

Aspirations, opportunities and challenges

Young people's report

Youth led research

into the lives of young people

in Kensington and Chelsea

18 peer researchers conducted surveys with

154 young people from across the borough

to find out about

their local area

what they would like to be doing

where they get their support

how they spend their time

With messages peer researchers thought were most important

area

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...you've actually grown with
an Asian friend, a black
friend, a Jewish friend"

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"you can have an
estate with say the
majority of working
class, and right next
to it is a house worth X
amount of millions. And
there's a clear line where
you can see differences
but we'd never really
interfere with each
other"

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"...those living in
the area they see
crime, whether that's
the handling of drugs or
whether that's post-code
wars or gangs just in general,
or antisocial behaviour with
people doing this, doing
that – that is a day-to-
day thing"

"Of course, this
is an on-going
thing so everything
revolves around
money and that is one
thing that some people
don't have, and if
you do have it then
you don't have a
problem"

"I want to be
introduced to
new sports and not
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"Advertisement" "Basically
what activities are on
and what's available
for them"

"Youth clubs that
teach useful skills
such as playing an
instrument"
"Creative things,
because there's always
the sports, or there's
always this or that
but there's no
creative outlets"

"And those
that didn't go to
youth clubs would
like for there to be
better outreach to those
that don't go to school and
don't go to youth clubs,
that are just in the
streets in that
sense"

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"Even if you
have a really small
mental health issue,
like you're depressed for
example, you'll be classified
as crazy or insane and stuff
like that. That stigma that's
still attached to it is very
hard to get away from
I think in some
communities"



"At school we
have workshops
for people to talk
through their worries"

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support



There is a hive of opportunities for young people in the borough

Young people like living in a diverse and supportive community

Young people do physical and creative things to look after themselves

Young people get lots of support from friends and family

Young people said the community has become more close-knit after Grenfell

Lots of young people shared their feedback with the peer researchers

Thank you to the peer researchers for all their hard work

Some young people still find it difficult to access activities or would prefer different things

Young people don't always feel safe and can worry about being moved out of the area

Stigma and judgment about mental health is still a problem

Young people want less crime, better housing and access to educational opportunities

Grenfell affected everyone and caused disruptions to education and housing

It's important to young people that this research leads to positive changes

and Kensington and Chelsea council for supporting this project

"a lot of young people want to be taken seriously, more seriously anyway...They are individual people and they have individual needs, which I think sometimes can be ignored"

Find the full report at www.youngpeopleshealth.org.uk/peer-research