



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025



CEO NOTE

I'm proud to introduce our Summer Newsletter - a powerful testimony to Voyage's resilience, creativity and impact in what continue to be unprecedented and challenging times for the youth sector.

Despite the pressures, we're pulling through with determination and purpose. I'm especially proud of the release of our *Windrush Elders* book an intergenerational celebration of legacy, storytelling, and youth-led heritage work.

Alongside this, we've continued to stand for justice, partnering with Liberty to support the campaign for the removal of police from schools, while also shaping new futures through our *Horizons Youth Project for the Environment* a bold new programme connecting at-risk young people to green skills and employment.



Across boroughs, our Youth Ambassadors and Advisory Board have remained at the heart of our work, ensuring young voices lead our direction.

As we look ahead, we're excited for our upcoming summer scheme featuring our Business Challenge Week and the return of *Voyage Voice* this autumn.

Please take time to read through the stories and achievements captured in this issue. Reach out, connect and let's continue building something powerful together



Windrush Book Launch

On June 26th, we proudly launched a landmark publication, our Windrush Elders Book, a youth-led tribute capturing the untold stories of our Caribbean elders from the Windrush Generation.

Our book launch, a result of over a year's worth of research and interviews, was attended by over 100 elders, 20 young people, and many other community members.

Are you interested in obtaining Voyage's Windrush Book?

We want to hear from you!

Express your interest below to let us know, and we'll follow up later with more information.



Express Your Interest

East End
Community Project

Woodrow

GO LONDON

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VOYAGE

SUMMER SCHEME

Boys and Girls
15 - 17 year olds
Join Us

YES entreprenuerz (USA)

Business Challenge, Sport, Tech & Climate Summer Scheme 2025

WEEK 1:
4th - 8th August
11:45 am at New City College, Hackney
£15 per YP for 7 days
includes hot meals and refreshments

- Business Challenges week with YES Entrepreneurs - Ernest Ruffin Jr
- Sports, Tech and Environmental
- Team games

Prize winners receive air fair tickets to travel to the **Islands of St Croix** in November 2025

WEEK 2:
11th - 15th August
11:45 am at New City College, Hackney
£30 per YP for residential 3 days
Transport, accommodation meals & refreshments included.

- Day Trip to South End
- Sports day and competition
- 3 Day Residential to Woodrow House 13th - 15th August

SCAN our QR CODE on left for summer scheme 7 days and QR code on right is for Woodrow House residential. Feel free to Join both

Email admin@voyageyouth.com or call 0207 613 8343 for more info

All Payments must be received by 26th July 2025 5pm Deadline

All sign ups will receive a sign up link that will confirm your place on the scheme



Daily registers taken Venues safe & secure Staff DBS Checked

Upcoming Summer Scheme

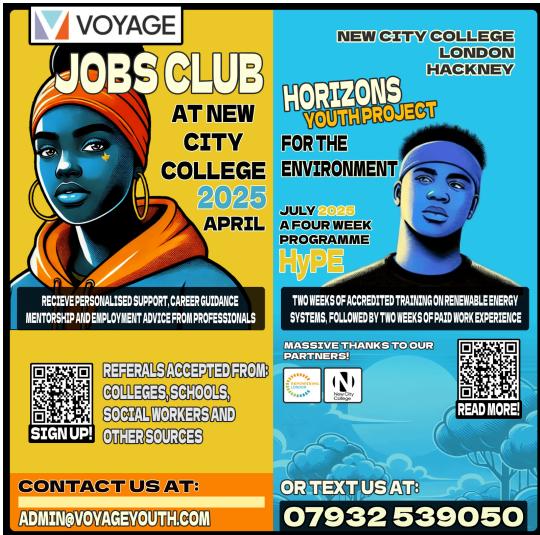
This summer, Voyage is delivering a two-week summer scheme from **August 4th to 15th**, packed with opportunities for young people to grow, create, and connect.

The programme will blend entrepreneurship, creativity, and personal development, with activities ranging from business challenges and art workshops to sports.

As part of the scheme, participants will take part in the **YES (Young Entrepreneurz Scheme)** business challenge, where they'll work in teams to develop and pitch real-world ideas, with the chance to progress to the international stage.

The experience will finish with a **three-day residential trip at London Youths Woodrow House**, giving young people space to reflect, bond, and take part in exciting team-building activities.

Sign Up



HyPE Project - Pilot

We were proud to launch our **HyPE pilot project** – our latest step towards a long-term green careers programme designed to help young people gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to access work in the environmental sector.

This pilot laid the foundation for future accredited training, paid placements, and job-focused support, all aimed at opening up new pathways into sustainability and climate-focused careers.

Read more below:

[Read More](#)



Voyage Voices

Our Voyage Voices programme wrapped up with a burst of creativity and purpose as young people took centre stage to develop campaigns on the issues that matter most to them.

From the long shadow of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry and calls for urgent cladding remediation, to the global

WHAT CAN WE

DO AS A SOCIETY TO SPREAD AWARENESS AND STOP FAST FASHION?

UPCYCLE AND REPAIR CLOTHES

HOW THIS HELPS Learn simple sewing skills to fix holes, alter sizes or creatively redesign old clothes

WHY IT HELPS Extends the life of garments, reduces waste and makes fashion more personal and unique



Article written by
Ekponmen Okundis-Desi

HOST CLOTHES SWAPS

HOW THIS HELPS Organise events with friends or schools where people exchange clothes that are not worn often instead of buying new ones

WHY IT HELPS Refreshes wardrobes without consuming money, new resources or generating waste

AVOID TREND-DRIVEN SHOPPING

HOW THIS HELPS Focus on timeless styles instead of micro-trends driven by fast fashion and mass production

WHY IT HELPS Reduces the cycle of overproduction and overconsumption driven by rapidly changing fashion trends

RAISE YOUR VOICE THROUGH ACTIVISM

HOW THIS HELPS Join or support campaigns that call for policy changes, like stricter environmental regulations on fashion companies

WHY IT HELPS Puts pressure on governments and corporations to take responsibility and make systemic changes in the fashion industry

Read more about this on my article regarding
the Impact of fast Fashion and overconsumption

impact of fast fashion and environmental injustice, participants led the way with bold ideas and powerful messages.

In the next phase of Voyage Voices, we'll be taking campaigns beyond the room – bringing them directly to decision-makers. We believe that real change happens when young people are not only heard but listened to – and we're committed to making that happen.

All of our young people work with professionals to help refine their projects. Would you like to help the next generation of young people in our next project?

Please email djamel@voyageyouth.com to express your interest, we would love to have you.



Case Study - Adnan

When Adnan joined Voyage, he came with curiosity, a willingness to grow, and a passion for making change. In just a few short months, he became a shining example of what young people can achieve when given the right opportunities.



Through Voyage Voices, Adnan took part as an author. His standout contribution? A powerful research piece exploring gang violence—a subject close to many communities.

Adnan went on to complete the **Aim for Success** programme, which opened doors to real-world experience. He secured a **work placement at Mintel**, a global market intelligence agency—an incredible addition to his CV and a valuable insight into professional environments.

Adnan's story shows what's possible when young people are empowered and supported. Are you a young person who would like to join Voyage? Express your interest below.

[Join Voyage!](#)



BBC News Interviews

Voyage was honoured to host a team from BBC London News at our offices in Hackney, where they came to speak with our young people about one of the most disturbing and widely reported cases in recent years: the strip search of a



15-year-old Black schoolgirl, known publicly as “Child Q”.

The visit was part of a BBC feature examining the long-term impact of the incident, not only on the individual affected but on young people across London, especially Black and global majority youth who saw themselves reflected in her experience.

For many of the young people at Voyage, this wasn’t just a headline. It was a confirmation of long-held fears about the reality of being overpoliced, misjudged, and adultified. In the session, they spoke candidly about how the case affected them emotionally, mentally, and socially.

“When I heard about Child Q, it made me scared. Scared because I wear the same uniform. I walk the same streets. That could’ve been me.”

Our participants shared their stories, concerns and hopes with strength, intelligence and honesty. They spoke not just about trauma, but about resilience and the need for meaningful change.

[VOYAGE Article](#)

[BBC Article](#)



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