



Enact Annual Report 2024-2025
Enfield Island Youth Community Trust
(EIYCT)
Presented locally as 'enact community'





A word from enacts co-chairs

Enfield Island Youth and Community Trust, known locally as enact continued to provide a huge range of services for children and young people during 2024-2025.

There have been a number of changes in the enact team this year. In December Gary Walker, founder of EIYCT stepped down as Chairman after 15 years' service and support. Since inception, Gary has provided enact with leadership, vision and support and he will be greatly missed by the team and Trustees. The Trustees would like to thank Gary for all he has done to create the top-quality youth service we have today.

Another of our Trustees, Doreen Willis also stepped down this year. Doreen too has been involved with enact since the beginning. She will also be much missed and the Trustees appreciate all she has done for enact over the years.

Michelle Kyprianou who had served as Finance and Administration Assistant also stepped down after 15 years and the Trustees are most grateful for her solid support. Lauren Morgan has taken over this role and has integrated into the enact team seamlessly.

We were delighted to welcome TN Giridhar to our team of Trustees. Giridhar has a wealth of experience in the financial sector and a significant track record of philanthropic projects both the UK and internationally.

Manju Jnagal has led the team with vision, energy and commitment, we are grateful for her sterling work delivering another successful year of activities.

We have consulted with families in the locality and have made several refinements to our services to meet local needs. As a result, we have seen an expansion in our services to support families and their children and young people in the area, in recognition of the importance of home life on children's outcomes. This has been provided in the form of coffee mornings and health and wellbeing initiatives. We have also refined our provision for Kids Club, focusing on the transitional years when entering secondary school.

Expansion of our Young Leaders programme has been a major achievement this year. Developing young people through training and mentoring has resulted in increased confidence and leadership by example to the younger members of enact.

Appointment of an Adult Volunteer Co-ordinator has been a success; we now have 22 adult volunteers whom we support with training in safeguarding, first aid and leadership skills. They are a vital part of the team and many activities would not be possible without them.

Enact provided the trip of a lifetime to New York for a group of Senior Young Leaders, delivered in partnership with Hackney Account and funded by EBT/Metaswitch. The trip was a highlight of the year with the group taking in the sights and participating in cultural activities. The young people returned with renewed energy and commitment to enact.

Community lies at the heart of enact and we are proud of the strong ties we have developed, partnering with Hackney Account, NHS, Edmonton Eagles, Empire Gymnastics, Doodle Enfield, and Pinhole London to deliver a wide range of activities including photography, sports, cooking, CV writing and boxing. Our relationship with Oasis remains strong. Thanks are due to Sam Ellis from Oasis for her support throughout the year.

Funding has been provided by the RSA Trust, National Lottery and EBT/Metaswitch grants. We are most grateful to our funders. During 2025-2026 we will be applying for another multi-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund as well as seeking to diversify our income through applying for additional grant sources.

The Trustees are grateful for the commitment and contribution of all who have supported enact throughout the year, including our staff, volunteers, advisors, and partners. Their dedication has enabled us to continue delivering high-quality services that meet the needs of children, young people and families in our community. The Trustees remain fully committed to building on these achievements, strengthening our partnerships, and ensuring that enact continues to provide sustainable and impactful support in the year ahead.

Dr Hani Armstrong and Rebecca Sycamore

Co-Chairs

Our Board of Trustees as at June 2024 is as follows:

Graham Jimpson: Trustee – since 2017

Rebecca Sycamore - since 2023

Gary Armstrong – since 2024

Hani Armstrong – since 2024

Harry Rashid – since 2024

TN Giridhar – Since 2025

Plus, board members

Sam Ellis: Advisor representing Oasis Hub Hadley and Oasis Hub Enfield Lock

Lauren Morgan: EIYCT Finance Administrator – since 2024

Trustees can be reached c/o Unit 12, Island Centre Way, RSA Island Centre, Enfield, EN3 6GS.

enact is the community brand name of 'Enfield Island Youth & Community Trust' EIYCT. EIYCT is a Registered Charity, Number 1109131.

EIYCT is a Company Limited by Guarantee, number 04754171

Charitable Objects: EIYCT is a charitable trust with the object of providing facilities for recreation or informal learning in the interests of individual development, social welfare and community cohesion.

We seek to '**encourage**', improving aspiration, self-esteem and confidence in individual potential. Participants '**engage**' in discovering and exploring new opportunities to decrease inequality and increase future life opportunity. We seek to increase a sense of community, to '**enjoy**' being included and treated equally. We '**enhance**' by improving active participation and volunteering, thereby strengthening support networks and improving interdependent community relationships. We therefore seek to '**become the very best versions of ourselves**'.





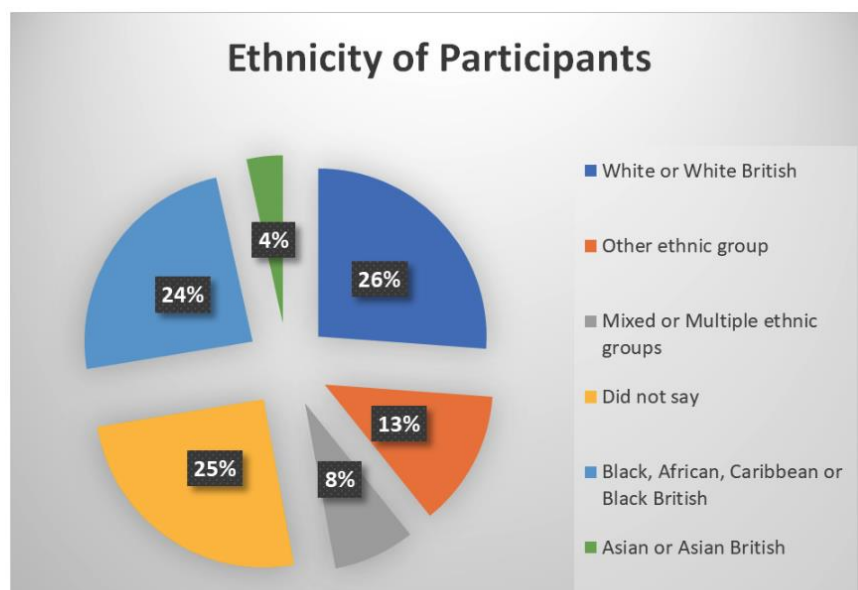
The community of Enfield Island Village and Enfield Lock is made up of a wonderfully diverse group of individuals with different ethnicities, cultures, faiths, and experiences. At Enact, we value this diversity and believe in the power of people coming together to share, learn, and grow. Our aim is to create spaces where everyone feels welcome and included. By providing age-appropriate, non-judgmental groups and activities that are led by the community, we help to break down barriers and build a shared vision of a strong, thriving neighbourhood.

This year has been about listening to our community, responding to their needs, and creating opportunities for growth, friendships, and connection.

Challenges in Enfield

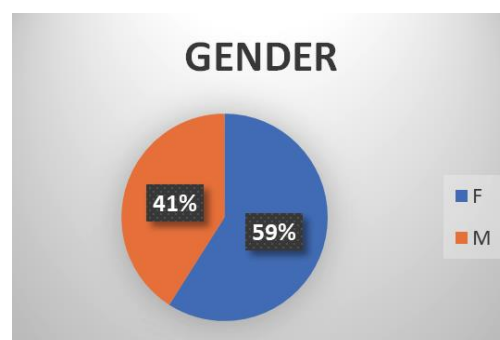
The local area continues to face significant challenges, many of which are above the London average (sources: Enfield Council *Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2024*, ONS, and London Datastore, 2023–2024):

- 35% of children live in poverty (after housing costs).
- 21.4% of working-age residents earn below a living wage.
- Over 3,200 households are in temporary accommodation — one of the highest rates in London.
- 1,200 households have been in temporary accommodation for five years or more.
- 3.53 evictions or repossessions per 1,000 households, higher than the London average.
- 20.5% of residents claim out-of-work benefits.
- GCSE attainment remains below the London average.
- Many families struggle to access affordable activities for children and young people.



These challenges highlight why Enacts work is so vital, creating safe spaces, reducing isolation, and providing opportunities for families and young people to thrive.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SESSIONS	308
UNIQUE ATTENDEES	344.00
AGGREGATE ATTENDEES	4139
HOURS OF DELIVERY	744.56



Our Year at a Glance – 2023–2024

This year has been about growth, listening, and laying strong foundations for the future. With the support of our funders, partners, volunteers, and the wider community, we have been able to:

- Provide safe, welcoming spaces for young people aged 10–19, with youth-led sessions focusing on wellbeing, leadership, and personal growth.
- Develop our Kids Club provision, creating an environment where children can build confidence, make friends, and feel supported. Through this, we identified the need to focus more on transitions, supporting children as they move from Kids Club into youth sessions and ensuring activities are age-appropriate and meaningful.
- Strengthen our Young Leaders programme, offering structured training, mentoring, and opportunities for young leaders to take on more responsibility and act as positive role models for younger children.
- Support families and parents, expanding coffee mornings and introducing wellbeing initiatives based on feedback gathered through community consultations.
- Celebrate diversity and build connections, hosting Culture Days, family events, and residential trips that bring people together across generations and cultures.
- Grow our volunteer base, providing training and supervision so adult volunteers and young leaders feel confident, valued, and equipped to make a real difference.
- Work alongside trusted partners, including the NHS, Pinhole London, Hackney Account, Empire Gymnastics, Enfield Council, and others, to deliver specialist projects and broaden our reach. These partnerships are vital to our work. As we move forward, we will continue to nurture and sustain these relationships, ensuring long-term collaboration and shared learning so we can offer even more to our community.

“Enact has been a lifeline. It’s somewhere to go, to connect, and to feel part of something positive,



for both our children and us as parents.”

— Parent at a Kids Club family session



Youth Projects (Ages 10–19)

Our youth programme provides a safe, welcoming space for young people to learn, grow, and connect, supported by trained youth workers and adult volunteers.

This year, we focused on:

- Developing Senior and Junior Young Leaders as positive role models within Kids Club and youth sessions.
- Strengthening partnerships with Hackney Account, NHS, Edmonton Eagles, Empire Gymnastics, Doodle Enfield, and Pinhole London.
- Life skills training, including cooking, CV workshops, and practical independence skills.
- Sports and fitness, through weekly boxing, gymnastics, and our Run Club.
- Creative arts, offering meaningful ways for young people to express themselves.
- Mental health support, with youth-led discussions and NHS collaboration.



Our partnerships have been crucial in offering a varied and dynamic programme. Edmonton Eagles run weekly boxing sessions, with our leaderboard challenge boosting motivation and teamwork. This year's top achievers were awarded bespoke skates, recognising their dedication and growth.

Working with Pinhole London, Senior Young Leaders produced *Enfield's Forgotten Island*, a photography project exploring local history. Their work was published and exhibited at the Dugdale Museum a proud moment for both the young people and the wider community.

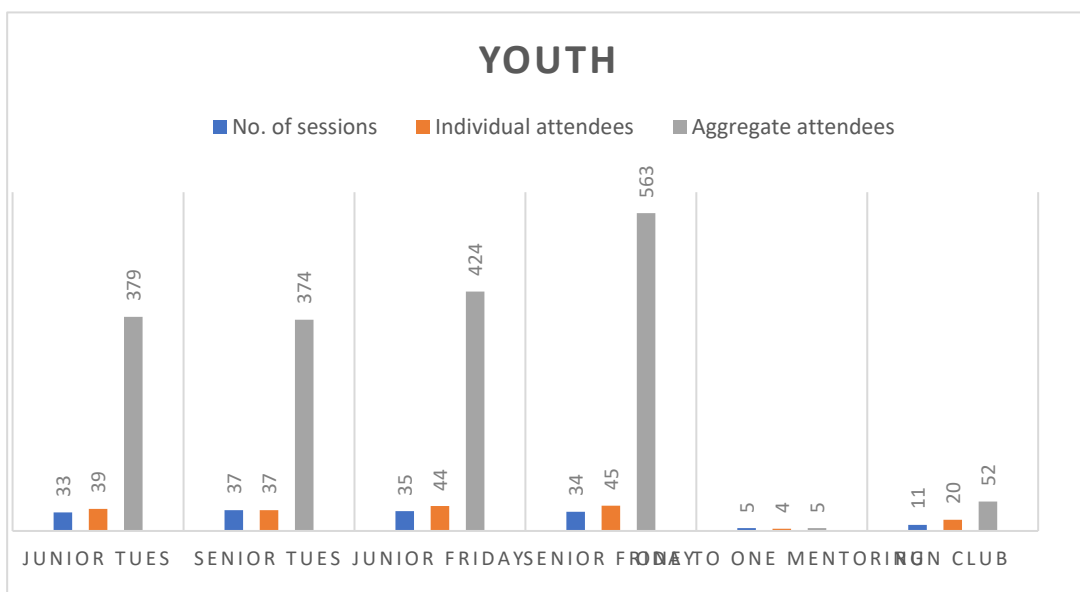
Trips and residentials included water sports at Lee Valley, go-karting, beach days, and 2 nights overnight residential at the Isle of Wight for 30 YP in Summer 2024 and then 25 young leaders attended a 2-night residential in Feb 2024, all designed to help young people challenge themselves, build resilience, and create lasting memories.

International Leadership Trip New York

One of this year's biggest highlights was taking a group of Senior Young Leaders to New York, in partnership with Hackney Account and funded by EBT Metaswitch.

This trip provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our young leaders, encouraging them to step outside their comfort zones, develop independence, and build leadership skills in a completely new environment. They explored new cultures, engaged in team challenges, and reflected on their own growth. For many, it was their first time travelling abroad without family, a huge milestone in confidence and maturity.

The New York trip has had a lasting impact, with young leaders returning inspired and ready to give back to their community, bringing fresh ideas and renewed energy to their roles at Enact.



Children and Families Projects

This year, our Children and Families Project has continued to be a space where friendships grow, laughter is shared, and the community

comes alive. Parents have gathered over cups of tea and food, swapping stories, ideas, and encouragement, while children play, learn, and discover in a safe, nurturing environment filled with creativity and care.

From lively community gatherings that promote cohesion to welcoming parent sessions designed just for them, we've seen new connections form and old ones strengthen. Together, we've created more than just activities we've nurtured a community where families feel supported, valued, and at home.

Kids Club (Ages 4–11)

Our Kid's Club has been buzzing with energy and excitement every Thursday after school. Children aged 4–11 arrive eager to share their day, make friends, and dive into a mix of activities. From creative arts and active games to homework help, life skills, and even mini science experiments.

This year, we introduced family sessions, giving parents the chance to join their children in fun and learning. These sessions covered important topics like internet safety, wellbeing, and positive communication. Parents shared how much they valued being part of their child's experience and building stronger connections with the team and other families.

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We enjoy having something local for children, which also supports their



development in many ways. We also like that we get to know more people in our community.”
– Parent Feedback

Family Allotment Project

Our Family Allotment has been a place of growth in every sense. Families have planted seeds, nurtured their crops, and celebrated the joy of seeing them flourish. Alongside gardening, they've enjoyed fresh air, healthy food, and quality family time, while learning about sustainability and the environment.



Community Coffee Mornings

Our monthly coffee mornings have become a much-loved part of community life. They offer parents a space to connect, share experiences, and access support, all while enjoying delicious food and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Listening to parent feedback, we've expanded these mornings during school holidays, making them accessible to working parents and creating vibrant, lively sessions where whole families can come together.

“Enact is a wonderful place that brings people from different cultures together. I enjoy the coffee mornings which are warm and welcoming. My children love coming to Enact projects to have fun, learn, and play.” – Parent Feedback



Community Events

Community events are at the heart of what we do, bringing people of all ages and backgrounds together. This year's highlights included:

- Summer celebration with music, food, and games, trips to the beach.
- Cultural exchange days where families shared food, stories, and traditions.
- Christmas party, co-led by young leaders and volunteers, featuring performances and stalls.

These events break down barriers, celebrate diversity, and challenge negative stereotypes, showing the strength and vibrancy of our community.

Volunteers and Young Leaders

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our work. This year, we introduced a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator, transforming how we recruit, train, and support our team.

- 22 volunteers contributed over 117 hours, supporting everything from youth sessions to coffee mornings.
- Volunteers received training in first aid, safeguarding, and leadership skills.
- A new volunteer recruitment video is being created to inspire more local people to get involved.



Thanks to this support, volunteers now feel more valued and empowered, playing a crucial role in creating a thriving, connected community.

“Enact has given me the confidence to try new things and the support to feel part of my community.” – Volunteer Feedback



RSA Trust
Our long-term core funder, the RSA Trust, is the charitable arm of the RSA Island Centre.
All profit from the business park is transferred to the RSA Trust for distribution to good causes across Enfield and the wider area.
They fund projects ranging from Enact's community work, to supporting a local hospice, to helping local people start their own businesses. They also support a local boxing charity that provides activities at Enact youth provisions.

