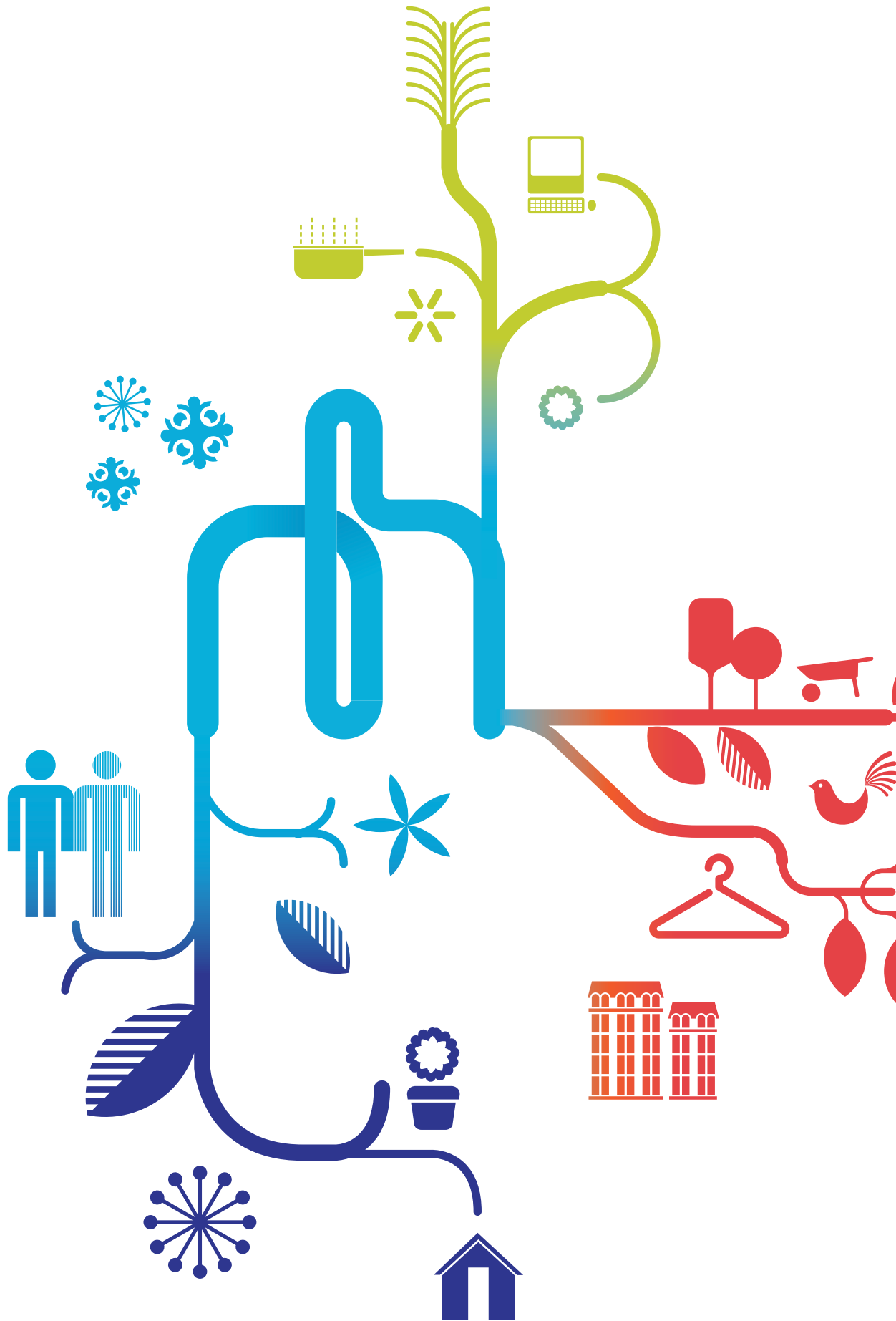


New Horizon
Youth Centre



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A Rebuilding Year

For the first time since Lord Longford founded New Horizon 42 years ago, we are to have a building 'fit for purpose'. The builders are on site, we have decamped to temporary premises along the road and the work will be completed by Christmas this year.

We are the beneficiaries of a Lottery Award designated by the Department of Children Schools and Families, under the heading of 'My Place Funding'. The idea is that our young people themselves, together with local community and businesses will deliver 'world class youth facilities'.

When the £1.5 million project is complete we shall have an entirely new day centre on our old Chalton street site. We shall have kitchen, washing facilities, education, and recreation facilities together with computer room, consulting rooms and the rest. The centrepiece will be a newly constructed 'Barn', a large performance room in which we can stage music, drama, education, exercise and meeting space.

This will have the added benefit of being available to the local community for use when the Centre is closed. It will have its own entrance and will provide urgently needed meeting and performance space for those who live nearby.

All this would have been impossible without the support of the community around us and the creative and financial input of the Kings Cross architect, John McAslan and his Family Trust. He funded a RIBA competition to find our eventual architect Adam Khan, and has been a constant source of advice and support at every stage.

It is largely thanks to him that we were ready and right for the Lottery Award. It would also have been impossible without the support of the London Borough of Camden and our local councillors.

Our new neighbours, The Guardian, have provided support at every level through fund raising concerts, web design, work placements, coaching, and support for the new build.

I want to express enormous gratitude to Elizabeth Shields who secured critical seed funding that enabled us to produce everything required by the lottery to secure the lottery funding. The Rayne Foundation and Garfield Weston, and the R & S Cohen Foundation have been pivotally generous too.

Finally none of this would have happened without the drive and inspiration of our Director, Shelagh O'Connor, and her dedicated team and of course the enthusiasm of our young people. And don't think that this wonderful capital injection will solve all our funding issues in these tightening times. It won't.

We shall be out fund raising again this year, but with the wind in our sales, generated by the huge uplift in the services we shall now be able to offer homeless young people in Central London.

Jon Snow
Chair, New Horizon Youth Centre



We Made a Difference

It's been an eventful year with some exciting new developments. Our newly recruited weekend team has brought skills in literacy, numeracy, training and counselling and a wealth of resources to support clients with multiple issues.

It has been a year full of achievements by young people and the centre. This report attempts to reflect some of those achievements and none more so than the launch of our groundbreaking film 'in the pod' developed by and for young people which seeks to explode the myths around guns, gangs and knife crime and which we are utilising to help make a difference to the lives of young people throughout the capital.

We secured the following awards:

- The Sustainable City Award in March 2008 for Access to Goods and Services for Disadvantaged Groups
- Investors in People Status in April 2008
- PQASSO Level 1 Quality Mark in June 2008
- Best organisation for the training and development of Volunteers in October 2008
- Third Sector award for Best Partnership with 7 voluntary sector organisations for the 'Beyond A Helpline' programme in November 2008

We pursued our building programme to improve the physical environment of the centre and this has come to fruition. As Jon Snow has mentioned we have recently employed the contractors John O'Neill and Partners and construction has commenced. A tremendous amount of work has been achieved by everyone involved, especially the team at Davis Langdon, whose invaluable expertise, contributed free of charge has helped make this project a reality.

Adam Khan and Timo Keller, the architects, have responded to every suggestion and request and burned the midnight oil to get the designs to the right standard for planning application and for tendering process. It has been a privilege to work with them and to have their professional support.

The relocation of staff and services has been facilitated by Ian Baxter at Somers Town Youth Centre and the youth services managers in Camden.

We have ensured that clients who are particularly vulnerable receive key working support and we co-ordinate a multi-agency response to their needs. Rhona, our in-house Connexions worker has proved invaluable in supporting very vulnerable clients and in ensuring that staff are aware of the legal framework around which we work. We continue to provide a service for the most vulnerable and to involve them in the development of the centre.

Over the past year we have noticed an increase in younger clients with mental health issues most noticeably those with personality disorders. Our nurse has worked with statutory and voluntary agencies to coordinate an appropriate service to meet their needs.

We have seen an expansion of the numbers of young people from black and minority ethnic groups and also in the numbers of refugees and asylum seekers attending. We are working with Homeless Link and other forums to ensure that policy makers are taking these clients' needs into account.

The year ahead will be challenging with increasing numbers of young people already coming to the centre. The recession is already putting pressure on families and on teenagers to leave home.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the Management Council members, staff, managers and volunteers of the centre who have maintained their outstanding commitment to clients, their enthusiasm for their work and a 'can do' approach throughout all the upheavals we've had over the past year. Well done.

Shelagh O'Connor

Director, New Horizon Youth Centre



Creating Positive Futures

Debbie was just over 18 when her mother chucked her out of the family home. Initially she stayed on friend's sofas and ended up at New Horizon Youth Centre when these arrangements broke down. Debbie was homeless and had no money; after a few days we managed to secure emergency accommodation for her in Centerpoint Berwick Street.

We helped her set up a benefits claim and kitted her out with clothes from our clothes store. She returned to the centre daily and eventually we secured move on to a more long term hostel. Debbie had issues around socialising and found it hard to speak to people she did not know, she also had an issue with alcohol dependency.

We were able to link her into the Alcohol Recovery Project, who attends the centre weekly, and with whom she is still working. It took some time to build trust with Debbie but eventually the barriers started to come down. Our nurse did a health check with her and referred her to our in-house counsellor. Since then we have worked with Debbie on her emotional issues and ARP have helped her to slowly cut down on her alcohol consumption.

The advice team have been to visit Debbie twice in her hostel to discuss more hostel options and our NEET worker has found Debbie a placement at a local college. Debbie now plays an active part in the centre in the workshops and attends cookery classes and Peer Education.

She still lacks confidence and finds it difficult to mix in with other young people at times, but overall Debbie is a much happier person. We are currently supporting her to rebuild her relationship with her mother which has been pretty rocky at times.

All of this was achieved over a period of three months and is quite typical of a number of young women who attend the centre daily.

Outreach and Womens Open Space Project

- 140 had greater knowledge of the law, rights, housing and drug and alcohol support to assist them in exiting prostitution. 26 women have completely exited prostitution
- 56 women have been successfully housed into permanent accommodation
- 5 women gained certificates in Health & Hygiene training
- 52 women secured Lifeskills Education Certificates
- 63 women reported increased self confidence and self esteem with improved emotional and physical health
- 40 statutory and voluntary agencies have a greater understanding of the needs of women involved in prostitution in order to improve their responses

How we provided these services

- 6 outreach sessions weekly on the streets of Camden, Islington and Haringey
- 6 Legal workshops reaching 62 women in partnership with the College of Law
- Twice weekly housing surgeries
- Partnership work with statutory and voluntary street outreach teams
- On going weekly counselling to 20 women
- Referrals and support into drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres
- Weekly prison visits to Holloway prison working with the resettlement team
- Advocacy for 42 women in court
- Education and employment opportunities to 120 women
- 8 training sessions for prison wardens from South East England



Achievements

Accommodation, health, self esteem & independence

- Secured accommodation for over 700 young people
- Supported 120 clients to return home
- 837 clients have improved physical and mental health
- 445 clients identified improved self confidence and self esteem
- 1525 clients with complex and multiple issues were supported towards independence
- 123 clients have improved fitness and ability to work in a team

How we provided these services

- A daily advice centre, assessing, referring and negotiating to secure appropriate accommodation seven days a week
- Mediation between families and other organisations on behalf of 400 young people
- Follow-up work to 740 clients to enable them to progress between emergency and short stay to longer term accommodation
- Repeat home visits to 115 clients
- Workshops in drama, music and art on a weekly basis
- Supported 177 young people to reduce or stop their alcohol and drugs use
- Referred clients into rehabilitation and detox centres
- Provided daily primary care support, health checks and MOTS
- Provided counselling to 40 young people
- Escorted young people to A& Es, mental health appointments, GUM clinics and advocated on their behalf
- Delivered weekly men & women groups focusing on issues such as sexual health, relationships, gang culture, guns and knife crime and civic responsibility
- Held twice weekly gym and football coaching

Education and work experience

- 537 young people passed an accredited learning unit in AQA
- 175 young people increased their literacy and numeracy skills
- 100 young people secured learning or training elsewhere
- 22 young people secured work placements
- 19 clients secured full-time employment
- 46 individuals completed a youth work volunteer training course
- 43 volunteers completed six months volunteering, a minimum of one day a week

How we provided these services

- We helped clients complete CVs and job application forms
- We delivered IT training, literacy and numeracy support and AQA accredited training seven days a week
- We developed partnerships with companies coming into the Kings Cross area to secure work placement opportunities for our clients
- We got companies to engage in mock interviews to prepare young people for the real thing
- We assessed and completed action plans on 570 clients
- We developed a resource manual on apprenticeship schemes, employers with job placement opportunities, job centres and employment opportunities



Our Team

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