**Youth engagement- one-page summary**

Collated from: OAPF consultation 2019; WSF youth meeting 2020;LBN Youth Assembly 2020. Related links [here](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uQUeVeOvS4EHpRaCYuSvkwIjGK-K_MRJ).

**Cross-cutting themes**

* Want to see more opportunities to take part particularly in regeneration.
* Would like to see more focussed engagement and participation on something local, specific and relevant to young people in the area. Better promotion wanted.
* Would like to have a greater sense of community but due to a lack of activity and things to do, they travel outside of the area to socialise.
* Stratford Westfield Shopping Centre most popular place for young people- open space, free of charge with seating, shelter, lights, safety and don’t feel stereotyped as a youth “gang”.

**Culture and Activation**

* Want to see a lot more sports including inclusive, affordable gyms, basketball courts in housing estates.
* Local youth and sports facilities highly valued for cultural activities.
* Passionate about music and dance, taking advantage of facilities in youth centres. Showcase events occur once a year, but could grow.
* Boats could be used as spaces for creative and youth activities.
* Increase number of indoor and outdoor activities.

**Development & Placemaking**

* Safety is largest priority especially Beckton, Canning Town & North Woolwich due to knife crime.
* Lighting and colours seen as important within open spaces at night.
* More pedestrian friendly walking routes, segregated cycle lanes, wayfinding for young people.
* Youth enjoy the beach in Royal Victoria and the atmosphere at the Crystal.
* Transport & connectivity needs improving and buses relied on due to unaffordability.
* Need for schools, many travel outside of area.
* Value their environment and prioritise- clean air and access to clean, quality green spaces and nature. Concerns with airport impact on communities.
* Feel that certain areas are industrial and grey with no wildlife or birds.
* Some spaces are not inclusive. E.g. Don't feel comfortable in Royal Wharf area- all professionals.
* Many people being squeezed into high rises leading to micro-communities/ lack of integration.
* New developments reduces access to important places such as Thames Barrier Park.
* Free public access wifi for social networks and education.

**Economy**

* Top priority- good education, training opportunities, affordable homes, good jobs.
* Want to see businesses engaging and supporting local communities and initiatives.
* Positive about some events at Excel such as careers event.
* More places to build, develop and nurture talents.
* Increase educational facilities, including libraries and spaces with IT equipment.