

Legacy Youth Panel Manifesto

When we look to the future this is what we see

People Places

Public spaces and buildings create communities where people enjoy living and working together.

Tourists from around the world are welcomed in East London.

Young people socialise and participate in a range of activities in high quality spaces. We are inspired to enjoy and achieve together.

People feel safe and relaxed, help is on hand when you need it and no-one feels excluded. Conflict and tension are a thing of the past.

Public facilities and events within the community are accessible, available and affordable for all, the open spaces and built environment are for everyone.

Everyone can learn and develop, there are excellent schools and a variety of exciting jobs and opportunities. Your postcode shouldn't be a boundary to your success

As a community we own, respect and enjoy this area. We are actively involved in planning and developing our environment with expert planners and architects.

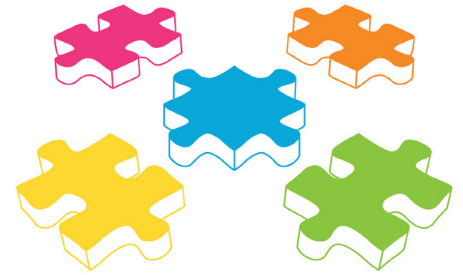
Environment

Getting around is easy; there are lots of options for transport. Travel is affordable, safe, and environmentally friendly.

People care for the environment; innovation and technology help to create sustainable high quality places to live, work and socialise.

Who are the Legacy Youth Panel?

In 2008 the Legacy Youth Panel was established by the Olympic Park Legacy Company¹ to capture the voices of young people and get them involved in shaping the plans for the Park after the 2012 Games. This amazing group of 14–19 year olds have become experts in planning, influenced the future of East London, and developed their confidence and communication skills.



Legacy Youth Panel

The Legacy Youth Panel project is unique in educating and inspiring young people from different areas to feedback in detail on plans for development. The group explored the Olympic site and reflected on their interaction with existing spaces. They learnt about the processes and challenges involved in planning. Opportunities have ranged from organising events to developing multimedia projects. Through observing, learning, discussing, reflecting and bonding over time the Panel has established a confident and credible voice.

The future

The Panel's aspirations for the future include raising the profile of the group amongst other young people and to be involved in the Games in as many ways as possible, including work experience and volunteering. Young people want the Panel's voice to become stronger and louder as the excitement of the Games grows. Existing Panel members will be joined by new recruits in 2010 as they were in 2009.

What has the Panel achieved?

The Legacy Youth Panel's manifesto is used to share the group's inspirational vision for the Legacy Communities and the future of East London. They also produced a detailed official response to draft plans for the Legacy Park in March 2009.

'Thank you for giving up so much of your time to help inform the development of the Legacy Masterplan for the Olympics, we will never know this part of London as well as you can, we just could not do this without you. Your dedication, ideas, and energy motivates us' Jason Prior, Aecom

The group have had an ongoing dialogue with decision makers and people with direct influence on the Legacy. They have impressed and inspired people with their work.

'It's great to see so many young Londoners taking such an active interest in the 2012 legacy. We particularly need their ideas to help shape the look of the Olympic Park in the coming decades. It is they who will be living there and raising new generations and we must get our plans right for them and their children.' Mayor of London, Boris Johnson

The Panel have worked hard to get their message to others in creative ways including drama, video, photography and sound. They have held two successful events attracting young people and adults from across the five boroughs. Their work has been reported on BBC television, BBC online and in local and national press and radio.

Further information

The Legacy Youth Panel is run by Fundamental Architectural Inclusion, on behalf of the Olympic Park Legacy Company. Fundamental is an Architecture Centre based in the heart of the Olympic Developments.

For more information about the Legacy Youth Panel contact the Legacy Company at info@legacycompany.co.uk or visit www.legacycompany.co.uk/community/get-involved/youth-panel/ or call 020 3288 1800

1. The London Development Agency oversaw the Legacy project in year one before responsibility was transferred to the Olympic Park Legacy Company



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