



**Battersea  
Youth  
Voice**



Sept-Oct 2020

Battersea Youth Voice Report



## Background

'Battersea Youth Voice' (BYV) is an education, training, mentoring and personal development programme for all but aimed the most disadvantaged young people in Battersea.

We exist to empower young people to ensure their voices are heard and bring about change. BYV help young people to increase their levels of confidence, improve their communication skills and improve their ability to self-advocate. We aim to have young people develop new projects and services in response to their needs and that of the local community.

## Rationale

Housing estates cover 10% of Battersea



**10%**

**19%**

Social housing is 19% of Housing in Battersea

2.2% of 16-24 year olds in Battersea identify as LGBTQ+

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## BYV Vision

'Young people will have a service that will work alongside them to address and overcome their issues and ensure that they are empowered and their voices are heard.'

The key areas that BYV intend to concentrate on include;

- Ex-offenders and at risk of offending
- SEN (Acute & Chronic) & Disabilities (Physical & Psychological)
- In care & Care Leavers
- Refugees
- Young Carers
- NEET
- Mental Health
- LGBTQ+
- Teenage Pregnancy/Young Parents
- Domestic Violence



Over 50% of over 16's in Battersea are overweight or obese

**50%**

**69%**



69% of Looked after children in

Battersea are classified as BME



**15%**

15% of 15 year olds in Battersea report having tried cannabis

**20%**

20% of 15 year olds in Battersea are not in education, employment

**ONE FIFTH**  
OF YOUNG PEOPLE  
**ARE NOT IN**

EDUCATION,  
EMPLOYMENT  
OR TRAINING



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## Battersea Youth Voice Strategic Plan



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### BYV Vision



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# BYV Strategic Plan 2020



## BYV Strategic Planning

<b>Mission</b>	Collaboratively serve the specific needs of marginalized, hard to reach young people in the Battersea area aged 16-25.		
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Identify</b> To identify the root cause(s) of young people's issues/concerns/challenges.</p>	<p><b>Overcome</b> Collectively create programs to address and overcome challenges.</p>	<p><b>Prevent</b> Young people who have overcome issues to give back by assisting others in preventing similar challenges.</p>
<b>Strategic Themes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilise specialised service providers and young people to identify key issues.</li> <li>Build rapport with young people to unpack issues and identify the root cause(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a young person-centred approach to problem-solving.</li> <li>Ensure that young people are empowered to solve their own problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurture young people who have successfully been through the process.</li> <li>Empower young people to become the advocates for other young people.</li> </ul>
<b>Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build relevant networks of service providers in Battersea.</li> <li>Acquire and use statistical data to inform areas of priority.</li> <li>Where possible, include young people in planning stages.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instil confidence and self-value in young people.</li> <li>Ensure young people are included in every decision.</li> <li>Utilise monitoring &amp; evaluation to improve service.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn from previous work where similar issues arise.</li> <li>Be proactive in prevention and safeguard from issue repetition.</li> <li>Empower young people to become mentors.</li> </ul>
<b>Enablers</b>	<p><b>People</b> Youth Coordinator Young People, Volunteers Youth Battersea, The Alliance Big Local SW11 Wandsworth Youth Service</p>	<p><b>Processes</b> Safeguarding - inc. DBS checks Health &amp; safety Engagement &amp; outcomes monitoring &amp; evaluation Collaborative work with young people and professionals</p>	<p><b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b> Assessments Attendance Engagement Outcomes Case Studies Testimonials</p>

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## Workflow



	Identify	Overcome	Prevent
<b>People</b>	Hard to reach young people Marginalised young people Disadvantaged young people	Young people (all) Staff members Parents	Young Mentors Volunteers Staff members
<b>Process</b>	Referrals from staff Self-referrals Referrals from young people Targeted Outreach	Collaborative efforts Analyse issue(s)/challenge(s) Research solutions Execute solutions	Disseminate info about indicators Outreach by young mentors Outreach by staff and volunteers
<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>	Initial consent (verbal) Initial assessment (written)	Attendance records Feedback/evaluations systems Attendees outcomes	Attendance records Feedback/evaluations systems Attendees outcomes

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## Next Steps



#	Key next steps
1	Create first draft of assessment
2	Build relationships with key services
3	Create plan for website
4	Create referral form





## ABOUT

Battersea Youth Voice (BYV) exist to serve the needs of marginalised young people. We aim to position young people at the forefront of decisions to ensure we are providing true value for them.

The model has been designed to target hard-to-reach young people who would not usually access services and have their voices heard.

We pledge to promote the voice of the unheard, and empower them to become spokespeople and mentors for other young people who may be experiencing similar challenges.

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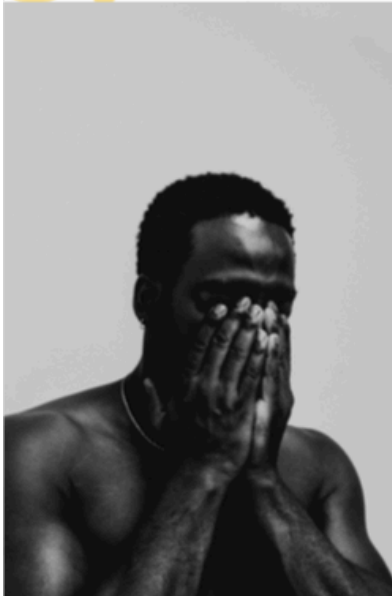


## BATTERSEA YOUTH VOICE

01 Hard to reach young people 16-25 voice their challenges and issues.



03 Young people and BYV address challenges and overcome them.



## 02

Young people and BYV collaboratively research solutions to issues and challenges.



## 04

Young people who overcome their challenges become mentors and give back to others who face similar issues.

Through experience, these mentors are able to identify indicators in others.



Mentors continue to work with young people to overcome issues.

This should create a by-product of developing new mentors.

This cycle will make the model self-sustaining.

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Collaborative work between BYV and new mentors to design and implement campaigns to attract younger people who may be experiencing similar challenges.



## THREE LEVELS OF SERVICE

← hope → → believe → → dream →

### IDENTIFY

BYV have an 'open door' policy for young people. Together we aim to identify the root cause of issues before progressing to the 'overcome' stage.

Although we wish to target 'hard-to-reach', we accept all young people.



### OVERCOME

To overcome, this MUST be a collaborative effort from the young people with challenges and BYV so that the young people can become empowered to solve future issues by themselves.

At BYV we are all about collaborative work, so where there are existing services that can assist in overcoming, we will signpost young people and monitor progress.

### PREVENT

Through the experience of mentors, BYV will 'reach back' to help younger people avoid or cope with the issues that the mentors have overcome in the past.

These mentors will be equipped to detect early signs and reach out to those in need.