

EVERY CHANCE
for EVERY CHILD

OUR CHARTER

We commit to:

- Working restoratively with children, young people and families
- Championing engagement with children and young people
- Focus on achieving better outcomes
- Ensuring children, young people and families are supported to access the right help at the right time
- Ensuring a strong offer of services for all families
- Sharing data in a safe but timely way
- Sharing positive stories of children and young people
- Ensuring every child and young person has a trustworthy and trusted adult to confide in
- Ensuring every child has access to a safe space

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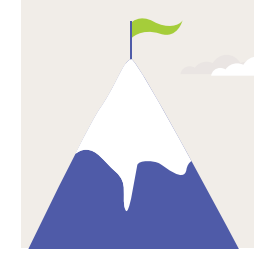
VISION

Together, we will seize every chance for every child or young person in Tower Hamlets to be healthy, safe and successful.

PRIORITY 1: ASPIRATION TO ACTION

We will:

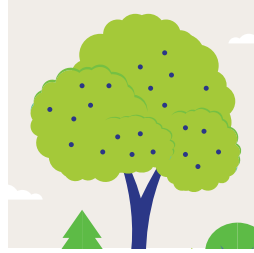
- Develop a cultural and enrichment offer which supports diverse career opportunities.
- Promote science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) through play and early education providers.
- Work with partners to understand the main professional and vocational career progression routes which our GSCE offer supports.
- Offer work experience placements to local children and young people.
- Develop a web-based single point of access about careers, skills and enrichment opportunities.
- Engage with parents and carers about the range of career possibilities available.
- Support young people to explore enterprise and apprenticeships as career routes.
- Develop an agreed set of messages about preparing for the future.



PRIORITY 2: HEALTHY FAMILIES

We will:

- Engage with children, young people and partners on a local co-produced personal, social and health education offer.
- Work with the community to encourage parents to discuss wellbeing, emotional health and resilience with children and young people.
- Promote a Play Charter which advocates for quality play space, physical activity and play.
- Improve the accessibility and quality of information for children, young people and families, in particular those with SEND.
- Provide basic training on the early help offer to local partners and businesses.
- Ensure there are effective, integrated pathways between mental health, domestic abuse and substance misuse services.



PRIORITY 3: SAFE AND SECURE

We will:

- Redesign our youth offer so we have an integrated offer across youth hubs, detached and outreach youth work.
- Ensure families can get face-to-face advice and support with safety concerns across the borough.
- Improve opportunities for children, young people and families to reclaim their local communities and neighbourhoods.
- Develop and deliver a training offer including stranger danger, fire and road safety, e-safety, safeguarding, adverse childhood experiences and a public health approach to violence.
- Ensure personal, social health education covers bullying, hate crime, gangs and serious youth violence, exploitation and substance misuse.
- Develop a contextual approach to managing behaviour and exclusions.
- Work with the Community Safety Partnership to share young people's views and questions on areas of concern.



PRIORITY 1: ASPIRATION TO ACTION

Our focus will be on ensuring opportunities to enhance the employability of local children and young people are well known and shared across the borough, this includes looking at opportunities for soft skills and non-traditional pathways into the world of work. The Children and Families Partnership will show leadership through its own organisations with commitments to take on apprentices and ensuring there are work experience opportunities available. We will also use our influence to encourage other organisations across the borough – and the city where possible – to do the same.

PRIORITY 3: SAFE AND SECURE

As well as being safe, young people should feel safe in their community. We will ensure that there is a much stronger voice for young people in relation to making their environment feel safe, the development of youth services and in response to community safety issues.

Our focus going forward will be on building resilience within families and between different communities to ensure that children are safe and secure. As a Partnership we will focus on reducing the exposure to and perpetuation of violence by children and young people, very much in conjunction with the Community Safety Partnership.

PRIORITY 2: HEALTHY FAMILIES

The first 1,001 days of a child's life are crucial for healthy mental and physical development, so we will support a system wide approach to improving outcomes for children in the early years with a focus on speech, language and communication skills. From the earliest years through to adolescence, children need access to safe spaces to play and engage in physical activity; we want to make that possible. We will support our children, young people and families to make informed choices about what good health entails early on, directing them towards the right support at the right time. We will work to remove the stigma around mental health, encouraging children, young people and their families to talk to each other and share their needs.

