





# ADDING VALUE

We began Quarter 1 with our annual member renewal, a vital opportunity to gather up-to-date information about the organisations we support. This process remains a valuable tool, helping us shape our services to meet members' evolving needs while providing key insights into sector-wide trends and challenges - [see Member Renewal Highlights](#)

We were proud to deliver targeted support and capacity building through a series of impactful events. We hosted a Member Network Meeting and a comprehensive Funding Training Series in partnership with Barnet Together, designed to strengthen the sector and equip groups with the knowledge and resources needed to grow their impact. - [see Highlights This Quarter](#)

A special highlight was hosting our first-ever Volunteers Tea Party — a heartfelt thank you to the incredible volunteers whose dedication and hard work benefit children and young people across Barnet. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their invaluable contributions and the difference they make in our community. - [see Highlights This Quarter](#)

Throughout the quarter, our team has continued to work closely with members, offering tailored 1-2-1 support, fostering collaboration through networking, and delivering practical training. At the same time, we remain active in advocating for the sector with key local stakeholders, building partnerships that unlock new funding opportunities for VCFSE groups across the borough.

At the heart of all we do is a commitment to supporting Home, School, and Community — ensuring that children, young people, and families have the holistic support they need to thrive.



# Highlights



**184**

Members

(at the end of Q1)



**£85,100\***

Awarded to  
members through  
Space2Grow & Barnet  
Community Fund

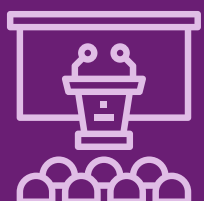
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awards is in progress



**1**

CYP Network  
Meeting was held

- 31 attendees - 19 member attendees
- 17 unique member organisations



**10**

Training Sessions  
were held

- 144 attendees - 84 member attendees
- 43 unique member organisations



**94**

meetings with  
partners

(124 hours)



**43**

1-2-1 support  
visits with  
members

(64 hours)



**21**

training  
sessions were  
attended by  
staff

(39 hours)



**4**

hours of  
support given  
by volunteers







# Member Feedback

(Q1 Feedback Forms: 17 Responses)

Feedback from our membership is absolutely vital. It helps us understand the real needs and challenges faced, ensuring that we offer services that are both relevant and impactful.

By listening to the insights and experiences of our members, we can continuously tailor our support in ways that make a difference, strengthen partnerships and work collaboratively to create lasting, positive change.



93%

Feel that YBF represents / supports the sector fairly



93%

View their YBF membership as being important

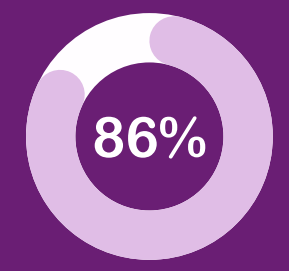


100%

Were satisfied with the 1-2-1 Visit and Member Network Meeting



Say they will take up the connections suggested



Say they will attend future Member Network Meetings

“ The advice I received was extremely valuable and most welcomed. I am delighted that I reached out to my membership development office. I couldn't have asked for more, in the guidance and advice I received. Big thanks and super appreciated!! ”

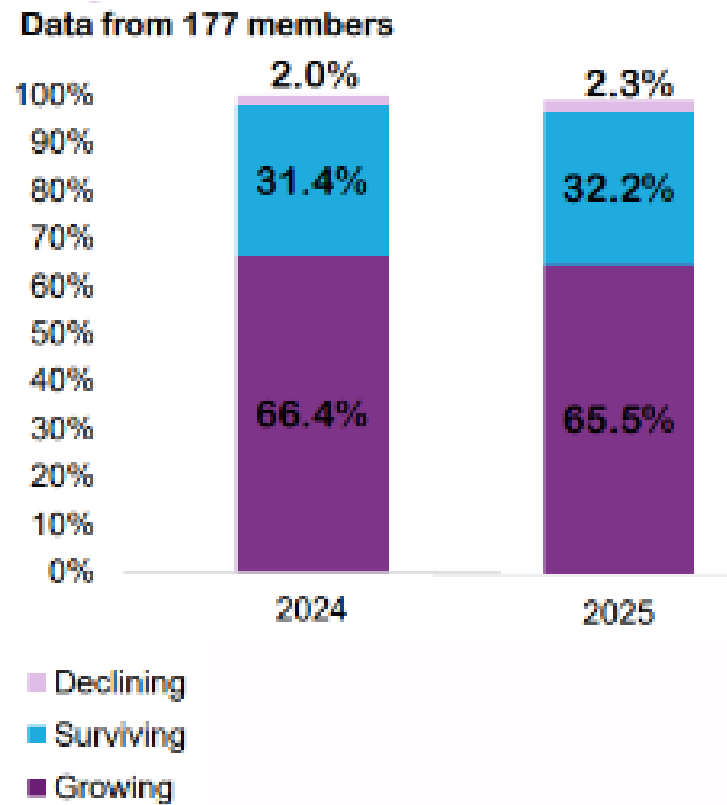


# 2025 Member Renewal Highlights

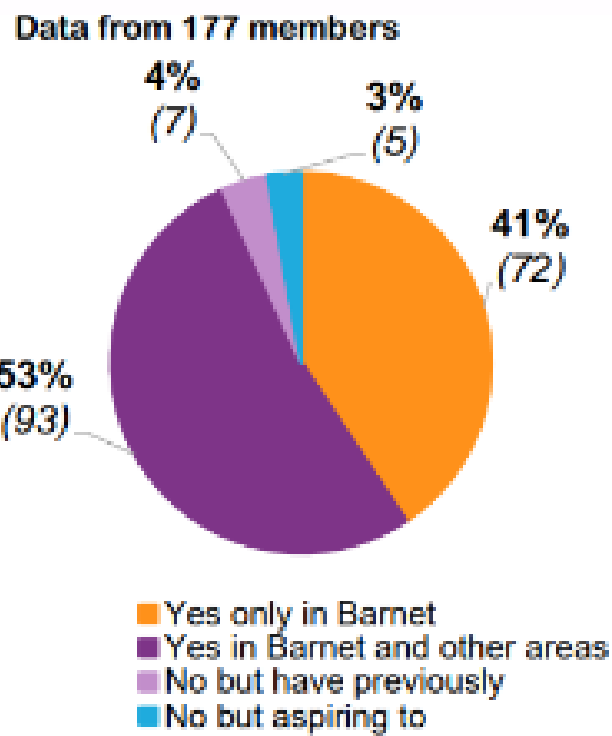
## Membership

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Renewed Members	165	157	159	154
Members after renewal	183	191	188	177

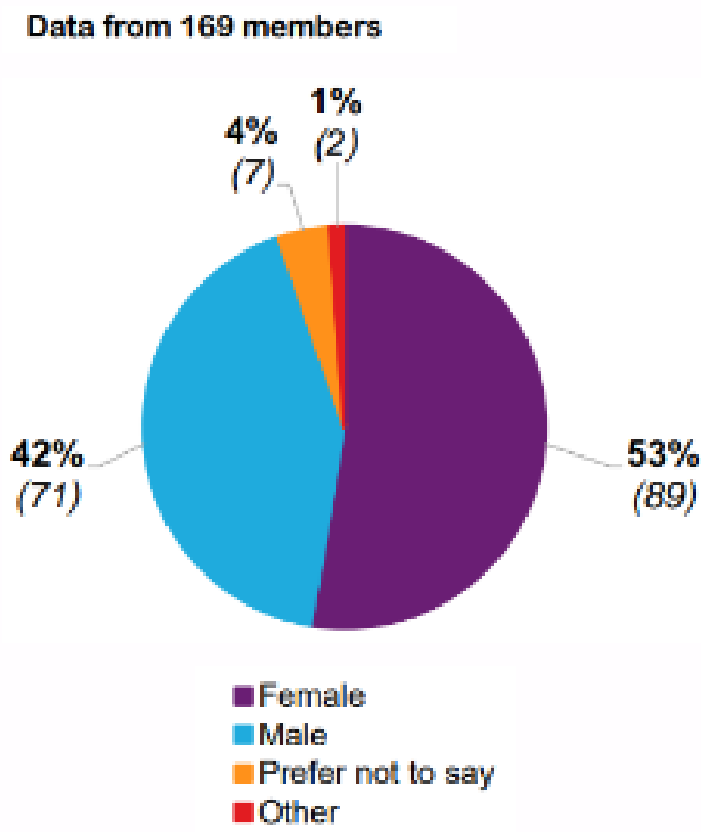
## Organisational Healthcheck



## Are you currently actively delivering in Barnet?



## What gender does your organisation's CEO/leader identify as?



## Does your organisation have any lived experience in relation to the groups worked with?

(Includes CEO/leader, Staff, Trustees or Volunteers)  
NOTE: Members could select more than one  
Data from 148 members

68	Lived experience of having <b>mental health</b> needs
60	Lived experience of having <b>caring</b> responsibilities
57	Lived experience of the <b>benefits</b> system
53	Lived experience of having <b>SEND</b> needs
38	Prefer not to say
36	Lived experience of <b>school exclusion</b>
29	Lived experience of the <b>care</b> system
28	Lived experience of the <b>criminal justice</b> system
26	Other
25	Lived experience of the <b>asylum</b> system



# 2025 Member Renewal Highlights

## What 3 challenges is your organisation currently facing?

NOTE: Members could select more than one

### Data from 177 members

- 107 Reduced funding and capacity to offer services
- 40 Staff wellbeing
- 39 Other

## Other challenges

- Difficulty in achieving strategic goals...
- Having time to write grants
- Reaching disadvantaged students
- Social media promotion

## What is most important to you?

NOTE: In the survey members put the following 8 items in order of priority to their organisation, with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important

The order below is based on the proportion of members that put these 8 items in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Data from 177 members

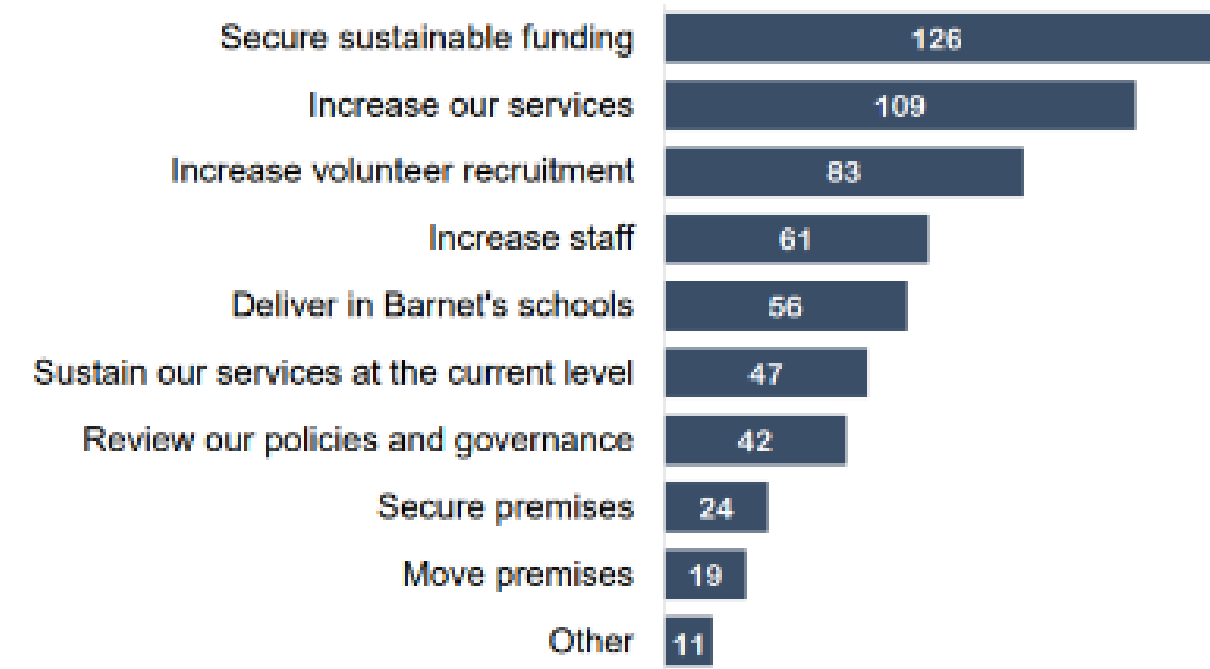
- Most important

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Least important
- 1 Funding support
  - 2 Small grants pot
  - 3 Networking opportunities
  - 4 Capacity building / Organisational development
  - 5 Partnership building
  - 6 Monitoring and evaluation
  - 7 Sector specific training
  - 8 Online marketplace

## What are your aspirations for the next 12 months?

### Data from 177 members





# 2025 Member Renewal Highlights

From speaking with your participants, what areas of concern do they appear to be raising the most?

NOTE: Members could select more than one

Data from 177 members

	2024	2025
Mental Health Issues	118	123
Cost of Living	127	111
Limited social activities - social exclusion	73	81
General Poverty	71	69
Food Poverty	47	50
Parent/Carer Issues	45	47
Youth Violence	45	46
Lost Learning	42	40
Digital Exclusion	31	28
Domestic Violence	30	22
Substance misuse	24	19
Other		19

In what ways do children and young people have a voice in your organisation?

Some examples listed below

- The board members have a regular quarterly meeting with young people where they can raise their concerns and opinions.
- We hold regular consultations with young people
- Seek regular feedback on our services - surveys and case studies...
- ...Involving beneficiaries in project delivery through co-production and co-delivery, in the form of our Leadership Project
- Amplifying beneficiary voice through providing opportunities for beneficiaries to share their lived experience...
- Working with beneficiaries to shape and design services...
- We have student committees and representatives consisting of current band members that ensure students have a voice..

In what ways have the children and young people you work with benefitted from your delivery in the last 12 months?

Some examples listed below

- We have continued to provide a safe inclusive environment for children and young people regardless of ability to benefit from working with horses.
- ...Some of the children are severely autistic and physically disabled and some of the young people are mentally disabled. The joy that they feel engaging with the artwork is just fantastic...
- Improvement in confidence, self esteem, mental health, self care, social connections, reduction in social isolation. Life skills.



# 2025 Member Satisfaction Summary



**78%**

Agree that the support from YBF has **strengthened their organisation**

+1% on 2024

“

We are proud to be a member of the Young Barnet Foundation

”



**69%**

Agree that funding/ funding support from YBF has **grown their service delivery** for Children and Young People in Barnet

+8% on 2024

“

YBF provided First Aid training and development, enhancing the skills of our bilingual outreach workers. The opportunities facilitated by YBF have significantly contributed to (our) growth and impact...

”



**75%**

Agree that YBF support has helped the **children and young people** they work with to **thrive**

+1% on 2024

“

Thank you very much for the dedicated support you've been giving us, it's very useful to have access to expert advice to benefit the lives of children in LBB

”



**87%**

Agree that YBF networking and training events are **well organised and informative**

+12% on 2024

“

I find that your communication via WhatsApp is very useful!

”



**94%**

Agree that the **work of YBF positively impacts** services that support Children and Young people in Barnet

+3% on 2024

“

The support received makes a difference in our capacity to deliver a better service to young carers in Barnet.

”



**81%**

Agree that introductions from YBF have led **to stronger connections and improved partnership working** with other organisations

+7% on 2024



**91%**

Agree that YBF keeps members **well informed** through newsletters, the YBF website, social media and WhatsApp

-6% on 2024







# Highlights this Quarter

## Member Network Meeting

In February, 31 people took part in our network meeting. These meetings are a wonderful chance to connect, share ideas, and build exciting new collaborations. We're grateful to everyone who joins us and helps create such inspiring and engaging events!

**Feedback** 4 responses

**What was the most useful part of this meeting?**

Meeting people for similar organisations and networking.  
Finding out about funding opportunities

**100%** Said the meeting was  
valuable to their organisation

**100%** Said they would attend  
future meetings

## Member Training

9 informative training sessions were delivered, covering a range of topics relevant to the VCFSE sector. These sessions included Barnet Insights, Budgeting for Funding Applications, Community Engagement & Resident Participation, Exploring Trusteeship & Volunteer Retention, and Fundraising 101: Introduction to Fundraising. Additional sessions focused on Leadership & Good Governance, Measuring Your Impact: Making the Most of Your Evaluation and Monitoring, Risk Less, Do More: Health & Safety Essentials for VCSEs & SMEs, and Using Social Media to Your Benefit. The training aimed to build skills, enhance knowledge, and support organisations in strengthening their operations and community impact.



# Highlights this Quarter



## Volunteers Tea Party

On 1st February, we threw a fantastic thank-you party to celebrate our amazing volunteers and all their hard work! It was a joyful afternoon filled with some delicious food. It was our way of saying a heartfelt thank you for the time, energy, and passion our volunteers dedicate to supporting the community. Their contributions truly make everything we do possible.



Social media post



# 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 about finding people that share the same vision as you ”



