



# LEWISHAM YOUTH THEATRE

## OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2017-2022

**All young people have a powerful voice  
and a right to be heard.**

Lewisham Youth Theatre (LYT) nurtures and inspires young people's voices through free participatory theatre activities, helping them to develop enduring and transferable skills that lead to increased life chances and long term well-being.

We bring young people together from across the Lewisham community to create outstanding theatre in an environment of high expectations and collaboration. We work from the core belief that artistic excellence is key to expanding young people's horizons and creating lasting transformation.

### ***Over the next 5 years we will...***

- 1. Improve the transferable life skills of Lewisham young people** aged 3 – 24 by engaging them in drama workshops, performance, technical and backstage work and events management activities that provide practical opportunities to achieve and progress.
- 2. Increase participants' ambition and access to further opportunities** through the delivery of projects and schemes that focus on further life pathways.
- 3. Share expertise and working practice with other youth organisations** across the capital, nationally and internationally to provide an exchange of cultures and learning that will have organisational benefit and improved impact on participants across organisations.
- 4. Achieve sustainable financial, staff and operational resources** that will allow us to deliver against our strategic priorities.

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## How We're Growing

Responding to recommendations from our BIG Impact Report 2017, our new strategic plan outlines how we will sustain and grow our programmes over the next 5 years. Here are some of the development goals we'll be working towards:

### Priority 1: Improved Transferable Life Skills

Increasing access to our activities by providing **more outreach projects** in hard to reach settings; **Expanded Technical Theatre** training; Sustainable **Early Years programming** and primary aged **resilience-specific projects**.

### Priority 2: Increased Ambition & Further Opportunities

Developing our participants' leadership, resilience and ambition by providing **leadership experience** through the Members Committee; **Accredited training** scheme in youth arts delivery; Consistent offer of **pathways mentoring**; Increased interaction with and learning from **industry professionals**; Increased benefit to the wider Lewisham community through **stronger community links**.

### Priority 3: Share Our Expertise & Working Practice

Raising the profile of how we embed youth voices across the organisation by developing **more exchange of work** with other youth organisations; **Presentations and lectures** on our practice at conferences and universities; **Published scripts and documentation** of our practice; **Thought leadership** through a media and communications strategy that centres youth voices.

### Priority 4: Achieve Sustainable Resources

Growing our strategic and operational capacity through increased **leadership capacity**; **Board development**; **Staff training** and development; **Succession planning** for key roles; Expanded **individual and corporate donor scheme** and Increased **office space** to meet organisational growth.

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