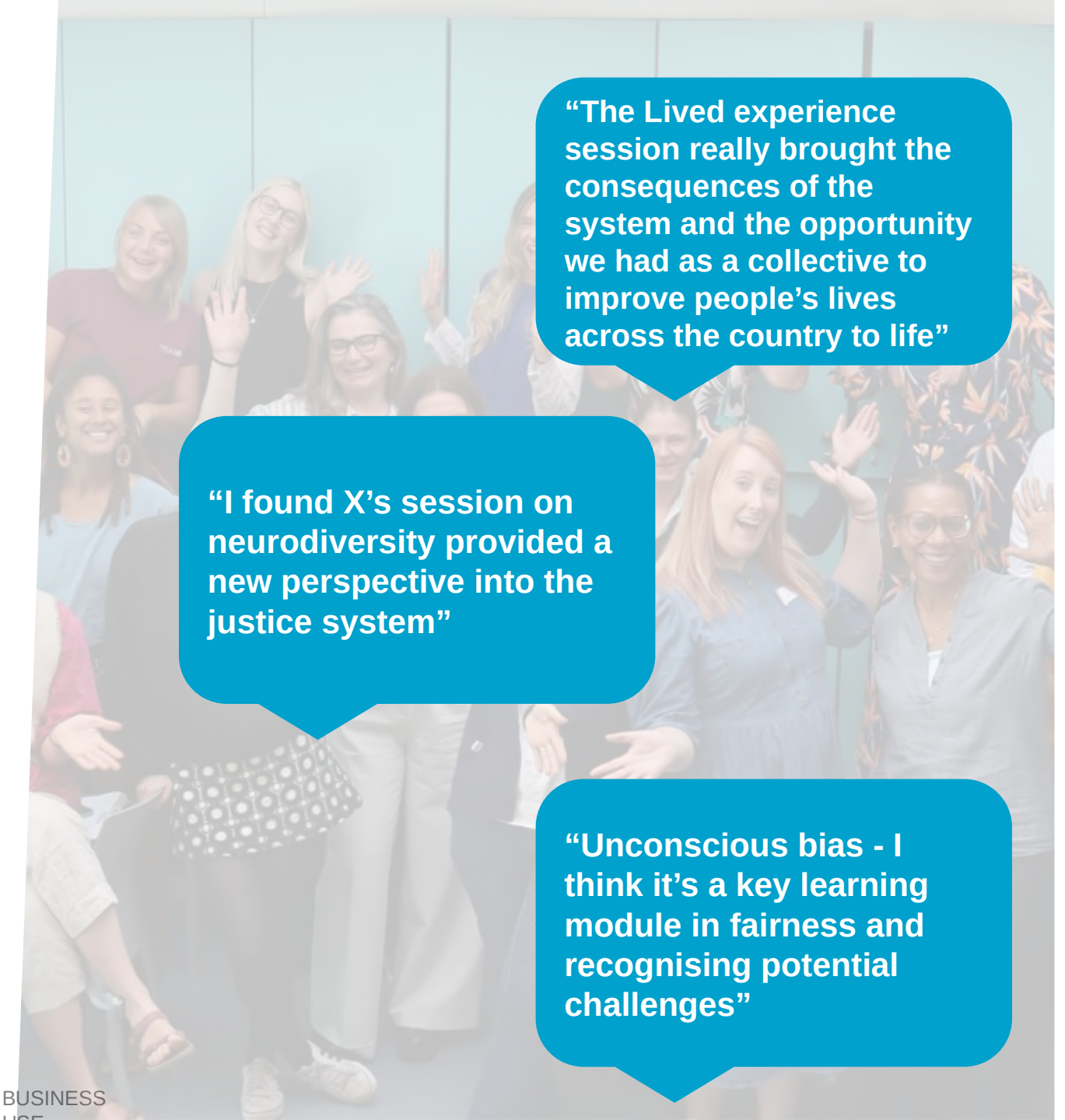
Working to embed lived experience into the approach

Involvement at an early stage of development

Seeing data that showed key funding gaps

Ability to have access to written applications

Bringing organisations to life in calls



“The Lived experience session really brought the consequences of the system and the opportunity we had as a collective to improve people’s lives across the country to life”

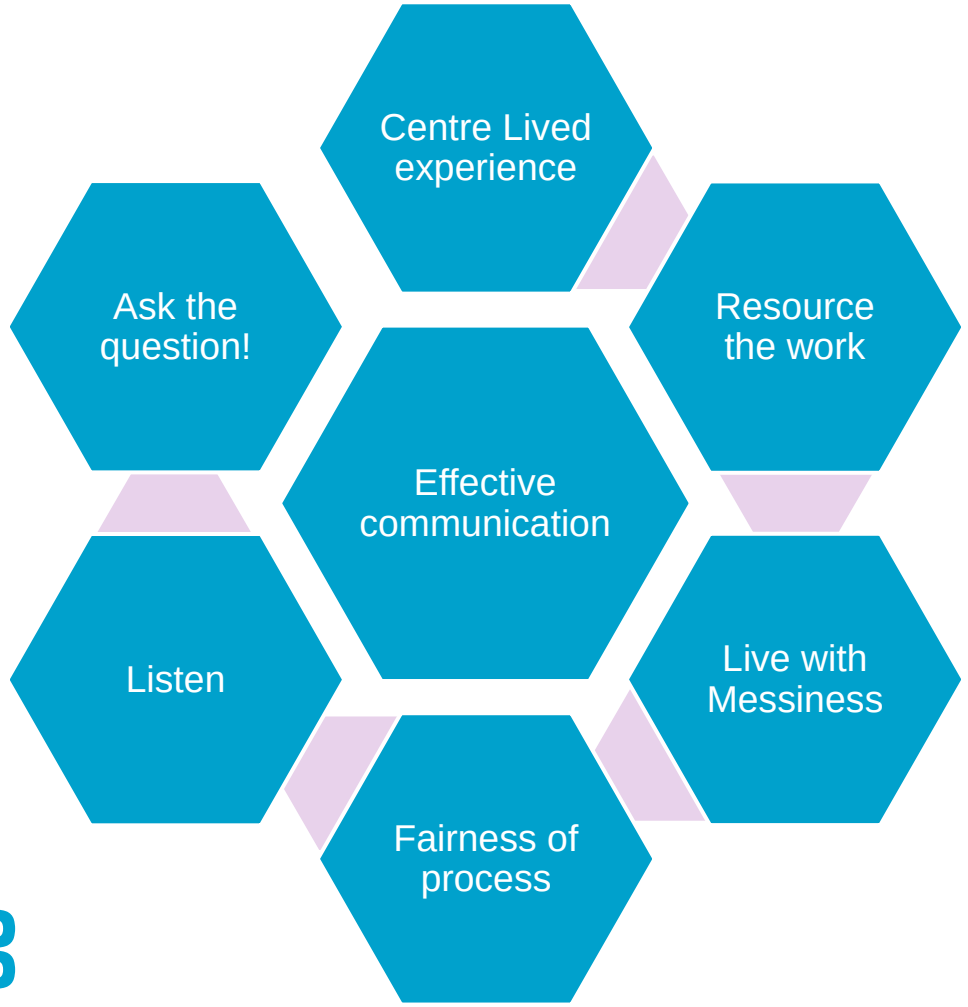
“I found X’s session on neurodiversity provided a new perspective into the justice system”

“Unconscious bias - I think it’s a key learning module in fairness and recognising potential challenges”

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BUSINESS USE

KEY LEARNING FROM DELIVERING OUR FUTURE COMMUNITIES FUND



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Young Grant Makers

£50,000 of funding decisions in young people's hands



Young Hammersmith & Fulham Foundation

Sophie Clifton

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grant makers aged 16 to 25

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organisations funded in 2025

YOUNG **HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

Participatory Grant Making in H&F

Young Grant Makers Programme



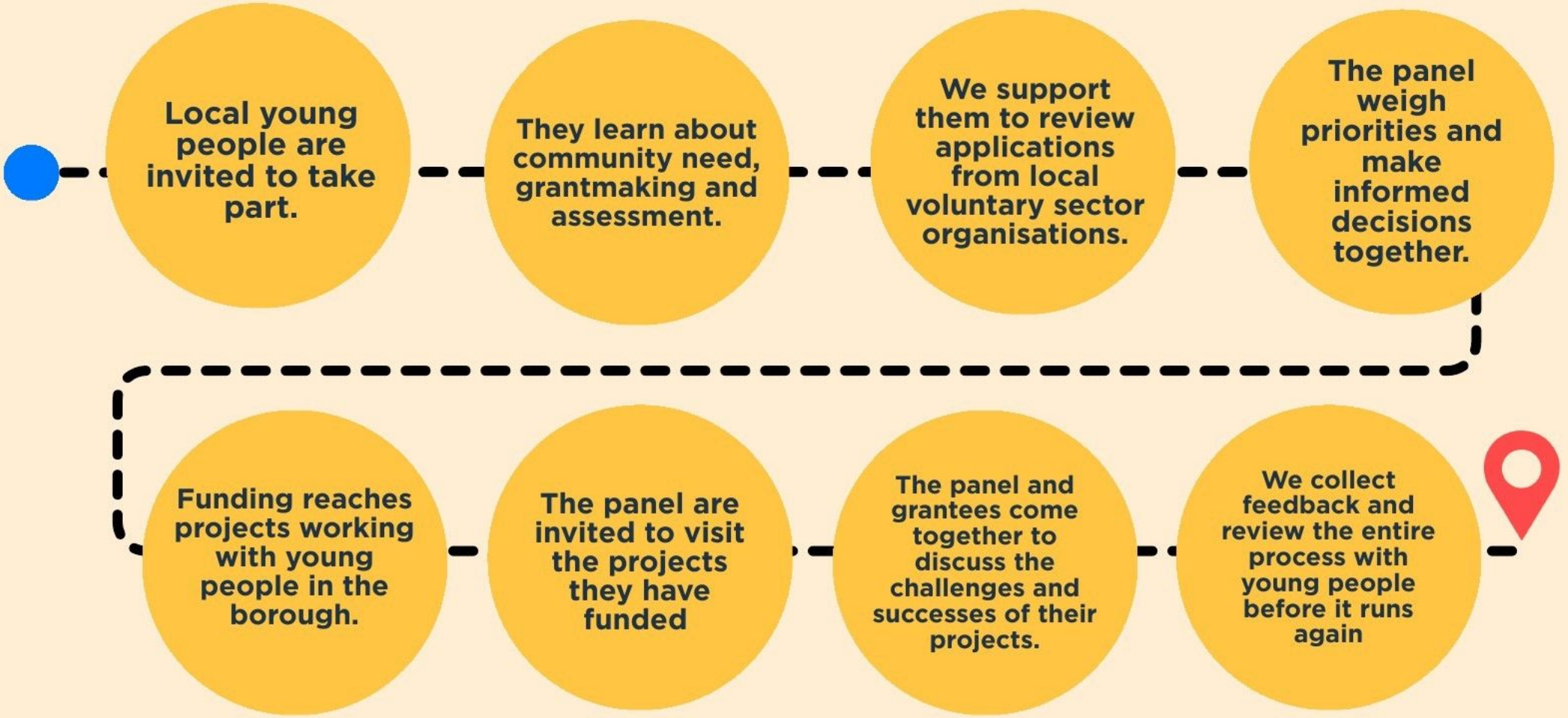
Who we are

- Connecting the local youth sector
- Strengthening voluntary organisations
- Funding place-based community groups
- Giving local young people decision-making power



Young Grant Makers Programme

A youth-led funding programme for Hammersmith & Fulham



This is Ealaf.
Young Grant Maker.
Local Leader.

Being involved with the Young H&F Young Grant Maker Programme over the last 5 years has been so pivotal to my work in advocacy and grant giving.

Moving from a Young Grant Maker, to a Young Facilitator to a Lead Facilitator has been immensely rewarding, in addition to be impact I have been able to help make on young people across the borough.



What we have learned

Supportive, relational and light touch application process

Value young people's time by paying them

Real decision making power beats consultation, but this can be a journey

Participants improve the whole process if you let them

Giving decision making power builds pathways and belonging

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CYV training offer for 2027

Free training for anyone giving young people a say

Matthew Walsham

Lead, Centre for Youth Voice

Centre for Youth Voice

ALL FREE · ALL ONLINE

What's coming up

DISCUSSION SERIES

Communities of Practice

24 Nov Youth-led funding

26 Jan Youth voice in local authorities

30 Mar Youth voice with care-experienced young people

28 April Creative approaches to research

SEMINAR SERIES

Project spotlights

26 Nov What's next for London's youth-led green transition?

11 Jan Rising Together: lessons from the Pan-London Children in Care Council

14 Jan Youth voice in housing: involving young residents in decision-making

SEMINAR SERIES

Evaluation Lab with Dr Kaz Stuart

30 Mar Most Significant Change

15 Apr Ripple Effect Mapping

22 Apr Theory of Change (also 10 June)

6 May Creative evaluation

17 Jun Co-evaluation with young people

Book on the new site under Training & Events. Most sessions are recorded, so you can catch up later.

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ALL YEAR ROUND

Watch again, or share your practice

Recorded seminars

Peer Research Toolkit Training, in 8 sessions

01 Introduction to peer research

02 Setup, recruitment and budgets

03 Co-designing aims and questions

04 Participatory methods

05 Ethics and safeguarding

06 Fieldwork with peer researchers

07 Young people in analysis

08 Impact and embedding

Plus two Amplify seminars: stakeholder mapping with young people, and embedding youth voice.

SHARE YOUR PRACTICE

Run a seminar with us

We want to support smaller organisations to run a recorded seminar on how they involve young people.

Sessions run for at least 20 minutes. The rest of the format is up to you.

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Stay in touch

The newsletter

A monthly round-up of new resources, training dates and blogs, sent in the last week of every month. Sign up at the bottom of any page.

Next up

Community of practice: youth-led funding. Tuesday 24 November, 11:00 to 12:30, online.

Share your work

Send us a case study, a resource we've missed or a research report through the Share button on the site.

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24 November

Next: community of practice on youth-led funding

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