

## **Tower Hamlets Island Community Network Profile**

**Tower Hamlets** - Four E14 neighbourhoods located within the Isle of Dogs - Island Gardens, Blackwall and Cubitt Town, Canary Wharf and Poplar.

### **Consortium Bid Partners**

Osmani Trust – Lead  
Spotlight (Poplar Harca) – Partner  
Streets of Growth – Partner

Tower Hamlets Island Community Network, a grassroots consortium supports young people facing multiple/complex disadvantage in the borough. Their partners are all specialists in transforming the life trajectories of young people who have become marginalised by severe local poverty, unemployment and crime – particularly those from BAME communities who are disproportionately affected by these issues.

It has worked with over 4,500 young people from across Tower Hamlets since 2001 and specialises in engaging those most at risk of violence and other offending, through strategic neighbourhood outreach delivered in partnership with police, local authority teams, housing associations and schools.

The focus for the neighbourhood action will be on four E14 neighbourhoods located within the Isle of Dogs wards of Island Gardens, Blackwall & Cubitt Town, Canary Wharf and Poplar. There will be a particular focus on Pepper Street, Samuda Estate, Tiller Road and The Quarterdeck.

Income deprivation is the strongest predictor of high violence in a community, and Tower Hamlet's Child Poverty rate (57per cent) is higher than all London boroughs.

Prior to the Covid-19 crisis, local unemployment was already the highest in London, and between March-May 2020, local Universal Credit claimants rose by almost 80per cent.

Analysis of 2015-18 Metropolitan Police data for violent incidents across age groups, shows that violence on the Isle of Dogs primarily affects victims aged 16-18.

### **'My Ends' funding, Tower Hamlets Island Community Network will work to reduce violence by:**

- Building digital skills to support young people's full potential in education and employment. Digital activities will also build young people awareness around social media grooming and coercion to engage in criminal activity.
- Delivering targeted street outreach and community outreach sessions to engage young people at high risk of exploitation and violence.
- Setting up prevention workshops and creative activities delivered in partnership with schools and Pupil Referral Units
- Coaching and mentoring activities designed to meet the specific needs of girls and young women who are affected by/at high risk of exploitation and violence.
- We will deliver an innovative programme of community consultation and engagement, leveraging the specialist youth participation expertise of core partners to ensure young people with valuable lived experience of violence are empowered not just to give their insights but take a leading role in shaping and co-delivering local solutions in partnership with the wider community.

**Programme Duration** – April 2021 – March 2023