

Reparation & Unpaid Work Delivery April 2019-2020

The delivery of reparation activities in Hackney typically takes the form of some kind of useful but unpaid activity carried out by the young person, supervised by a Youth Support & Development Worker based in the YH Prevention & Diversion team. On occasion, YOT Case Managers find other activities for young people to complete as reparations and do not feel the need to refer to P&D to deliver all or part of the requirement.

Reparation & Unpaid work are ways in which young people can say sorry for their offending behaviour through 'giving something back' to their community, or doing something useful. Being involved in reparation activities that help their community can also help young people to stop offending again through doing and finding out about new positive interests and acquiring new skills, new friends and going to safe spaces where they can also develop relationships of trust and support with adults.

The Youth Justice Service set out how many sessions there will be, where they are and exactly what it is the young people will be doing. The views and opinions of the victim are taken into account and can be used to guide the activity the young person will do. The young person also chooses activities on the basis of their availability compatibly with their studies and we take into account their safeguarding and learning needs.

Direct Reparation

In some cases the victim is able to identify an appropriate activity for the young person to do, which is directly to the victim or their interests, for example young people have replaced a victim's stolen bike through repairing and servicing donated bikes.

Indirect Reparation

Many victims do not have an appropriate activity for the young person to do to repair the harm done. So the Reparation offer has a range of possible activities to choose from and, where possible, tailor these to the offence committed and the interests of the victim. Some common offences do not have a direct victim, offences like possession of a knife or drugs for example. These cases would normally complete some form of community based reparation activity.

Community Based Reparation

The idea of community based reparation is that the young person undertakes an activity which is of benefit to the wider community, rather than directly to a victim.

These are activities that might improve the local environment or facilities for communities or benefit charities that work in the community.

Quantitative Data

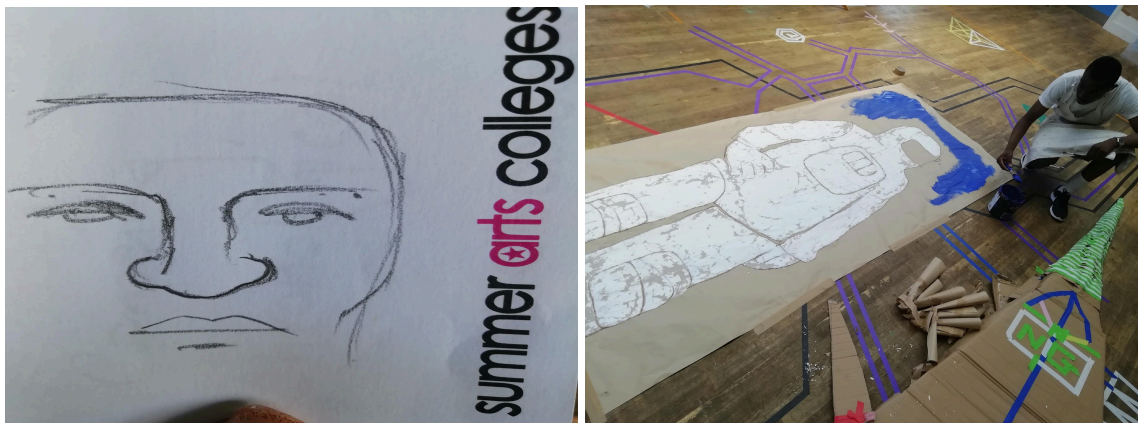
Prevention & Diversion received 40 referrals from the YOT for Reparation and Unpaid work totalling 1123 hours during the last financial year.

Of these 40 referrals, 32 were for young people on Referral Orders and 7 were for Youth Rehabilitation Orders (Unpaid work requirements are ordered in days, which we set at 5 hours work a day) and 1 was a Youth Conditional Caution.

There was 1 additional referral from P&D for a restorative intervention (direct reparation for a victim of a young person who received an OoCd) and a referral from CSC for a young person to complete activities for the TFL- Earn Your Travel Back scheme, which required 4 hours of community 'volunteering'.

Of the 1,123 hours requested in 2019-2020, 428 hours have been delivered with a further 320 hours also delivered but carried over from referrals received before April 2019 but continuing into this accounting period .

- 17 young people from this cohort have completed their requirements in full.
- 5 have either had their sentences revoked and been resented to other orders without a reparation requirement or failed to complete part or all of the reparation requirement.
- The remaining 18 young people are due to finish their reparation requirements before their orders end (in the 2020-2021 accounting period).
- 11 young people completed Arts Award Explore and Discover through participation in the UNITAS Summer Arts College project managed by P&D.



UNITAS Summer Arts College 2019

Last summer, we put through a successful bid for the delivery of a three week long programme of activities through funding from UNITAS. This programme was a project managed by P&D and delivered in collaboration with YOT colleagues, including specialist practitioners from partner agencies, our long standing Young Hackney Volunteer Fine Artist and a range of Hackney and London-based artists.

The project was based at the Leaside Trust on the River Lea in E5 and the 11 young people taking part also benefited from those facilities. All those Participating gained awards from the

Arts Award scheme. This project enabled 8 young people to complete all of their reparation requirements in a group work setting.



Reparation Art Project

Delivered all year round for the past 3 years, the Reparations Fine Art Project, led by our YH Volunteer Fine Artist, has continued to run on a weekly basis at 275 Mare St up to the Covid-19 lockdown. 12 young people referred to reparations have attended during this accounting period.

In May 2019, we held an exhibition 'Meadow' at the Picturehouse on Mare Street, the exhibition featured prints and sculptures produced by young people attending the project and reflected their experiences and voices on school exclusions and violence, particularly knife crime.



The project has continued to support a young man who has attended voluntarily throughout the year, who receives support around his disability and interest in Art, he has been supported to attain a Saturday scholarship at the Royal Drawing School and is working towards an Arts Council Silver Arts Award. It has also briefly supported a young person referred from Looked After Children and facilitated two young people to continue attending the project voluntarily post-completing their reparation requirement.

Other reparation activities over the year have included:

- A Bicycle Repair and Recycling project in partnership with Young Hackney Sports team and Early Help at Leaside Trust. The project has run during term-times on Tuesday evenings since February 2020 with a mix of young people referred from Young Hackney caseloads and YOT Reparation referrals. This project facilitated two restorative interventions one indirect for a victim of bike crime and one direct where a young man on an out of court disposal engaged to totally strip, respray and rebuild a bike he had damaged in a racially aggravated incident.
- Ad-hoc bike repairs/ recycling (prior to the project mentioned above). Notably 6 sessions to repair 2 donated specialist disability tricycles which were then given to 'pedal power' a cycling charity in Finsbury Park.



→ Furniture and shelving design and construction from recycled materials.



→ Gardening and maintenance at the Adventure Playgrounds (Hackney Marshes, Homerton, Pearson Street, Shoreditch and Clapton Park)



- A Mosaic project and painting & decorating at Rising Tide Music Studios in Mare Street.
- Work towards creating an 'outside classroom' at Leaside Trust.

Next Steps

Currently all face to face reparation activities are suspended due to the Covid-19 lockdown, as restrictions are lifted we will work to resume all the projects listed above and have expressed an interest with UNITAS about delivering a 'Summer Arts College' if they are able to happen in some shape or form this year.

- To create a range of meaningful and suitable activities young people can do at home and be supported with virtually, taking into account their learning needs and home resources
- To develop our accreditation and engagement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and increase the take-up of this offer from the reparation cohort
- To improve our communication with victims of crime and the general public through development of a page on the Young Hackney and Hackney Council websites and to produce reparations-related content through the Council's communications channels e.g. in Hackney Today as well as through direct communication with victims.
- To continue scoping Reparation projects/activities for Summer 2020 and beyond e.g. possibility of developing the Bicycle repair project further and Constructing Bamboo bicycles, using recycled parts from bikes donated from the police, community safety

and the borough's street cleaning services; Making shelving and cupboards at the Young Hackney Hubs and playgrounds.

Young People's & YOT practitioner Positive Feedback examples

“During his final panel, EJ stated that reparations was the most enjoyable element of his Referral Order and expressed how much he had enjoyed the Summer Arts College.”

KE in discussion with his Probation Worker explained how his favorite part of his order had been completing his reparation and eagerly explained what he had done.

JS told his probation worker that having built a shed at Pearson St with reparation had sparked an interest to look for similar activities in the future. He asked if he could continue to work in a voluntary capacity with reparation.

OO's mother said in conversation that we must be doing something right, as (after the 3rd day of the Summer Arts College) he had stopped moaning about having to go and got up and ready without any fuss and had been coming home with a smile and his attitude at home had changed.

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