

# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

## FUND



Youth Empowerment Funding Information and Guidance  
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People at the Heart  
of Everything We Do

# ABOUT YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND THE FUND

The London Borough of Newham is committed to putting young people at the heart of everything we do. The Mayor and members have agreed amazing plans to make Newham the best place for children and young people to grow and achieve.

We are committed to developing the social and emotional learning of young people and creating real opportunities for them to achieve in their communities, in learning and in work. We are delivering a far reaching offer through a mixture of universal, targeted, intensive, participative and detached youth work services. For more information on Youth Empowerment Services, visit:

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Youth Empowerment Services have created a fund to support young people to achieve their ambition. Whether your ambition is to enrol onto a training programme or you need financial assistance in buying resources to support your school/college course, or you need help to buy sports/arts equipment, the list goes on. If overcoming some barriers for your ambition requires financial assistance we want you to apply!



# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The fund will be open to any young person aged 9 – 25 who lives in Newham or who has been placed out of the borough as part of their care or safeguarding arrangements and meet the following criteria:

## LIVE IN NEWHAM

1

You must live in Newham and have lived here continuously for the last six months, or in care and have been placed outside of Newham as part of your care and/or safeguarding arrangements.



## AGE

2

You are only eligible for one award within your age category although further applications can be applied for as a young person moves into the next age band.

These age bands are:  
9 – 12 years, 13 – 15 years,  
16 – 25 years



## FINANCIAL

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You are living in a household with one or more of the following:

- Household in receipt of the 90% Council Tax Reduction (CTR)
- Household with an income of less than £25,000 per annum
- Children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)
- Children who are subject to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)
- Children that are Looked After (LAC)






Applications can be independently completed by someone who is 18 - 25.

If you are 9 – 17 and would like to apply you will need to ask your parent or carer to answer the eligibility question to enable you to continue with your application.

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance comes in three bands

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE VALUE	EXAMPLES
<b>Up to £100</b> 	Computer software, travel assistance, join a club that increases skills, purchase kit, attend an event that supports learning, passport, attend trips and visits that support learning, development, social connections and positive networks, etc.
<b>£101 - £1,000</b> 	Training course, interview attire, laptop, kit to support learning, educational experience, series of vocational lessons, etc.
<b>£1,001 - £2,500</b> 	Tuition fee, overseas placement, bursary, etc.

The table above just lists some examples, so please don't think your financial assistance request needs to be one of the examples above.

This fund cannot support the following:

- Emergency funding – Please visit [www.newham.gov.uk/community-parks-leisure/funding-community-projects-1/5](http://www.newham.gov.uk/community-parks-leisure/funding-community-projects-1/5)
- Fund a business idea – Please visit [www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/support-starting-business](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/support-starting-business)

**Before applying please check out the following alternative funding streams that give one off grants to individuals.**

- [www.buttleuk.org/other-charities](http://www.buttleuk.org/other-charities)  
helping children and young people in need across the UK since 1953.
- [www.glasspool.org.uk](http://www.glasspool.org.uk)  
Glasspool Trust is a UK wide grants giving charity that provide one off grants to individuals.
- [www.actionforkids.org](http://www.actionforkids.org)  
Action for Kids supports young people with physical and learning disabilities through the provision of mobility aids, employability training and family support.
- [www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)  
Caudwell Children provide equipment, treatment, therapies and family support for disabled children and their families across the UK.
- [www.family-action.org.uk](http://www.family-action.org.uk)  
Family Action have both welfare and education grant programmes to help address the needs of disadvantaged families and individuals that struggle to afford basic needs and to pursue educational and employment ambitions.
- [www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund](http://www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund)  
You could get a bursary to help with education-related costs if you're aged 16 to 19 - England
- [www.gov.uk/discretionary-learner-support](http://www.gov.uk/discretionary-learner-support)  
Discretionary learner support - England -the money can help pay for things such as: childcare, accommodation and travel, as well as course materials and equipment.
- [www.gov.uk/subsidised-college-transport-16-19](http://www.gov.uk/subsidised-college-transport-16-19)  
Subsidised transport England
- [www.educational-grants.org](http://www.educational-grants.org)  
Other charities that may be able to offer support with school fees
- [www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/get-support/services/infoline](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/get-support/services/infoline)  
**0808 196 7272**  
This Freephone Infoline aims to connect refugees and people seeking asylum with detailed information about local specialist support relevant to their particular needs

Above is not an exhausted list of alternative funding support, we are further developing this list to make it more comprehensive.

# APPLICATION VALUES AND ASSESSMENT

AMOUNT	FREQUENCY
£100	Monthly
£101 - £1,000	March, May, September, November
£1,001 - £2,500	January and July

Applications must:

1. **Demonstrate they have exhausted all other support assistance schemes that are accessible to the applicant, e.g. if the applicant is 15 years old and requires a laptop to support their school work, has the applicant contacted their school to see what support they offer?**
2. **Demonstrate the positive impact the financial assistance will have on the young person's ability to achieve their ambition and overcome a barrier.**
3. **Provide screen shots of the items or services they would like. This will help the assessment board make their decision, and if successful, ensures the procurement team buy the correct product or service.**

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Successful applicants will need to provide some information on how the support has made a positive impact on their lives. We will provide you with a template to complete.

## TO APPLY

To apply, complete the Youth Empowerment Fund application form with as much detail as possible.

Complete your application at [www.newham.gov.uk/yefapply](http://www.newham.gov.uk/yefapply)

If the fund becomes exhausted at any level it will close until the next available resourced period of the Fund.

If you would like to discuss the application and process, contact [yefinfo@newham.gov.uk](mailto:yefinfo@newham.gov.uk)