

WHAT IS myplace?

myplace is a multi-million pound government programme to deliver world class places for young people to go...

This £270 million programme aims to create world class youth facilities across England, including some of the most disadvantaged areas across the country. The programme provides capital grants of between £1 million and £5 million, which could help build a facility for young people in your area.

The Government knows that giving young people access to positive activities is an important tool in helping communities tackle antisocial behaviour, as well as helping young people to engage in their communities.

Delivered by the Big Lottery Fund, myplace will invest over the next three years in ambitious projects driven by the participation of young people.

Funded projects must be able to deliver all the following outcomes:

- More young people have safe and exciting places to go;
- More young people participate in positive leisure time activities;
- More young people have access to information, advice and support services; and
- Stronger partnership working plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable facilities.

The Big Lottery Fund is delivering myplace on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

"Young people need exciting places where they can just be themselves and safe places where they can access support and grasp opportunity. Places where we can offer positive challenges. Places that say 'you are important, we care.'"

Sir Steve Redgrave, myplace Support Team Ambassador

Why Sydenham?

- Previous youth centre on site had improved outcomes for young people, but closed since 2009 due to disrepair
- Needs analysis also identified Sydenham as key area for additional provision
- Meet local and national priorities for young people and the community
- New centre to become hub for South of Borough as part of Lewisham Youth Support Services quadrant based delivery

Old site

Internal view of existing hall



View of existing youth centre from walk park road



Problems have meant that it can no longer be used without significant remedial work, and it is now standing empty



Lewisham's Myplace Youth Venue: The New Generation Centre (TNG)



- Applied in 2009 to develop a £3.75m world-class youth and community venue
- three floors of industry standard facilities incl. a Multi-use Games area, Café, training kitchen and music studio.
- universal and targeted provision for young people aged 13-19, and up to 25 with disabilities

- Partners include Millwall Community Scheme, Rio Ferdinand Foundation, Lewisham College, Lewisham Police, Lewisham PCT
- 7 days a week, 10am-10pm Monday – Saturday, 10am to 5pm on Sundays
- wraparound programme for young people around 5 themes:
 1. Things to do/ Places to be e.g. football, dance,
 2. Information, advice and guidance
 3. Social Enterprise/Pathways to employment, education and training
 4. Third sector delivery
 5. Targeted provision/outreach

Young People's Involvement

Myplace Ethos: Young people, and the community, will be at the forefront of all aspects of the project – from the planning stages through to the management and operation of the finished facility.

Logo competition –
presentation at People's Day



Design



- Active TNG Young People's steering group
- Visits to other sites
- Consultation
- Design
- Workshops
- Logo Competition
- Name
- Media e.g. filming, photos

Community/Stakeholder Participation

Community also important to Centre's purpose



Participation has included:

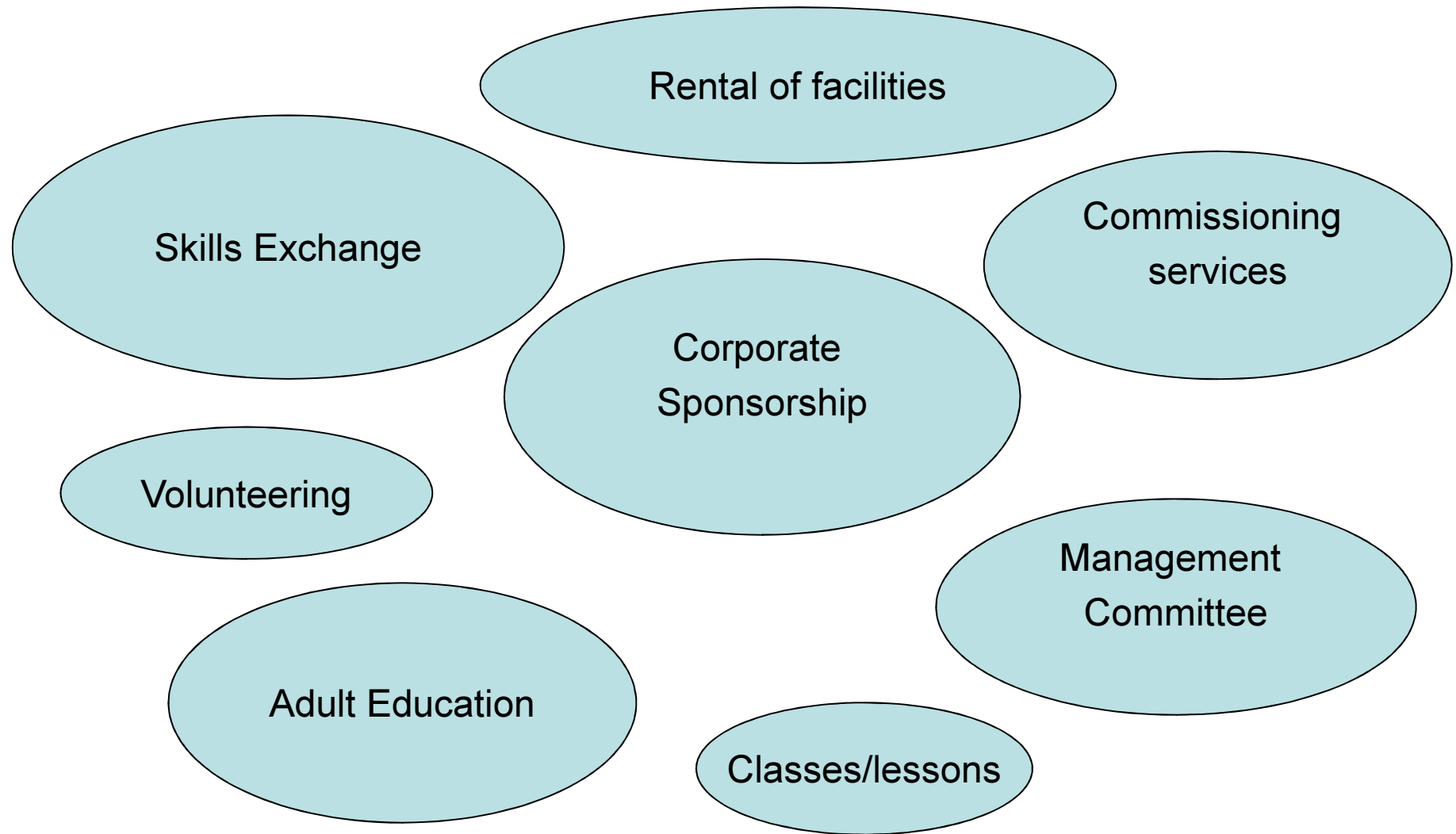
- open day chaired by Voluntary Action Lewisham and representatives from 10 organisations
- Presentations at the local assemblies

- Consultation with local Sydenham residents e.g a London & Quadrant Housing (L&Q) open day,
- community consultation event on the site, in 2010
- visits by local residents, stakeholders, local councillors, and young people, to Myplace-funded projects including the Sutton Life Centre
- Consultation/presentations of designs at Lewisham's People's Day
- People's champion nominated – local resident, Andrea Chaney

Design of building

2 slides on design for RCKA and Jo
– have them already

Opportunities for all



Key contacts

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