

How we can get
there, our 7
promises...

Promise A:

A young person led youth and play service

We want to embrace a culture of co-production, co -design and place children and young people at the heart of all we do by listening and taking seriously the views of children and young people, making sure we communicate with people no matter the age in the most effective way possible and **most importantly by sharing decision making with them.**



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Promise B: *Safe Spaces*

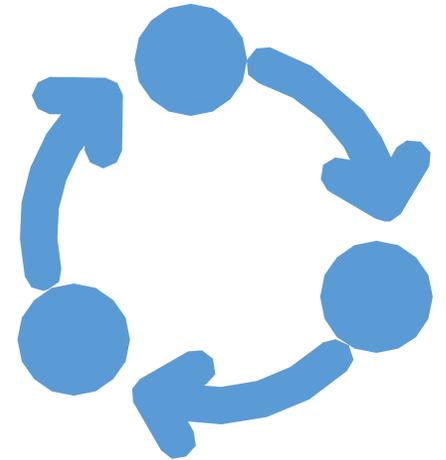
We want to create local safe spaces for children and young people, this means a safe environment where they can express themselves, feel valued, heard and most of all develop trusting relationships. This means making sure there is more local choice with a wide and diverse range of activities for different age groups. Most of all we want to encourage youth engagement using all kinds of social media, Apps and different platforms so they know where opportunities are.

The Youth and play team will lead on **revitalising neglected spaces by ensuring all of our buildings and spaces are opened with provision in place.** We will support those buildings and spaces to become physically safe.

Promise C:

Understanding what we have

To help our children and young people make decisions we need to **understand what we have already and if it is still good for the here and now!** We need to make sure that organisations can support one another and continue to thrive. This means **spending money in different ways** e.g., through big contracts, seasonal grants, smaller grants. We will **review the projects we buy** for our children and young people to see that they are working well and that they say they will do what they are going to do. This means we will have **children and young people helping us to monitor and make improvement suggestions.** We will also **support smaller organisations to develop** and find ways for them to become more sustainable.



Promise D: *Communication and Engagement*



We want both providers, children and young people, parents and carers to know what is happening in the borough, what's on where, and how to get to it. This means the Youth and Play team will send out information through schools, keep our Web pages up to date **most of all we want to encourage youth engagement by using all kinds of social media, Apps and different platforms so they know where opportunities are.**

This also means the Youth and Play team will provide advice, support, and guidance to providers by working with key partners e.g., National Youth Association (NYA), London Sports, Partnership for Young London so we are up to date with changes across the sector. The Youth and Play Team will send out weekly newsletters that not only disseminate information but show case good practice, create a space for providers to discuss key issues and network, create opportunities for providers to meet with Lambeth Staff.



Promise E: *Youth Workers*

We will develop our workforce by ensuring that Youth and Play workers have the right skills and experience to thrive and deliver a high-quality service. This means the Youth and Play team will create learning opportunities, develop young people to become the next generation of youth workers, develop a street-based outreach team, and develop peer networking forums by supporting relationships between organisations. This will include:

- development opportunities including contextual safeguarding and trauma informed training.
- create a safe environment that could potentially allow newly qualified practitioners (as well as those new to Lambeth) to connect to their peers which will allow them to feel more supported and confident when working with our young people.

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Promise F:
Reduce
inequalities for
our children
and young
people

*Equity is key –not just
being equal!*

- **We know how hard it has been for our children and young people for the past 18 months or so, we acknowledge that there is changing needs and priorities this means - we will build a stronger focus on developing mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people, meeting the challenge of reducing the digital divide / Wi-Fi poverty by supporting organisations to keep our children and young people connected. We will also develop services to support young people up to the age of 25 to keep them safe and to support them to make wise choices by strengthening and developing mentoring support, providing information advice and guidance and sign posting to the relevant agencies / support. **We will work with providers to support adaptability to meet need following on from Covid-19 seeking best practising and encouraging innovation.****

Promise G:

Acknowledge and Celebrate

Celebrate our young people

We want to encourage, develop, support, and acknowledge our children and young people so it is vital to highlight the positive contribution they are making **in order to give them hope and something to aspire too.**

Celebrate our youth and play workforce

It's equally important to do the same for the youth and play workforce by rewarding the people that work with our children and young people day in and day out to help them overcome barriers or simply have a safe place to play as a child.

Who are imaginative and find creative solutions to work with and support a wide and diverse range of children and young people across the borough.

We will do this by creating an awards ceremony

