

MOPAC News - August 2018



Mayoral investment in youth services beginning to make its mark

Huge efforts continue at MOPAC and across the GLA to get money from the Mayor's Community Seed Fund and the Young Londoners Fund out and put to work in London's communities, alongside other support to partners and to parents.

On 20th July, the Mayor visited one of the projects boosted by this funding. [Hackney Wick FC's](#) Street Tekkers programme has received £10,000 from the Young Londoners Fund in support of their work using football to engage young people involved in gang life, at risk of involvement or at risk of victimisation, and to encourage young people from different areas to look beyond their postcodes and enjoy sport together.

On 31st July, the Mayor visited another City Hall-funded project at Gladesmore School in South Tottenham. Their [Stepping Stones](#) programme supports vulnerable pupils from deprived or disadvantaged backgrounds

at highest risk of disengaging with education at the transitional point between primary and secondary education, providing summer activities, mentoring, career advice, skills development and engagement with parents. Such has been the effectiveness of this programme, the Mayor has pledged £750,000 to enable fifteen schools around London to roll out the same programme in time for the summer holidays and to run it for two years – reaching around 2,100 vulnerable young people.

[A detailed prospectus and advice on bidding to the Young Londoners Fund is available on the GLA website](#)

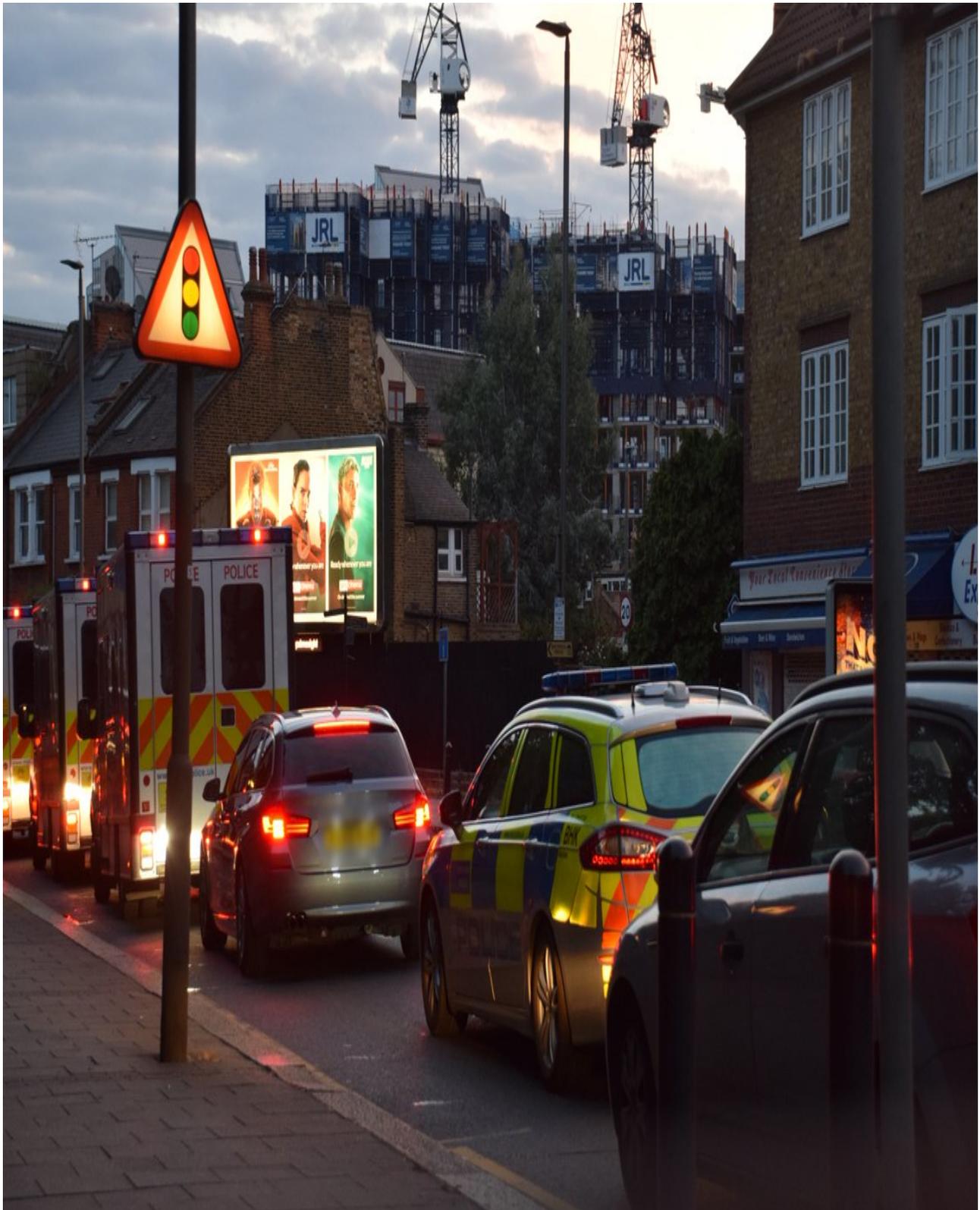


New interactive map launched to make it easier to find fun, free activities for young people

Alongside the significantly increased investment from the Mayor in projects providing positive activities for young Londoners, we have launched a new interactive map for young people and parents to find out what's on near them, and to enable organisations and groups planning activities to advertise free of charge.

[The map](#) features more than 200 activities – including a number funded by the Mayor - across the capital, and including the 10 boroughs most affected by knife and violent crime.

While the map was launched to coincide with the long school summer holidays, the Mayor wants this to be a year-round resource for Londoners. We are keen to encourage our partners to not only share this map with their communities, but also to encourage groups in your area who are planning positive activities for young people to list them on the site.



Violent Crime Task Force continues crackdown on serious violence and drug dealing

The Met's Violent Crime Task Force, funded by £15m investment from City Hall, continues to bear down on the most serious offenders in London, using all of the tactics and tools at the Met's disposal. Between 1st April and 27th July, the 150-strong Task Force has made 575 arrests and seized 131 knives, 13 firearms and 112 other offensive weapons.

In addition, so far in 2018, the Met's Trident & Area Crime Command has: made 271 arrests; charged 215; taken 119 firearms and more than 9,600 rounds of ammunition off the streets; seized 78kg of Class A drugs; and confiscated more than £980,000 proceeds of crime.

[Visit our website for the latest on the work ongoing to tackle violence in London.](#)

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