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AWARD

LONDON BOROUGH OF
TOWER HAMLETS



**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Statistical Report 2015/16**





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets showed an enormous increase in participation this year, growing by a remarkable 81%. This incredible growth is due in no small part to the hard work of DofE Leaders and volunteers, and the continued support from head teachers and the local authority. I would like to offer thanks from DofE London for the incredible amount of work that has gone into providing young people with access to the personal and social benefits that participation in a DofE programme brings.

Tower Hamlets has fantastic levels of access to our programme. In addition to a number of schools offering the programme, there are more youth groups offering DofE accreditation than in any other borough. This does not come easily - in many boroughs, accessing the DofE programme can be a challenge and it is a testament to the value placed in the programme by the local authority and school's senior leadership teams that this is the case.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. This is an exciting time to be involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in The London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

A handwritten signature in white ink on a purple background. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Rob Clark'.

Rob Clark
Operations Manager - London Region

Going for Gold at the Urban Adventure Base

Every young person in Tower Hamlets has the opportunity to take part in a Gold programme at the Urban Adventure Base, including access to three expeditions per year; all at no cost. The investment has led to 8 young people from Raines Foundation School completing their Gold Award in 2015/16, all of whom have gone on to university and higher education. The offer has been extended to all schools and young people in the borough with a Gold expedition planned to the Lake District with 30 participants in August 2016. The Gold DofE is the most challenging and respected level of the programme and successful participants are presented with their certificate at a Royal Palace.

New centres

In 2015/16 a number of new DofE Centres began delivering the programme. This includes a number of Integrated Youth Support Service centres, such as Harpley Girls Youth Project, Wapping Youth Centre, Ensign Youth Centre, Redcoat Youth Club and Burdett Youth Centre. There were also a number of schools in the borough who were new to the programme; Bishop Challoner School for Boys and Girls and George Green's School both began the delivery of the DofE.

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Tower Hamlets has a **youth unemployment** rate of **7.3%**, higher than both the London and the national average. The **crime rate** per population is **one in ten**, considerably higher than the national average.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is **highly valued by universities and employers** and **promotes community cohesion**.

73% of pupils in Tower Hamlets **do not have English as a first language** and **25% of children live in out-of-work families**, both much higher than the London and national averages.

Young people are encouraged to **work together to achieve shared aims** and **take responsibility for each other and their communities**.

People in Tower Hamlets are **less happy and more anxious** than the national averages.

Over 70% of DofE participants report **greater feelings of self-esteem** and **greater confidence** through their engagement with their programmes.

What's it all about?

The DofE charity

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award supports over 275,000 people aged 14 to 24 every year. Its ethos is to enable every young person of every background to take part in programmes and succeed, regardless of any barriers.

DofE programmes

DofE programmes are at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a **Bronze**, **Silver** or **Gold** Duke of Edinburgh's Award. There are four sections at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold:

- **Volunteering**: undertaking service to individuals or the community
- **Physical**: improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities
- **Skills**: developing practical and social skills and personal interests
- **Expedition** planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad
- At Gold level, participants must do an additional fifth **Residential** section, which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity.



Who can do it?

Anyone aged between 14 and 24 can take part in DofE programmes. It is non-competitive and allows any young person to take part, regardless of their background or personal circumstances.

“The DofE is growing from strength to strength in Tower Hamlets, it is great that more and more young people have the opportunity to experience the rewards and sense of achievement it brings.”

Daniel Murray, Outdoor Education Manager



DofE participants from Urban Adventure Base

Why should young people do their DofE?

■ Enhances formal education

The DofE enhances young people's formal education by enabling them to develop the whole person – the mind body and soul – in an environment of social interaction and team working.

■ Inclusive and balanced programme

The programme is achievable by all young people regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Whoever they are or wherever they are from, young people can enjoy unique experiences and rewards which are relevant to their starting point.

■ Personal programme

Taking part in their DofE means the participant designs a programme entirely of their own choosing, picking activities based around their interests, passions and strengths.

■ Enhances employability

The skills and personal attributes developed through participation are recognised by employers, colleges and universities.

Research with Gold Award holders showed:

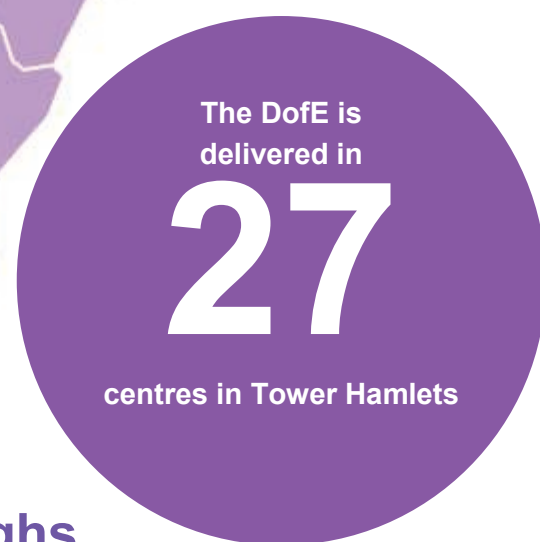
- 79% developed leadership skills
- 83% improved team working and tolerance of others
- 85% gained confidence
- 61% continued with volunteering
- 74 % developed self-esteem.

93%

of young people feel under pressure to demonstrate they can be an 'all-rounder' in the workplace

The United Learning Trust (ULT) surveyed key organisations, such as Eurotunnel plc, Honda (UK) Ltd and Tesco about their graduate recruitment. Out of 29 activities undertaken at school these companies rated **The Duke of Edinburgh's Award** as most important.

The DofE in Tower Hamlets



Participation in inner London Boroughs

Borough	New participants 2015/16			Total
	B	S	G	
Wandsworth	831	210	56	1097
Hammersmith & Fulham	613	188	123	924
Haringey	722	128	59	909
Hackney	708	109	46	863
Tower Hamlets	545	218	61	824
Westminster	481	197	139	817
Newham	578	168	27	773
Southwark	575	114	82	771
Camden	535	135	58	728
Lewisham	404	141	53	598
Lambeth	390	85	49	524
Kensington & Chelsea	308	87	12	407
Islington	259	31	50	340
City of London	194	84	36	314

Borough	Awards achieved 2015/16			Total
	B	S	G	
Wandsworth	352	94	23	469
Hammersmith & Fulham	314	69	34	417
Southwark	259	56	26	341
Lewisham	246	68	11	325
Haringey	259	48	11	318
Hackney	263	24	4	291
Westminster	191	49	28	268
Camden	174	55	28	257
City of London	154	57	9	220
Tower Hamlets	141	58	10	209
Newham	102	49	7	158
Kensington & Chelsea	86	35	7	128
Lambeth	99	15	1	115
Islington	58	12	0	70

Tower Hamlets' headline statistics

							Percentage Change	
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	1 Year	5 Year
NEW PARTICIPANTS	404	538	269	453	456	824	81	53
Bronze	322	426	193	350	347	545	57	28
Silver	56	99	47	41	95	218	129	120
Gold	26	13	29	62	58	61	5	369
AWARDS ACHIEVED	79	178	77	82	101	209	107	17
Bronze	64	169	41	64	86	141	64	-17
Silver	12	7	31	18	33	58	76	729
Gold	3	2	5	0	0	10	+	400

Completion Rate (%)	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	44%	14%	30%	22%	46%

The social value of DofE activities to the local community in Tower Hamlets in 2015/16 was calculated to be at least £86,893 based on nearly 9,500 hours of volunteering.

New participants

Young people who enrolled on a DofE programme at a centre between April 2015 and March 2016.

Centre	New participants 2015/16			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
Bethnal Green Academy	30	33	0	63
Bishop Challoner School (Boys)	114	0	0	114
Bishop Challoner School (Girls)	34	0	0	34
Bishop Challoner Sixth Form	0	41	0	41
Burdett Centre	18	0	0	18
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form	2	17	0	19
Central Foundation Girls School	73	12	0	85
ELT Youth Centre	3	0	0	3
Ensign Youth Club	16	0	0	16
George Green's School	49	0	0	49
Harpley Girls Youth Project	11	2	0	13
Langdon Park School	0	0	0	0
Linc Youth Centre	4	0	0	4
Metropolitan Volunteer Police Cadets	28	5	2	35
Mulberry School for Girls	0	30	0	30
Open Award Centre at UAB	21	11	30	62
Participation Team - Youth Council	0	0	11	11
Phoenix School	5	0	0	5
Raines Foundation School	44	52	14	110
Redcoat Girls	14	0	0	14
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	11	0	0	11
Sir John Cass School	14	0	0	14
St Pauls Way Trust School	40	0	0	40
The Paradise Zone Youth Centre	3	0	0	3
Tower Hamlets Peer Education	0	0	0	0
University Cumbria London Campus	11	0	0	11
Wapping Youth Project	0	15	4	19
Total	545	218	61	824

It is our ambition for all young people, regardless of their background, to have the opportunity to enrol on to a DofE programme.

Awards achieved

Participants who completed all sections of their Award and were signed off by their organisation's Award Verifier between April 2015 and March 2016.

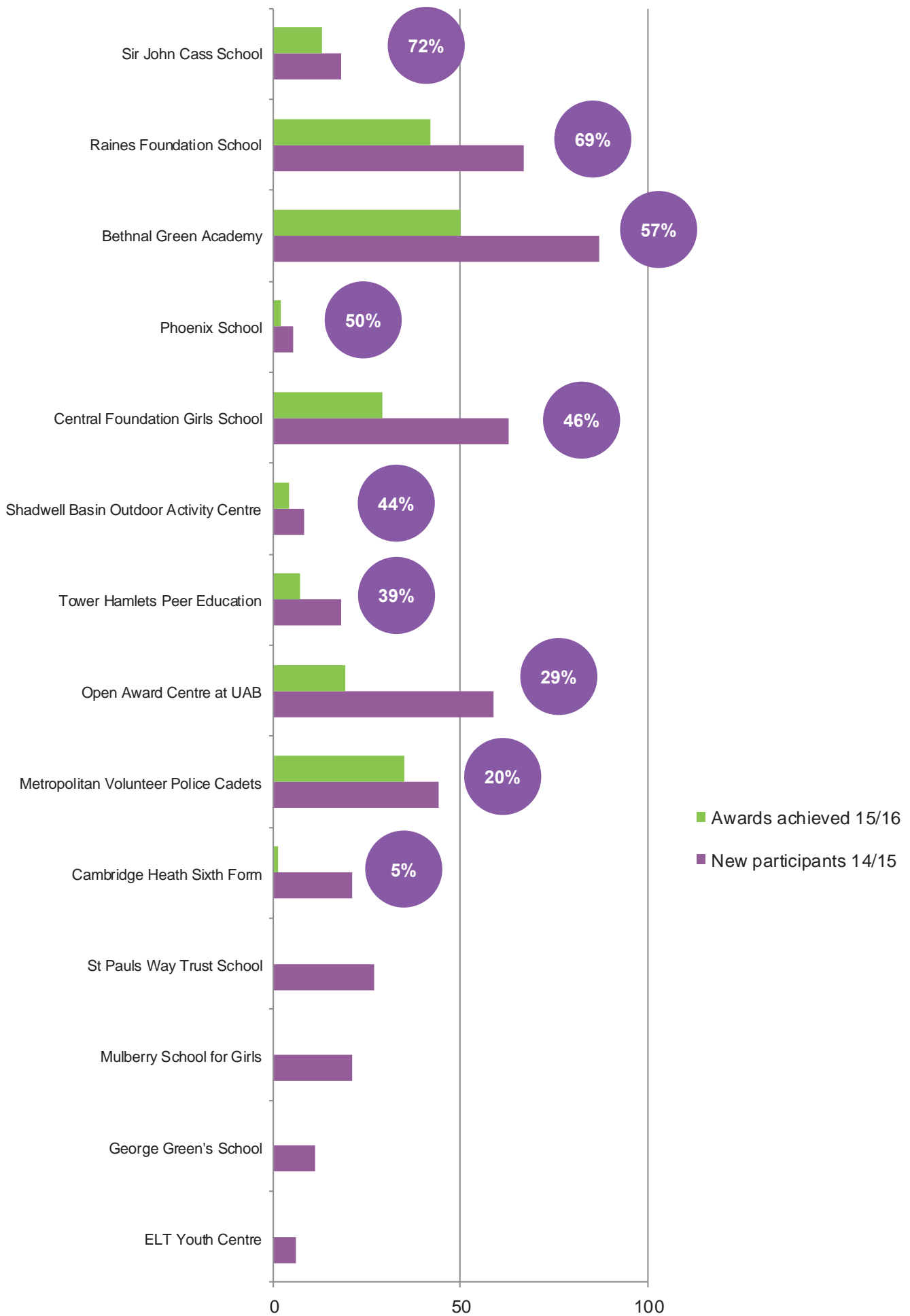
Centre	Awards achieved 2015/16			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total
Bethnal Green Academy	23	27	0	50
Bishop Challoner School (Boys)	10	0	0	10
Bishop Challoner School (Girls)	13	0	0	13
Bishop Challoner Sixth Form	7	0	0	7
Burdett Centre	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form	1	0	0	1
Central Foundation Girls School	29	0	0	29
ELT Youth Centre	0	0	0	0
Ensign Youth Club	0	0	0	0
George Green's School	0	0	0	0
Harpley Girls Youth Project	0	0	0	0
Langdon Park School	0	3	0	3
Linc Youth Centre	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan Volunteer Police Cadets	7	0	2	9
Mulberry School for Girls	0	0	0	0
Open Award Centre at UAB	3	8	8	19
Participation Team - Youth Council	0	0	0	0
Phoenix School	0	2	0	2
Raines Foundation School	24	18	0	42
Redcoat Girls	0	0	0	0
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	4	0	0	4
Sir John Cass School	13	0	0	13
St Pauls Way Trust School	0	0	0	0
The Paradise Zone Youth Centre	0	0	0	0
Tower Hamlets Peer Education	7	0	0	7
University Cumbria London Campus	0	0	0	0
Wapping Youth Project	0	0	0	0
Total	141	58	10	209

It takes a minimum of 6 months to achieve a Bronze Award, between 6 and 12 months to achieve Silver and between 12 and 18 months to achieve a Gold Award.

Completion rate

The completion rate compares the ratio of young people enrolling on DofE programmes to those who achieve their Award.

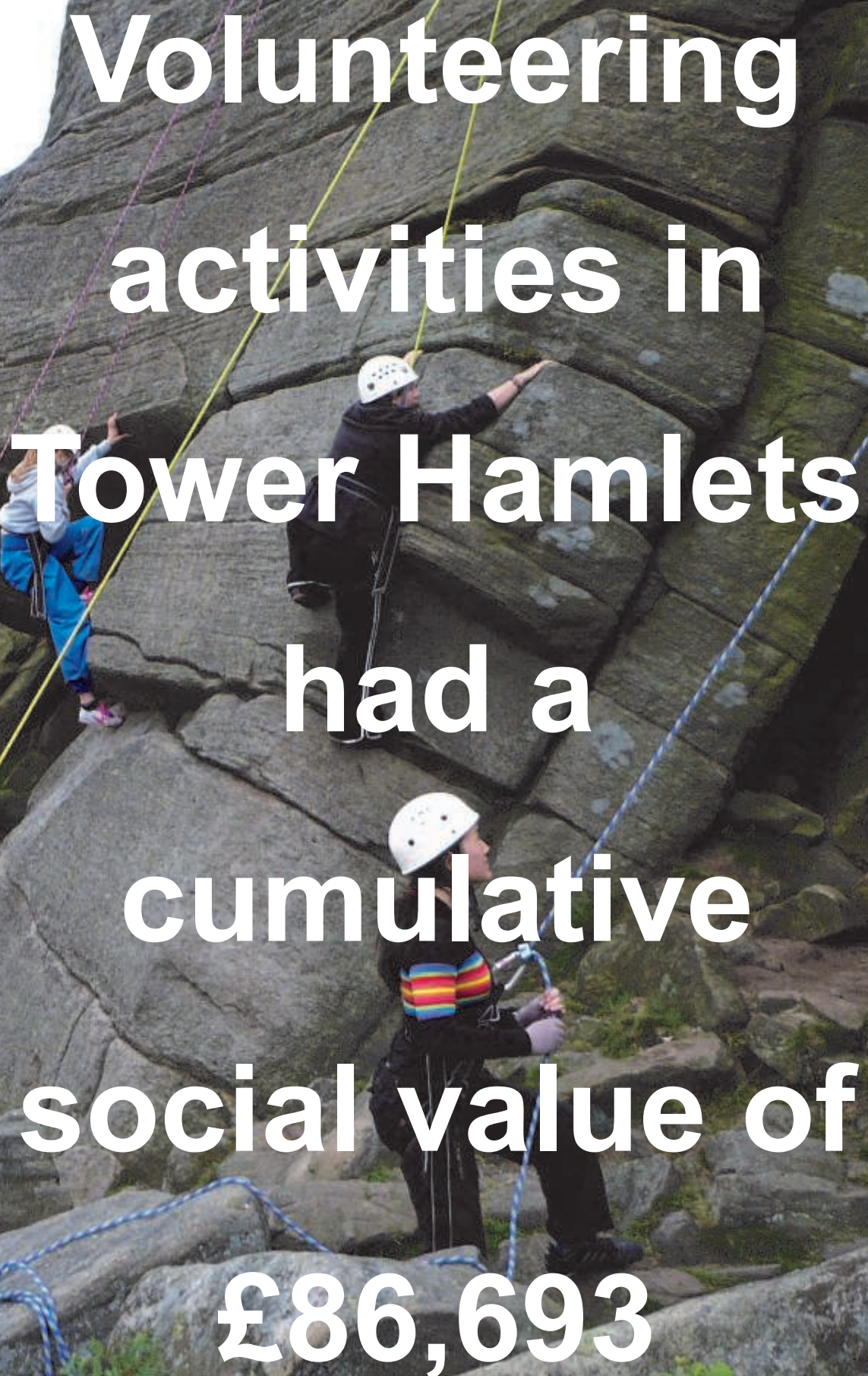
Centre	New participants 14/15				Awards achieved 15/16				Completion rate
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	
Sir John Cass School	18	0	0	18	13	0	0	13	72%
Raines Foundation School	44	13	4	61	24	18	0	42	69%
Bethnal Green Academy	33	41	13	87	23	27	0	50	57%
Phoenix School	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	50%
Central Foundation Girls School	53	9	1	63	29	0	0	29	46%
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	9	0	0	9	4	0	0	4	44%
Tower Hamlets Peer Education	18	0	0	18	7	0	0	7	39%
Open Award Centre at UAB	32	9	24	65	3	8	8	19	29%
Metropolitan Volunteer Police Cadets	30	1	13	44	7	0	2	9	20%
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form	20	1	0	21	1	0	0	1	5%
ELT Youth Centre	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0%
George Green's School	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0%
Mulberry School for Girls	6	15	0	21	0	0	0	0	0%
St Pauls Way Trust School	27	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0%
Harpley Girls Youth Project	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0%
Bishop Challoner School (Boys)	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	-
Bishop Challoner School (Girls)	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	-
Burdett Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Ensign Youth Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Harpley Girls Youth Project	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-
Langdon Park School	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	-
Linc Youth Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Participation Team - Youth Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Redcoat Girls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
The Paradise Zone Youth Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
University Cumbria London Campus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Wapping Youth Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total	306	97	55	458	141	58	10	209	46%



Growth

The number of new participants in the previous year, compared to the number of new participants in the current year.

Centre	New participants 14/15				New participants 15/16				Growth Increase
	B	S	G	Total	B	S	G	Total	
George Green's School	11	0	0	11	49	0	0	49	345%
Raines Foundation School	44	15	8	67	44	52	14	110	64%
St Pauls Way Trust School	27	0	0	27	40	0	0	40	48%
Mulberry School for Girls	6	15	0	21	0	30	0	30	43%
Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre	8	0	0	8	11	0	0	11	38%
Central Foundation Girls School	53	9	1	63	73	12	0	85	35%
Open Award Centre at UAB	32	7	20	59	21	11	30	62	5%
Phoenix School	0	5	0	5	5	0	0	5	0%
Bishop Challoner School (Boys)	0	0	0	0	114	0	0	114	+
Bishop Challoner Sixth Form	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	41	+
Bishop Challoner School (Girls)	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	34	+
Wapping Youth Project	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	19	+
Burdett Centre	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	18	+
Ensign Youth Club	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	16	+
Redcoat Girls	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	+
Harpley Girls Youth Project	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	13	+
Participation Team - Youth Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	+
University Cumbria London Campus	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	+
Linc Youth Centre	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	+
The Paradise Zone Youth Centre	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	+
Langdon Park School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Cambridge Heath Sixth Form	20	1	0	21	2	17	0	19	-10%
Metropolitan Volunteer Police Cadets	30	1	13	44	28	5	2	35	-20%
Sir John Cass School	18	0	0	18	14	0	0	14	-22%
Bethnal Green Academy	33	41	13	87	30	33	0	63	-28%
ELT Youth Centre	5	1	0	6	3	0	0	3	-50%
Tower Hamlets Peer Education	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	-100%
Total	305	95	55	455	545	218	61	824	81%



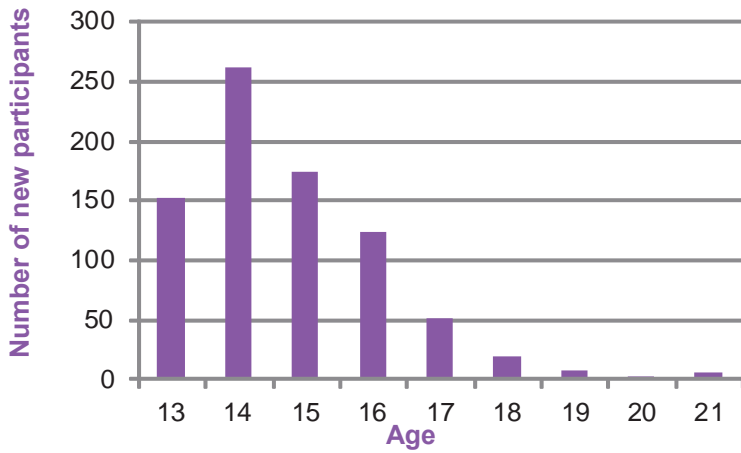
**Volunteering
activities in
Tower Hamlets
had a
cumulative
social value of
£86,693**



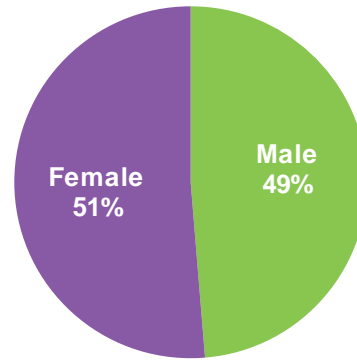
**Nearly 9,500
volunteering hours
were given back to
communities in
Tower Hamlets by
DofE participants**

Appendix: participant demographics

Age of participants at enrolment



Gender

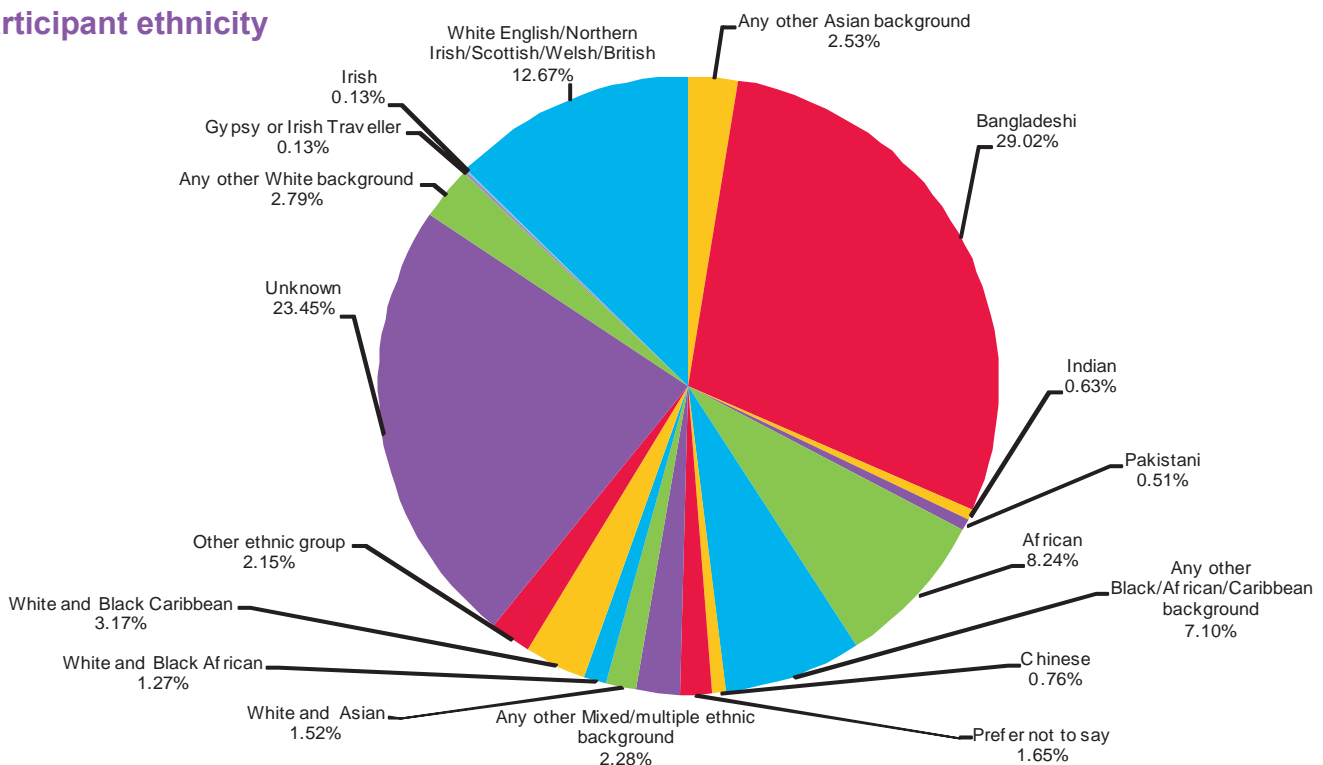


Personal circumstances

Participants can volunteer to declare themselves in as many or as few of the following categories as they feel comfortable with

Personal circumstance	Responses
In receipt of free school meals	132
At risk of exclusion from school	2
Not in education, employment or training	2
Looked after or accommodated	19
Young carer	3
Parent under 18	0
English as a second language	38
Asylum seeker	0
In custody	0
Prefer not to say/none	628
Total	824

Participant ethnicity



*"It was one the hardest things I've ever done
but also the most rewarding... I feel I can
achieve anything. DofE rocks!"*

Jessie, Silver participant at Raines Foundation School

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