



Up to £5,000
Grant for young
people

Youth Opportunities Fund

Grants of between £1,000 to
£5,000 available for activities for
young people on the Isle of Dogs

Two Round of Funding

- 1 Round 1 Deadline for Applications
7th June 2022
- 2 Round 2 Deadline for Applications
30th June 2022

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About THICN

The Tower Hamlets Island Community Network (THICN) is a 2-year, MOPAC funded programme to reduce serious youth violence at local neighbourhood level on the Isle of Dogs.

THICN is one of eight partnerships across London who successfully achieved funding by the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) as part of the MyEnds programme. MyEnds partnerships across London are taking innovative approaches to supporting young people thrive, and to keep them safe from violence.

THICN is a consortium of Tower Hamlets youth organisations, led by Osmani Trust, Spotlight and Streets of Growth, with support from THCVS, ELBA, and partners at the Police and council, and a range of additional, and growing, community networks and partners.

Find out more about [THICN here](#)

Key delivery highlights for year Sept 2021- March 2022 included:

- Establishing a THICN board to oversee the programme, made up of representatives from the lead organisations, police, council and others
- Set up 2 new youth provision on the Isle of Dogs, at Phoenix Heights Community Centre and the Reach
- Delivered a programme of street outreach to engage directly with young people
- Developed leadership programmes, art activities, youth representation and voice opportunities
- 1323 young people participated in THICN activities and services between Sept 2021-March 2022

About the THICN Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF)

THICN YOF is an innovative approach to give a voice to young people, empowering them to take the lead in all aspects of the grant programme, from engaging young people on the Isle of Dogs about what matters most, what keeps them safe, the opportunities they want to thrive, the decisions made about how funds are allocated and which projects are funded.

THICN YOF is engaging young people living, socialising, studying and/or working on the Isle of Dogs.



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THICN Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) Guidelines

THICN YOF is being administered by THCVS on behalf of the THICN partnership.

THICN Youth Opportunities Fund Priority

Our priority for the THICN Youth Opportunities Fund is to support the ongoing reduction in serious youth violence, increasing safety and wellbeing of young people on Isle of Dogs, and the local community, with new opportunities for young people to grow.

The THICN Youth Opportunities Fund will support a range of projects and activities for young people on the Isle of Dogs.

We want young people living on the Isle of Dogs to be safe from violence, have a voice in their communities, and have opportunities to thrive. We want to strengthen the networks and communities around young people, so that the whole community is involved, and feel safer, and more connected as a result.

Priorities we are seeking to achieve for young people are

1. Young people will have an increased voice in their lives and their communities
2. Young people feel more optimistic about their futures
3. Young people are better able to access positive activities and support across the Isle of Dogs
4. Young people have a greater understanding of positive choices and an increased affinity with their community in the Isle of Dogs

See appendix 1 for the framework for outcomes, outcome indicators

Involving young people

When young people are in the lead, they thrive – we want your project's application to demonstrate this clearly.

Young people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone, especially during these unprecedented times.

The best applications will have the involvement of young people at an early stage, and have plans for including young people in all aspects of your project.

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We want to support projects that:

- involve young people from the start
- build on young people's strengths
- are connected in their community

But make sure you're following the current Government guidance on COVID-19.

How much can you apply for?

Groups can apply for between £1,000 and £5,000.

We want to fund a wide range of groups and organisations working with young people on the Isle of Dogs.

Who can apply

You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary and community organisation
- constituted group or club
- registered charity
- charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- not-for-profit company
- community interest company (CIC)
- school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school on the Isle of Dogs)
- community benefit society.

Un-constituted groups will need to identify a constituted organisation to act as their accountable body or 'parent organisation'. For example, this could be a local charity, constituted TRA or housing association that is willing to hold the grant money on your behalf. The application form must be completed by the un-constituted group and you must have written agreement from the accountable body demonstrating they support you.

We cannot accept applications from:

- Individuals seeking funding for personal benefit
- Organisations based outside the UK
- Applications made by one organisation on behalf of another
- For-profit organisations

What can you spend the money on

- one-off events

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- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities
- volunteer expenses
- Young people’s accreditation costs
- food and non-alcoholic refreshments
- young people’s involvement costs
- community engagement costs

When to apply

There are two rounds of funding in 2022.

	Round one	Round two
Application deadline	7 th June 2022	30 th June 2022
Grant award decisions by	17 th June 2022	11 th July
Projects can start	20 th June 2022	18 th July 2022
Project to end	1 st November 2022	1 st December 2022
Grant End Report submitted	1 st December 2022	31 st December 2022

Community Presentation

Groups funded under this programme will be invited to take part in a showcase event in February 2023. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of young people, and highlight the fantastic work that the programme has funded.

Support available to apply

Informal Enquires

Groups who want to talk through their project ideas can get in contact with Peter at THCVS on 07377 998 635 or email peter.vittles@thcvs.org.uk

THICN Youth Opportunities Fund – Online information sessions

Thursday 26th May from 2pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 8th June from 4pm to 5.30pm

Two online sessions will give an overview of the funding priorities, review the application process, and provide an opportunity for people to ask any questions, and identify any support they may need to apply.

[BOOK HERE](#)

THCVS Meet the Funders Event

Monday 20th June from 10am to 1pm (Venue tbc)

[BOOK HERE](#)

Join us for presentations from Wakefield and Tetley, The National Lottery, Clarion Housing and East End Community Foundation, THICN Youth Opportunities Fund. More funders to be confirmed.

Find out about new funding opportunities

Talk to funders and ask them questions

Connect with others who may be looking for partnerships

The presentations will be recorded and made available for people who are unable to attend.

Community Capacity Building Support

In partnership with THCVS and ELBA, we will be offering capacity building support to groups on the Isle of Dogs. The one to one group development support available includes,

Support with fundraising – working up a project, funding bid draft reviews, funding searches

Group development queries – governance, organisational policies, business planning

For any voluntary group, resident-led group, Tenants and Resident's Association or any other resident led activity taking place on Isle of Dogs. Contact Peter on 07377 998 635 or email peter.vittles@thcvs.org.uk Book an appointment here: <https://calendly.com/peter-vittles/>

Online session for grantees

Grantees will be invited to a short online session to support your project.

- Supporting wider outcomes on community safety and youth engagement
- Mobilising your project
- Connecting with others on Isle of Dogs
- Monitoring and reporting

Word Counts

We have not stated word count limits. We want you to just answer the questions. Try to avoid too much background information. Keep your responses as brief as possible, in order to be clear about what your project is about.

How applications are assessed

Applications will be assessed by two stages.

Stage one – basic checks to ensure that your project fits with our funding priorities, has evidence of young people being involved in the proposal, and that the project is supported by an organisation that meets our basic eligibility checks.

Projects which don't pass stage one will be offered support from THCVS, ELBA and others to review their projects and plan any actions that groups need to either reapply, review policies or governance, or access safeguarding or other training.

Stage two – Young people's panel to review projects. We want young people to be involved in the decisions about which projects are funded. Those which meet stage one checks will be presented to a panel of young people, who will decide the projects that will receive funding.

Successful projects

Successful projects will be invited to a short online session, which aims to:

- support your project mobilisation,
- give you a sense of what additional services, networks and support is available,
- help you to ensure that your activity is connected with other activity taking place on the Isle of Dogs.

Monitoring

All successful project will need to provide monitoring data on the number and diversity of participants, along with a summary report of what you achieved, a case study and photos of your activity.

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All projects who receive an offer of a grant will be offered support to ensure that their project monitoring processes are set up for the start of their projects. It is very important to THICN that we are able to show the Mayor of London and the Violence Reduction Unit, the impact of their investment of funds for this programme.

Unsuccessful projects

Projects that are not selected for funding will have access to THCVS and ELBA support to identify and apply for other funding, or access other capacity building support groups may want. For example, business planning, governance review, access to training opportunities.

How to apply

By Email – Please submit your application form along with attachments using subject line 'THICN YOF Grant Application' to: info@thcvs.org.uk

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THICN Youth Opportunities Fund Grant Application Form Guidance

Your organisation

What is the full name of your organisation?

Please tell us the name of your organisation or group

What is the main registered address of your organisation?

Please tell us the address of your organisation

What type of organisation are you?

Please tell us what type of organisation you are

Registered Charity and/or Company no.

Please tell us the company and/or charity number of your organisation, if you have one.

Bank details

Please tell us the details of your organisations bank account

Accountable Body

Please tell us the details of the organisation who is acting as your 'accountable body'. An accountable body should be a registered charity, CIC, or charitable company. Your accountable body will need to provide bank details for us to make a grant payment to them on your behalf. Your accountable body arrangement should be confirmed in writing and attached to your application when submitted.

What is the name of your project?

Please give a name to your project. This will be the name that will be used to promote your activity.

When is the planned (or estimated) start date of your project?

Please check the start date for your activity fits with the round of funding you are applying for

When is the planned (or estimated) end date of your project?

Please check the end date for your activity fits with the round of funding you are applying for

Where will your project take place?

Please tell us where your project activity will take place. We want all activity to take place on the Isle of Dogs with this funding.

Your Project

Choose which of the four/five outcomes your project fits in:

1. Young people will have an increased voice in their lives and their communities
2. Young people feel more optimistic about their futures
3. Young people are better able to access positive activities and support across the Isle of Dogs
4. Young people have a greater understanding of positive choices and an increased affinity with their community in the Isle of Dogs

1. What would you like to do?

Here are some ideas of what to tell us about your project:

- *What you would like to do*
- *What difference your project will make*
- *Who will benefit from it*
- *How long you expect to run it for. This can be an estimate*
- *How you'll make sure people know about it*
- *How you plan to learn from it and use this learning to shape future projects*
- *Is it something new, or are you continuing something that has worked well previously? We want to fund both types of projects*

2. How does your project meet our funding priorities?

A good application should work toward at least one, of these four outcomes:

1. *Young people will have an increased voice in their lives and their communities*
2. *Young people feel more optimistic about their futures*
3. *Young people are better able to access positive activities and support across the Isle of Dogs*
4. *Young people have a greater understanding of positive choices and an increased affinity with their community in the Isle of Dogs*

Tell us how your project idea will help young people achieve your chosen outcome?

3. How does your project involve young people from the Isle of Dogs?

We believe that young people understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. Tell us how your community came up with the idea for your project. We want to know how many people you've spoken to, and how they'll be involved in the development and delivery of the project.

Here are some examples of how you could be involving your community:

- *Having regular chats with young people, in person or on social media*

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- *Including young people on your board or committee*
- *Run a focus group with young people*
- *Pair up with another group who work with young people*
- *Deliver outreach to talk to young people about what they want to do and how they want to be involved*

Project costs

List the costs you would like us to fund

For organisations working with young people

We want organisations working with young people to have the right governance, training, and delivery support processes in place so that young people can take part safely.

Two contacts –

Please give two contacts, one primary and one secondary. The primary contact should be the person who will lead on the project and the second contact should be a person who leads your organisation, a Trustee on your board.

First name

Last name

Role in your organisation

Email

Telephone

First name

Last name

Role in your organisation

Email

Telephone

Please submit the following with your THICN YOF application form:

- Your group constitution/ set of rules

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- Your safeguarding policy
- Your Equal Opps policy
- One bank statement dated within the last 3 months that shows the account is in the organisations name, account number and sort code
- For groups applying with an accountable body – a letter confirming this arrangement, signed

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