

Grove Park Youth Club

Building Preservation Trust



About Grove Park Youth Club

Grove Park Youth Club is an accessible and dedicated space for local children and young people, situated in a remarkable, purpose-built youth club building, constructed in 1966 as part of the Chinbrook Estate development.

Our mission is to make Grove Park Youth Club a hub for local children and young people where they can learn, build connections, and explore and develop their interests.

The Youth Club delivers responsive, high-quality activities, development opportunities and life skills for children and young adults. We are committed to providing time and space where young people can express themselves, while learning key skills and qualities for good citizenship and life choices.

We work in Partnership with skilled practitioners and youth specialists to support young people to realise their potential and talent within a safe, and respectful environment where everyone is valued.

You can read more about us and our work on our website: <https://www.groveparkyouthclub.co.uk>

The Role

If successful you will be joining a unique, progressive, and uplifting team with passionate Trust members, directors and volunteers all here to support you in the successful delivery of the youth services in the Grove Park community.

You will be comfortable in addressing immediate safeguarding and/or safety concerns to ensure the welfare of each young person working with the GPYC Trust Safeguarding Lead as required and formal training in the aspect of safeguarding with children would be beneficial.

We are an organisation committed to equality and diversity and will employ/engage with people working with us on the basis of the ability of the person to deliver and meet the job description as defined.

You will be able to work well with a range of other service partners and be keen to take ownership over the delivery of the GPYC Studios sessions alongside our Trust members and volunteers.

GPYC Studio

GPYC Studio is our next stage of our development and will start with a Trust-led Thursday evening programme for young people aged 11-17. This night will provide the children and young people attending with opportunities to engage in a range of creative activities, exploring their interests and developing new ones. It will bring together brilliant partners who have been working with us over the past two years to support and inspire children and young people to explore everything from music and multimedia, dance and movement, and yoga, to gaming, and sports.

GPYC Studio is a new model of working for us where the Trust will lead delivery of the youth club having previously relied on other partners for all delivery. Our intention is that GPYC Studio will expand to more evenings in the future and bring in other partners to expand the offer to children and young people. Our ambition is that GPYC Studio becomes a model of stimulating, creative youth work that others will want to replicate. These Trust-run nights are central to our wider vision for the space and the role we want it to play for our community.

Background

Grove Park Youth Club Trust manages the Grove Park Youth Club.

The Trust originally formed out of a campaign led by local residents committed to saving this incredible community asset from permanent closure and redevelopment. Following a long campaign, we successfully reopened Grove Park Youth Club in July 2021, working in close partnership with Lewisham Council, youth service providers and local community groups.

We initially opened the building for two nights per week, with the youth club delivered by a core group of youth service providers. We've continued to build on this success and have since been able to open five evenings a week with a programme of arts, sports, homework support, and music.

Restoring free youth provision has been our top priority but we are also focused on securing the long-term viability of the youth club building. We have big plans to support a wide range of activities run by the community, for the community, and we want to ensure this asset can serve local residents for decades to come.

So far we have secured funding from The National Lottery and three other funders, and have carried out considerable work to restore the building to its former glory.

Links

<https://www.groveparkyouthclub.co.uk>

Social Media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPYCBPT>

<https://twitter.com/GroveParkYC>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/groveparkyc/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChdIRCm9OIViNn3_GlgGFwA