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Chief Operating Officer

"The charity asks for nothing back, you just want us to have a great future and prepare us for it, thank you for taking the time and patience to teach us the life lessons we need to be happy in the future and achieve the goals we set for ourselves"

- Year 13 Student

Words cannot express how proud the Us team are of our young people's achievements and of the advanced progression we have had as a team and organisation this year. 2022 has been an incredible journey for us all. With the expansion of the team, we have been able to reach more young people and impact on more lives. The quote above reflects on the core of the Us Charitable Trust values and mission: we are a family, and the voice of our young people and alumni are vital for the future.

Future Voice, Youth Ambassadors, Zenobia Scholars and extra-curricular clubs are being delivered regularly in our partner schools. With the focus being on enhancing transferable skills in every programme we deliver. We hope to equip our young people with the skills to build themselves a future they deserve.

Our hard work shows, this year our very own Education Operations Manager, Matt Owen, was nominated certified for Young Professional of the Year at the London Youth Awards. What an incredible award to be recognised for within the community. The impact Matt has on guiding our young people really shows with the increase of aspirations, increase of grades, and attendance.

We have much to celebrate this year, with new partnerships on board and the focus on employer engagement, and an increase in work experience opportunities. Bring on 2023!



PROGRAMME FUTURE VOICE



Future Voice has been running across two schools in 2022, reaching over 400 students in Years 11, 12 and 13. It is a comprehensive, student designed careers and personal development package which seeks to improve quality of life while at school, and prepare for life after. We've supported students to

make an informed decision between higher education, apprenticeship, or immediate employment through weekly one-on-one mentoring alongside soft skills workshops, careers fairs, industry workshops/visits, work experience courses, enrichment activities and tailored support with applications.



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“If it wasn’t for Matt and Tiffany, I can confidently say I would not be where I am now. I’ve been given many opportunities from exploring a university... all the way to being accepted for one of the most prestigious offers of work experience in the country.”

P R O G R A M M E
SUMMER CAMP 2022

This year, we teamed up with the Syria Summer Camp in Newman Catholic College to provide for more than thirty young people aged 10 to 15. The camp is deeply embedded in local communities, with over 80 disadvantaged, recently arrived or refugee attendees aged between 4 and 18. Our collaboration ensured we were reaching the young people who needed our services most while still offering a jam-packed programme of activities. We mixed museums with sightseeing and exciting attractions all based in or around London to help improve participants confidence, social skills and knowledge whilst having a great time with their friends.



T E S T I M O N I A L S

“The best trip was the London Dungeons because it was so scary, and we all had so much fun”

“I really liked London Zoo and the animals. I want to go back and see more. I like nature a lot”

“I loved the Science Museum because I got to see a big meteor. I really want to help the world one day”

P R O G R A M M E
YOUTH AMBASSADORS



Our new Youth Ambassadors programme began in September this year, offering thirty young people a space to meet other young people in the community whilst building soft skills, supporting mental health and wellbeing and meeting local employers. At monthly meetings, young people meet and share a hot, healthy meal from a local restaurant and engage in activities to develop knowledge and skills. In between sessions young people plan and execute relevant projects at each of their schools. All projects come from the interests of the students and are planned and executed by the students with the support of our team. The first major project took place in December 2022 at Alperton Community School, taking the form of a charity Christmas Fair, raising over £700 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

PROGRAMME

ZENOBIA SCHOLARS



Zenobia Scholars supports young women by: improving grades; offering academic and emotional support; offering UCAS and finance application support; developing language, public speaking and communication skills through workshops; developing research skills; developing an understanding of self-care, wellbeing and resilience; offering networking opportunities with universities and employers; giving access to cultural capital; providing a safe space to meet like-minded young women.

This year, Zenobia Scholars has been operating across two schools in Brent – The Crest Academy and Newman Catholic College – to help a group of thirty young women secure their next steps. As a result of Zenobia Scholars, participants see improved attainment of places at university, improved spoken and written English language skills, improved soft skills such as confidence and communication, improved academic attainment and improved emotional resilience and self-regulation.

The current cohort of Zenobia Scholars have been engaging through a variety of workshops and are currently working towards designing and organising a charity fashion show taking place in 2023 at The Crest Academy.

When we first designed Zenobia Scholars, we found:

95% of young women felt they needed help with UCAS

90% of young women were worried about achieving the grades for university



STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

Miss, I am where I am today because of you. Some people did not believe I could do it. I also felt like I could not do it. But now look at me! I am so proud of myself, and I thank God every day for bringing you to me. You have changed my life.

More detailed reporting on programmes and events throughout 2022 is available on our website: www.theuscharitabletrust.org