

Market Position Statement on universal youth work services in Islington from April 2017

This market position statement sets out the council's position regarding the commissioning of universal youth work from April 2017.

Background

Islington Council is committed to supporting all young people, whatever their background, to have the same opportunities to reach their potential and enjoy a good quality of life. In this context, Islington has maintained its investment in universal youth services and has undertaken a range of work over the past 5 years to shape and co-produce engaging and relevant services and opportunities, alongside young people. The principles that underpin the commissioning and providing of the youth offer are set out in the **Islington Outcomes Framework for Young People**. In 2016, new work, including a deliberative event, attended by nearly 100 young people and adult stakeholders, confirmed that these principles remain relevant for young people, and identified what they want including:

- to continue to co-produce opportunities
- to take part in opportunities that are 'worth it' for them, that contribute to their development and fit around their busy lives
- a flexible offer that they can start to access close to home and offers opportunities that are relevant for older young people (over 18)
- to receive more and varied communication about what is on offer

The report of the deliberative event Islington Youth: **Better Futures Start here!** is available separately.

Islington has secured a varied and engaging universal youth offer which currently includes the Islington Youth Council, Lift, Platform, Rose Bowl, the Zone and Spectrum and other opportunities which engage young people with special educational needs and disabilities as well as pregnant young women and young parents. There is also an online directory of accurate and up to date information for young people on izzy-info.com.

The council now intends to further expand the quality and extent of the universal youth offer through procuring the contracts set out below.

Procurement Process

This Market Position Statement is being published for information only at this stage to advertise all opportunities that will be available to the market of providers.

Each of the 'Procurement Opportunities' will be advertised individually via the London Tender Portal (LTP) <https://procontract.due-north.com>. Please note the anticipated dates for publication of the Contract Notices are proposed dates and may be subject to change. If you wish to be notified when the opportunity becomes available and have the option to participate in the tender process, please ensure that your organisation is registered on the LTP.

For more information about the opportunities or for support with registering on the portal, register your interest for an event to meet commissioners:

Event 1: Tuesday 21 February, 12pm – 1.30pm

Event 2: Tuesday 21 February, 5pm – 7pm

To register places, please email isyp@islington.gov.uk with the names, roles and email addresses of the attendees.

Procurement opportunities

Name	Description	Proposed procurement timetable	Contractual information
Youth at the Centre	Year-round, community based, high quality universal youth work delivered in four different geographical zones as set out on the attached map. Work will engage and mobilise young people through locally supported routes to access opportunities in Islington and beyond.	Contract Notice from 13 February 2017 Deadline for receipt of tenders by 24 March 2017 Decisions week beginning 27 March 2017 Contracts commence from April 2017	<u>Total funds available:</u> up to £120,000 (£30,000 per annum per zone) <u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 4 contracts, one per zone <u>Contracts to start:</u> April 2017 <u>Contract length:</u> Up to 2 years with provision to extend for two further periods of 1 year each (maximum 4 years)
Enhanced Geographical Youth Offer, zones 1-4	Year-round offer of specialist, high quality opportunities that will interest and engage young people. These will be delivered across all four of the zones set out in the 'Youth at the Centre' contract above, in partnership with the provider/s appointed to deliver Youth at the Centre. These opportunities will engage young people, particularly those in the 16+ age range, and will provide access to aspirational activities.	Contract Notice from 13 February 2017 Deadline for receipt of tenders by 24 March 2017 Decisions week beginning 27 March Contracts commence from April 2017	<u>Total funds available:</u> up to £60,000 per annum <u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 3 contracts <u>Contracts to start:</u> April 2017 <u>Contract length:</u> Up to 2 years with provision to extend for two further periods of 1 year each (maximum 4 years)
Ambitious Communities	Youth work projects that support young people to play an active role within their local community through social action. Together with other community members, businesses or employers, issues and opportunities will be identified with the chance to explore differences and similarities, sharing in the development of small scale projects within the local community.	Contract Notice from 10 April 2017 Deadline for receipt of tenders by 12 May 2017 Decisions week beginning 29 May Contracts commence from June 2017	<u>Total funds available:</u> up to £60,000 per annum <u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 10 contracts <u>Contracts to start:</u> June 2017 <u>Contract length:</u> Up to June 2020 with provision to extend for a further 5 periods of 1 year each (maximum 8 years)

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Kick-start: youth led projects	<p>Working with small groups of young people, delivery of fun and innovative projects of 12 weeks to 6 months' duration. The programmes should be co-produced with young people, outcomes based and respond to their interests and ideas.</p> <p>This means young people will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be central to providing evidence that there is a need; • help shape and design the project; and • play an integral part in managing, delivering and evaluating the work. 	<p>Contract Notice from 5 June 2017</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of tenders by 7 July 2017</p> <p>Decisions week beginning 17 July</p> <p>Contracts commence from September 2017</p>	<p><u>Total funds available:</u> up to £50,000 per annum</p> <p><u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 10 contracts</p> <p><u>Contracts to start:</u> September 2017</p> <p><u>Contract length:</u> Up to September 2020 with provision to extend for a further 7 periods of 1 year each (maximum 10 years)</p>
Recreation and Adventure	<p>Year round offer of recreational, physical and adventurous activities to include more unusual and harder-to-access programmes.</p>	<p>Contract Notice from 5 June 2017</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of tenders by 7 July 2017</p> <p>Decisions week beginning 17 July</p> <p>Contracts commence from September 2017</p>	<p><u>Total funds available:</u> up to £50,000 per annum</p> <p><u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 10 contracts</p> <p><u>Contracts to start:</u> September 2017</p> <p><u>Contract length:</u> Up to September 2020 with provision to extend for a further 7 periods of 1 year each (maximum 10 years)</p>
Stress Busters	<p>Commissioners will be looking for innovative programmes and approaches that will support young people to deal with the stresses that they tell us are part of their increasingly busy and challenging lives. In response to young people's expressed needs, these projects will be for all young people and respond to what they have already identified with youth workers.</p>	<p>Contract Notice from September 2017</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of tenders : 20 October 2017</p> <p>Decisions made week beginning 30 October 2017</p> <p>Contracts commence January 2018</p>	<p><u>Total funds available:</u> up to £75,000 per annum</p> <p><u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 3 contracts</p> <p><u>Contracts to start:</u> January 2018</p> <p><u>Contract length:</u> Up to January 2021 with provision to extend for a further 3 periods of 1 year each (maximum 6 years)</p>
Cultural Connections	<p>Opportunities which engage young people in artistic, cultural and creative projects which may include fashion, music, dance, design, film, theatre, blogging, vlogging, visual and other arts, photography or architecture. These can include technical aspects of the creative arts, including set and stage design, lighting, sound, web design and programming.</p>	<p>Contract Notice from September 2017</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of quotations 10 November 2017</p> <p>Decisions made week beginning 20 November 2017</p> <p>Contracts commence January 2018</p>	<p><u>Total funds available:</u> up to £50,000 per annum</p> <p><u>Number of total contracts:</u> up to 5 contracts</p> <p><u>Contracts to start:</u> January 2018</p> <p><u>Contract length:</u> Up to January 2021 with provision to extend for a further 6 periods of 1 year each (maximum 9 years)</p>

Grant opportunity

Small Change, Big Impact Fund	<p>Offering voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations working with young people in Islington the opportunity to apply for grants. The amounts available are up to £5,000 for individual organisations or up to £12,000 for organisations applying in partnership. Small Change, Big Impact will provide funding for small projects and activities that will contribute towards young people's social and emotional development and will offer opportunities for young people to gain the experiences and skills they need to have a successful future. Applications are open to organisations with annual turnover of less than £250,000 per annum and/or organisations that are run by volunteers.</p>	<p>Proposals will be invited from February 2017, deadline and decisions in March 2017, grants to start from April 2017</p>	<p>This is a grant opportunity and not a formal procurement. If you interested in finding out more details about this fund, please contact the team directly at isyp@islington.gov.uk</p>
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Summer Programming

Summerversity and Launchpad	A wide range of social, recreational and educational courses and activities for young people aged 13-24 delivered during the summer holidays. These innovative programmes will be designed to help young people develop their skills, raise their ambitions and aspirations, meet new friends and try new experiences and opportunities. Courses will add value to the specific skills that can progress young people towards employment or further education.	Quotations requested in March 2017 Deadline for receipt of quotations June 2017 Decisions made June 2017 Contracts commence July 2017	This is an opportunity below the EU threshold for tendering so there won't be a Contract Notice published on the London Tender's Portal. If you are interested in finding out more details about this fund, please contact the team directly at isyp@islington.gov.uk
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