

GREENWICH & LEWISHAM YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE AWARDED FUNDING FROM THE MAYOR'S YOUNG LONDONERS FUND

GLYPT, WORKING ALONGSIDE ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH'S YOUTH OFFENDER PROGRAM TO BRING 'PORTALS' TO LIFE WITH £137,683 GRANT FROM THE MAYOR'S YOUNG LONDONERS FUND

*'We, at Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre, are really chuffed to have been selected for this support which will make a huge difference in our ability to engage with young people in London including some of the most vulnerable. We operate in areas (South East London) where there has been a significant increase in violence and knife crime amongst young people and the kinds of activities that we will be offering through our **Portals** programme will allow engagement in positive activities, such as Theatre, Dance, Music creation and Parkour.*

Portals will also allow us to work with the local youth offending teams - integrating young people from these services into our mainstream activities, developing their skills, self-confidence and potential leadership skills.

With the pressure that central government has placed on local authorities through years of austerity cuts, it is vital that these activities and opportunities - some of which have been lost for young people - can be maintained and developed with this support from the Mayor's office.'

Jeremy James, GLYPT CEO



Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre (GLYPT) are delighted to be among the first recipients of funding from the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund, receiving £137,683 over three years to fund GLYPT's **Portals** Programme.

Working alongside Royal Borough of Greenwich's Young Offenders Program, **Portals** is a programme of arts activities for vulnerable young people and those who have been identified as being at risk of offending, or whom have already offended ages 12+ in the London boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham. **Portals** centres around arts based activities, using a range of art forms optimising engagement and allowing young people to achieve, succeed and aspire to become young leaders.

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Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre (GLYPT) **Portals** Programme, works in partnership with Royal Borough of Greenwich's Young Offenders Program to use creative opportunities remove barriers, connect communities and enrich the lives of young people at risk of offending in Greenwich & Lewisham. This is possible with £137,683 grant from the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund over three years of funding. (60 WORDS)

YOUNG LONDONERS FUND COPY

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The Mayor's £45m Young Londoners Fund was created to fund local projects that provide young people with the support they need to fulfill their potential and avoid getting caught up in crime. (32 WORDS)

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

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Young Londoners Fund Press Resources

Young Londoners Press Release: www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-unveils-first-investments--under-112m-fund

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Shortened link (for social posts): <https://londongov.page.link/n79Q>

Greenwich & Lewisham Young People's Theatre (GLYPT) has been delivering high-quality inclusive drama activities and theatre programming for over 40 years. Based in South East London, GLYPT works with young people from some of the most deprived areas of the country.

At GLYPT we believe that creative opportunities remove barriers, connect communities and enrich lives.

GLYPT is a registered charity funded in part by Royal Borough of Greenwich and London Borough of Lewisham, alongside many other funders including but not limited to Arts Council England, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Big Lottery Fund, Henry Smith Charity, Children & the Arts and BBC Children in Need. GLYPT is committed to producing high quality theatre experiences and we are grateful for the generous support of our funders.

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