



Reflections of The Lord Mayor

In 2019, OnSide opened its first three Youth Zones in London; in Barking and Dagenham, Barnet and Croydon. This would not have been possible were it not for the incredible support of the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

With special thanks to Lord Mayor Peter Estlin, The Lord Mayor's Appeal funding has helped us transform lives. As a beneficiary charity, OnSide has been able to offer over 20,000 young Londoners access to activities from sport to music, art to dance, climbing to cooking, as well as dedicated youth worker support **every day of the week**.

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The funding is also supporting young people's wellbeing. Through The Lord Mayor's Appeal, OnSide and Place2Be have partnered to offer invaluable counselling services at our Youth Zone in Barking and Dagenham.

We are grateful to Reflections of The Lord Mayor for showcasing OnSide's work and wish you a wonderful evening.

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Katie's story...

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I used to be someone who would never go out of the house. I never had many friends and had no confidence.

I started coming to Future Youth Zone in Barking and Dagenham as soon as it opened. I got to know people and this helped me gain more confidence and what helped me boost it up even more was the staff members. Music has always been a passion for me and Future is a place where I can always express myself.

I was the one person who would never go out the house and now I never shut up! My journey with OnSide and Future Youth Zone is one that will always stay with me.

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