



VOYAGE NEWSLETTER 2025

Seasonal Greetings



Massive Thanks to All

As we wrap up 2025, we would like to thank all of our young people, participants and partners who make Voyage projects possible.

Special thanks to the Museum of the Home and New City College for their incredible support and to our New youth Voice Network, Youth Advisory Board and our trustees for advancing our work and sustaining Voyage's mission during these challenging times.

Much more is to come for 2026!



Future ED Awards - November

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Future ED Awards for inviting us to their magnificent Awards ceremony once again this year.



It's such an honour for our charity to be considered and to stand alongside so many inspiring leaders and organisations. We are truly grateful to all the speakers who shared their wisdom and passion, it was uplifting to be part of the conversation and to celebrate the incredible work happening across education and youth development.



Being invited reminds us of the importance of the journey we're on, and we're proud to continue building opportunities that change lives.



Youth Voice Network

Our Youth Voice Network meets weekly to give young people a real platform to influence change, not just by sharing ideas, but by stepping into the role of youth consultants.

Through guided sessions lead by industry experts, our young



people carry out deep-dive analyses into companies and community organisations, applying a DEI/ESG lens to understand how workplaces operate, where gaps exist and what opportunities they hold.



Our young people are researchers, analysts and strategists, building the confidence and skills to challenge inequality and using this to create a conversation and relationships.



A huge thank you to Dr Ian Joseph for supporting this project and recognising the importance of youth-led work. His belief in the young people and his dedication to amplifying their voices have been essential to the YVNs success.



See more about their work here.

<https://www.voyageyouth.com/news-and-events/youth-voice-network-2025>



Voyage x Cisco - Building Pathways into Tech

Our growing partnership with Cisco is opening doors for young people from underprivileged and global majority communities to access careers in tech. From mentoring and business



challenges to international opportunities, we're working together to bridge the gap between talent and access.

On the 16th December, we'll be welcoming Cisco back to Voyage. They'll join us to share details of their current open apprenticeships and valuable insights into the application process for young people aged 16+.

If you would like to learn more click this.

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Erect the Future Architecture session

As part of the Youth Voice Network, *Erect the Future* sessions introduced our young people to architecture, planning and urban design.

Participants explored how buildings and public spaces can reflect culture, sustainability and community needs, while engaging directly with professionals to imagine cities of tomorrow. Here you can see us exploring options for changing names of local streets named after families linked to the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Voyage is collaborating with Root and Erect architectural practice, who are inspiring



and training the next generation of cultural critics, architects and designers in our community.



Young Entrepreneurs Challenge St. Croix Winners

We are proud to announce that four of our brilliant young people from Voyage have been selected to travel to St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, in March 2026 to take part in the *Young Entrepreneurz Solutions National Business Plan Challenge*.



They will pitch their business ideas alongside peers from across the US, with the chance to win \$4,000 in seed funding to launch their venture. This opportunity highlights the creativity, ambition and determination of our youth and connects Hackney talent with a global entrepreneurship.



Watch this space for more in 2026.



Windrush Book Release

Voyage Youth's Windrush Elders Project has been turned into a published book, *Stories of Windrush*, launched in June 2025 at the Museum of the Home. Sixteen of our youth ambassadors interviewed elders from Hackney's Caribbean lunch clubs, capturing 29 stories, 38 audio recordings and 45 photos.

Our Book honours the courage and resilience of the Windrush generation whilst giving young people the chance to learn directly from our elders. The book stands as a tribute to their contributions and ensures their voices are preserved. Our Book helped us to get a visit to number 10 Downing Street where we met some amazing people to build connections.

Read more about the project in ***Love Hackney*** magazine (page 12-13)

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Voyage Celebrates Achievements and Impact Across Hackney

- 2025 was a year dedicated to the voice of our young people. Youth Voice work lies at the heart of our mission, we strive to centre it in everything we do. We know it strengthens our young and helps them to create amazing CVs and experiences which cannot be replicated anywhere else except in their communities.

- Recently our young people have helped to to influence mental health research with Bristol's university, shaped a Police in schools research project alongside Manchester University and also collaborated with Liberty to turn a school policing complaint into a nationwide campaign calling for the removal of police from schools. - [Read more on Policing the Playground report](#). We share a huge thank you to Dr Remi Salisbury from Manchester Uni, Dr Laura Tinner from Bristol university and Victoria Tecca (Liberty) for their incredible guidance and support throughout these sessions.
- We are also proud to have led a survey exploring the capacity needs of Hackney's environmental sector and community. This research was carried out by our young people and uncovered the fact that our local environmental sector need help & day to day support. We look forward to presenting our in the new year.
- We are proud that 9 of our young people have been recognised with Jack Petchey Awards this year, celebrating their incredible involvement and achievements within our programmes.
- Our Safe in the City programme in Greig City Academy Haringey has now grown into a three year programme, reaching more young people across the borough in 2026.

New Year Plans - 2026

- We aim to share our completed book, Stories of Windrush, alongside film, photos and narratives with both the Hackney Archives and Black Cultural Archives, as well as digitally upload the book to our website to make it accessible.
- We look forward to an exciting partnership with Things Made Public on the massive 50 Fenchurch Street building providing additional work experience opportunities to young people, shaping and reimagining this development.
- We are excited to work with UCL on a research project aimed at increasing the number of young Black students studying in London. Watch this space for more.



Voyage Christmas Celebration

We look forward to hosting an end of year celebration on 20th December with good food, Awards and flowers.

If you are a Voyage graduate of any age. We would love to see

you. Join Us.



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