

PROJECT ZERO NEWSLETTER

"We at Project Zero are pleased to have gotten through a full packed summer of engagement through meaningful employment for young people aged 16+, as well as engaging our local youth in a wide range of positive activities."

Steve Barnabis, Project Zero Founder and Operational Manager

IMPACT



☀️ Summer 2025 at a Glance 🌂

👛 Youth Employment

- 📄 50+ young people gained paid roles
- 🕒 5,500+ hours of work delivered
- 💷 £76,867.50 earned in wages

😊😊😊😊 Children & Families

- 🎈 Average of 155 children welcomed daily at our holiday programme
- 😊😊😊 Parents rated quality and care 9.5/10

⭐ Enrichment & Experiences

- 🏠 8 inspiring trips that expanded horizons and built friendships



“ Thanks to Project Zero, Steve, and everybody that works here, I've managed to see the career path that I want to go down...
The Summer Job programme is a great opportunity to open yourself up to the world.

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Young person on the Summer Job programme



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Recent key events

May 2025:

Launch of Wisdom & Strength for male intergenerational mentoring

June 2025:

Hosted London Borough of Waltham Forest 2 year review meeting of the A Fairer and Healthier Waltham Forest report by Professor Michael Marmot

July 2025:

Took a group of young people to the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) conference in Ilford, Redbridge

Hosted Leytonstone School and Holy Family School students for Year 10 work experience

Launch of our Summer Job employability programme

Trip to Formula E racing experience (special thanks to League Leaders)

Attended the African & Caribbean Community Health Network forum

Trip to Soho Theatre for an insight into the organisational operations

August 2025:

Held our three week Holiday and Food (HAF) Summer programme funded by Waltham Forest

Hosted music artist Professor Green who delivered an inspirational entrepreneurship workshop as part of the Entrepreneur Fund by Simply Business Young

Launch of Vibes & Essence programme for young women funded by Waltham Forest

Trip to Flag Football Festival by London Youth hosted by the Merky Foundation

Trip to Sadler's Wells for a theatre tour

Hosted our yearly Summer Jam



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September focus

- Launch of our Mentoring and Advocacy programme in partnership with Waltham Forest College
- Launch of the Young carers programme
- Launch of our Building Communities programme in collaboration with the Hill Group
- Sharing our impact with our key stakeholders

Key events to come

October 2025:

- 27th – 31st Half term programme
- 31st Monsters Ball

November 2025:

- 4th Fireworks & Hot Chocs

December 2025:

- 11th Annual Inspire Awards '25
- Various dates Christmas Parties
- Winter Appeal '25

Call to action!

At Project Zero, we are committed to engaging with our local Waltham Forest community and empowering young people to play an active role in Waltham Forest.

Our Youth Champion programme, open to Waltham Forest residents aged 14–16, invites young people to become ambassadors for Project Zero. Youth Champions help to shape our services, mentor their younger peers and represent their community.

If you know a young person who lives in Waltham Forest and would like to develop skills, build confidence, and make a difference locally, we'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for reading and for standing with us as we work towards a year with zero young lives lost to violence.

With gratitude,

The Project Zero Team

We would like to extend thanks to these organisations for helping to make our summer great!



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