



**YOUNG
BARNET**
FOUNDATION

Quarterly Impact Report

October - December 2023

Children from Somali Bravanese Welfare Association at a summer holiday activity

ADDING VALUE

The end of 2023 saw Young Barnet Foundation (YBF) continuing its impactful work with the Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) Children and Young People's sector.

In October the second annual Barnet Together Alliance Conference was held under the theme of: Stronger Together: Addressing inequalities in Barnet to create a thriving borough. There were over 180 people in attendance from VCFSE organisations as well as other stakeholders, including funders. As with last year, the conference provided an opportunity to mark Black History Month by showcasing some of black leaders working within Barnet's communities. [See our highlight this quarter page](#)

November and December brought a hive of activity around our annual Christmas Gift Campaign. Thanks to the volunteer gift wrappers, donations from the community and businesses we were able to distribute over 2,000 gifts to disadvantaged children and young people in Barnet. [See our highlight this quarter page](#)

Young Barnet Foundation continues to work closely with members on their development via 1-2-1 support, networking, and training. We are busy advocating for the sector with key local stakeholders, building partnerships that bring new funding to VCFSE groups across the borough. It is very important that the work we deliver collectively supports Home, School, and Community to ensure that our children, young people and families have the support they need to thrive.

Team Highlights



193 meetings
with partners
(463 hours)



74 1-2-1 support
visits with
members
(105 hours)



Staff attended 22
training sessions
(38 hours)
improving our
service delivery

Member Highlights



£114,678 awarded
to members
(through the
Space2Grow)



3 Member
Network Meetings
were held this
quarter (59
members
attended)



219 Members
(6 joined in the
quarter)



Our Member Feedback

(Based on 36 Q4 2023 responses to the YBF Feedback Form)



92% feel that YBF represents / supports the sector fairly



89% view their YBF membership as being extremely important



75% say the support / engagement was very valuable to their organisation



74% were very satisfied with the training/ workshop/ Member Network Meeting



Will take up the connections suggested



Will explore the advice given



Will put in a funding application



Will take up funding leads

Member Case Study: Big Beat Playground



YBF Helps Big Beat Playground to Spread Musical Joy to Barnet's Children and Young People

Big Beat Playground Founder Ian is a great believer in the positive power of bringing the community together to enjoy music, dance, and fun! As he says, "its all about giving back and bringing happiness to local people, whatever their age and life stage..."

Ian began by organising mini indoor family-friendly dance festivals. He quickly noticed that the impact of these gatherings was wonderful; across the generations, people were joining together, smiling, talking, dancing, singing, moving...Everyone was leaving these events floating-on-air happy. Not surprisingly, Ian was keen to scale up & spread the joy!

And as luck would have it, around that time Ian met Julia, his member development officer from YBF.

Julia quickly understood Ian's mission, and the need for growth and support. To aid that, Julia introduced him to other YBF members and resources: new outdoor spaces, ideas for funding, even sourcing potential new communities and people in his own neighbourhood.

From these interactions, Ian joined forces with Our Yard, another YBF member. Our Yard is a much beloved neighbourhood space and café, where families and community come together to create, paint, craft and have fun. Julia promoted the benefits and prospects of partnership working, which was a winner for both organisations as it increased the chances of securing funding and meant that any planned event would have a wider reach.

As part of Ian's next step planning, YBF provided free, tailored guidance with the funding application process. Thanks to that advice, Big Beat Playground won a grant that meant that 220 families in need received free tickets to the festival (of 600 people)!

Indeed, the event was such a success that a new even bigger event is planned for the summer in 2024. Ian & his Big Beat Playground crew, in partnership with Our Yard, hope to entertain 900 people, and plan to give discretionary tickets to half of that number to families in need.

“Joining YBF has been brilliant. Their expert services are completely free, and I find them so helpful and supportive...It feels special to be part of the YBF family & wider community of like-minded individuals and organisations who all live local and want to give back local...”

Ian Tait, Big Beat Playground



Young People from Ball Out Community at a summer activity

Highlight this Quarter

Barnet Together Alliance Conference 2023

The Barnet Together Alliance Conference 2023 was a great success! Held at the Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon, the borough's largest museum, on October 2. With over 180 in attendance, the event enabled the wonderful people working in our vibrant local Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) to build networks, exchange ideas, explore potential collaborations, examine funding opportunities and meet local and national funders, with lunch and a trustee tea too!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Barnet Together Alliance partner, Barnet Council, for their support. A special thank you goes to Vallectric for sponsoring the marketplace, and another thank you goes to all the strategic partners who made the marketplace and breakout events impactful, friendly and useful.



Attendee comments

“ Just a big thank you for organising. It was a really inspiring day and great chance to meet and connect with other organisations and individuals in the borough ”

“ This alliance fosters the opportunity for relationships to grow and for Barnet to be better connected. We are most definitely better together! ”



Highlight this Quarter

Christmas Gift Campaign 2023



YBF Volunteers Day - 21st November

Over **60** volunteers supported with wrapping gifts, approaching local businesses to put up posters and make pledges for Big Give Week



Big Give Christmas Challenge

£4,821.75 was raised during the week of 28th November - 5th December



BNY Mellon - 28th November

Over **100** volunteers from BNY Mellon donated their time to wrap gifts
They donated **£3,852.67**

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Christmas Gift Campaign 2023



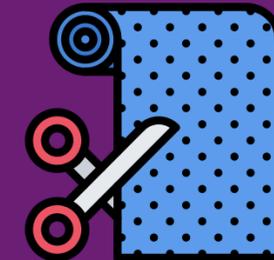
WAITROSE
& PARTNERS

Waitrose donated **£1,000** as part of their
Community Matters Scheme



NatWest

Natwest helped fundraise and
collected gifts across **5**
Barnet branches



Volunteers donated over
402 hours wrapping gifts

Thanks to all the support we received, we distributed:



Over **2,000** gifts to Barnet's disadvantaged
children & young people via 26 Barnet based Organisations

Generous Leaders

Thank you organisations that have supported the work of Young Barnet Foundation during the last quarter, adding to the impact we can have in the community.



“Community is the foundation to success.”
Kristen Jones



Young people from ETC Youth benefitting from a summer HAF activity