

WE ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

WE ARE NEWHAM.



NEWHAM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2022-27

OUR VISION

Our ambition is for Newham to be the best place for children and young people to grow up, to play and be happy, healthy, thrive and able to reach their full potential.

We are committed to ensure every child and young person is safe, happy, nurtured and cared for and actively participates in positive activities to secure their long-term well-being.

We will listen to and co-design services with children, young people, parents and families to meet your needs.

RECOGNISE OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH US

'Respect us and see our positive community role.'

What we know
Young people must have a say in all of the decisions we make.

Why it matters
Services shaped by young people will meet their needs and aspirations.

What we will do
Consider the impact of how all our decisions impact those growing up in Newham. Build trust, understanding and respect with all children and young people.

PROMOTE EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

'Make sure that everything offered to us is accessible and we do not experience discrimination'

Why it matters
The diversity in our community makes us unique and strong but discrimination and inequality holds many back from achieving their potential.

What we know
Inclusion and equality lays at the heart of everything we do and we support every child and young person to achieve the very best possible outcomes.

What we will do
Build a fairer, equitable and more cohesive Newham where inequalities in participation and outcomes are addressed and discrimination is eliminated.

'Help us thrive by always aiming for the best'

What we will do
Any young person or family that needs help and support will receive it and as they become young adults develop the life skills needed to thrive.



PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY SERVICES

What we know
At every stage of education and care, we provide the best opportunities for all.

Why it matters
We ensure young people can access good employment opportunities, live in safe and secure homes and feel pride in what they have achieved.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

'Keep the whole borough clean and tidy. Recycle, provide greener transport and be more sustainable.'

Why it matters
The best chance of growing up well is if you breathe cleaner air, have good physical and mental health and are happier about the place you live.

What we know
Protecting the planet for the next generation and being sustainable is critical but also important for good health and well-being.

What we will do
We will work to put sustainability and creating a healthier Newham at the heart of everything we do.

KEEP US SAFE

'Keep us safe in our homes and out in the community.'

What we know
Keeping Children and Young People safe promotes their health and well-being.

What we will do
Invest in youth safety measures, working with all to prevent harm. Provide early help and social care support is that is personalised and available to all.

Why it matters
Young people tell us they can thrive when they feel safe and well cared for but sometimes they and their families need support.

'Do everything you can to support our health and well-being.'

PRIORITISE OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

What we know
Good health and well-being is the foundation to success for our children and young people.

What we will do
Provide easy to access services which improve their health and well-being where all partners work together to do their best for families.

Why it matters
So all young people receive support early to reduce harm and crisis later in life. Enable everyone to play, live long, happy and healthy lives and enjoy growing.

OUR OUTCOMES

We want all of children and young people to

- be cared for, safe and protected from harm
- be happy and enjoy improved health and well-being
- Be proud of and protect the environment they grow up in
- access, participate and receive a great education
- thrive and achieve their full potential.

Young people expect us to agree to the following principles

- Embrace positive change,
- Respect our privacy
- Support our independence
- Be creative, innovative, socially responsible and entrepreneurial



HOW WE WILL KNOW WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE

Our young people are happier and their health and well-being is improved.

We become a more child-friendly borough with the Young People's Charter accelerating our progress.

Our services and service offers are co-designed with Children and Young People.

Education access, participation and achievement outcomes continue to improve for all.

More young people are able to successfully move onto what is right for them; university, an apprenticeship and/or high quality employment with training and development support.

The quality of children's safeguarding services continues to improve with recognition by Ofsted.

Serious youth safety incidents reduce and we prevent more young people becoming involved in the justice system or are a victim of exploitation.

We continue to prioritise and invest in services for children and young people to continually improve their life chances.

All are able to thrive regardless of their background or family circumstances.

The number of children and young people not in education, employment or training reduces (NEETs) to below the London and England averages.

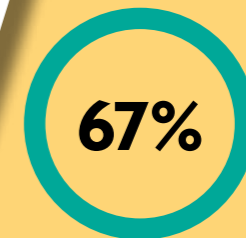
We can demonstrate that our culture has changed and everyone puts children first.

Positive feedback from children and young people through surveys and other forms of engagement and participation.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

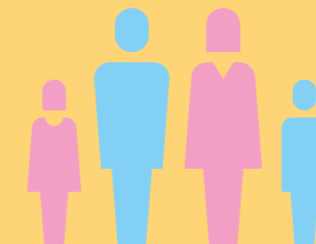
1. Strong educational outcomes from the early years through to post-16
2. Ofsted says the quality of our Children's Services is improving
3. We have more good and outstanding educational settings than many other parts of London.
4. Universal prevention the focus of how we deliver services
5. The first Council to appoint a Children and Young People Commissioner
6. Increased spending on youth services with the number of Youth Zones doubled from four to eight
7. A comprehensive digital youth offer during the pandemic
8. A Youth Empowerment Fund to support young people pursue their goals
9. We provide 'Eat for Free' to all primary school aged pupils
10. Provided FSM support to families throughout the pandemic
11. Developed a Young Person's Charter with our Children and Young People.
12. We have adopted a public health approach to improve youth safety.



of Newham's children live in households in poverty

104 languages spoken in our communities.

OUR BOROUGH: About Newham



Total population: **353,000** including **86,000** children and young people aged 18 and under.



87 primary schools



31 secondary schools



Fifteen 16-18 providers (schools and colleges)
1 university

More than a quarter of our neighbourhoods are in the **20%** of most deprived neighbourhoods in the country.



Around **30%** of our school pupils are eligible for Free School Meals.



70 Private Voluntary and Independent Early Years settings.

8 Youth Zones

59 Nursery units in schools

