**Invitation to a strategy consultation**

**Youth Endowment Fund**

**Invitation to a consultation** from London Youth Justice Strategic Leaders to

Heads of Community services

Strategic education leads

DCSs through LIIA

**Thursday 12th November 2-330 via MS TEAMS**

**Youth Endowment Fund introduction .** [**YEF further information**](https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/grants/get-involved/)

*YEF is a charity set up last year with a £200 million endowment from the Home Office with a mission to prevent children and young people across becoming involved in violence.*[*our strategy*](https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/our-work/our-strategy/) *explains exactly how we plan to achieve that goal.*

*It’s an ambitious long-term plan to use evidence, expertise and young people's voices to make children’s lives safer. It sets out how we’ll spend £200 million over ten years, to fund projects that help us learn more about what works to prevent children becoming involved in violence. And it explains how we’ll make sure that this knowledge is put into practice, so that services for children and young people are the best they can possibly be. We’ll do it by building networks – across community and youth charities, local authorities, education, the police and health – all striving together for change.*

*To put this plan into action, we want to work closely with everyone working in youth justice and children’s services.*

*We know that over the next decade, there are a lot of areas we need to cover. Now we need to decide where we’ll start.* ***That’s why we’re asking for your help to choose the two theme areas we’ll focus our funding on, from now until 2023.***

*We’ve had some really useful conversations with people working across lots of different agencies to keep children and young people safe. And we’ve conducted our own*[*review of the evidence*](https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/latest/reports/)*that’s already out there. We’ve used what we’ve learned to develop some initial ideas about the themed areas where we want to focus our funding in the next three years:*

1. ***Shut out at school****: This theme would ask which approaches work best to prevent school absences, anti-social behaviour and exclusion from mainstream school, all of which are linked to involvement in violence later in a child’s life.*
2. ***Diverting from the criminal justice system****: This theme would ask which approaches work best to support those children and young people who are already involved in crime or who are most at risk. They could involve individual, family or community support at critical points in a child’s life; for example, after they’ve been arrested or admitted into A&E following a violent assault.*

*We want you to tell us, based on your experience and expertise, what you think. Have we included the right things in the scope of those themes? What have we missed? What should we do better?*

**Format of workshop**

2.00 Welcomes by Geeta Subramaniam, Corporate Director LB Newham

2.05 Setting the scene Laura Russell , YEF

2.20 Working groups facilitated to gather views and frame proposals

2.50 Feedback to full workshop chaired by Geeta Subramaniam

3.20 Next Steps : Laura Russell

3.30 End of session.

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