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MISSION STATEMENT

The London Youth Trust (LYT), originally The WH Smith Memorial Hall formed in 1909, was constituted under charitable status in 1988. The Trust exists to *“provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for education, recreation or other leisure time occupation of persons resident in Greater London who have need of such facilities by reason of their poverty or social and economic circumstances, with the object of improving the conditions of life for such persons.”*

That mission is translated by the Board of Trustees into the granting of funds for citizenship training and the development of young people and their leaders. Additionally, the Board has recently refined the Trust’s major objectives by introducing a new strategy of the following three distinct levels of targeted grants to support the development of young people in London:

Bursaries: Individual Bursaries up to a maximum of £500 to enable young people working through a recognised club or agency to undertake an accredited leadership or citizenship award to “put something back” into their club or local community.

Scholarships: Scholarships up to a maximum of £1,000 to enable existing young adult leaders, sponsored by a recognised youth organisation, to undertake an accredited leadership or instructor qualification to increase their personal effectiveness.

Fellowships: Fellowships up to a maximum of £2,000 to allow existing adult leaders, sponsored by a recognised youth agency, to undertake formal research or investigation into a youthwork related area to increase effectiveness of delivery or resource provision. The research will be published in appropriate journals.

A unique factor of the LYT grants is that all administrative costs are covered by the Trust’s investment income and, thus, 100% of all sponsorship or fundraising goes directly to young people.

The consideration of applications, and the awarding of Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships is undertaken by a Grants and Awards Advisory Committee. This Committee, whose membership reflects the diversity of communities across the capital, including representation from young people, meets quarterly (on the morning of Trustees’ Meetings) to consider all applications, short list them and recommend Awards to the Trustees.

HRH The Princess Royal has graciously consented to become Royal Patron of The London Youth Trust. Patrons are HE Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, The Baroness Turner of Camden and Mark Field, MP. The Trust’s President is Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter and the Chairman is Dr Nicholas Gair.