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Youth mayor project appeal

LAMBETH'S new Youth Mayor took up his post earlier in the year following an election that saw thousands of the borough's young people cast a vote.

Now Darren Tenkorang is calling on young people to get involved again by taking advantage of a £25,000 fund. The Youth Mayor's Fund is a chance for young people to get significant financial help to set up a project that will improve the borough.

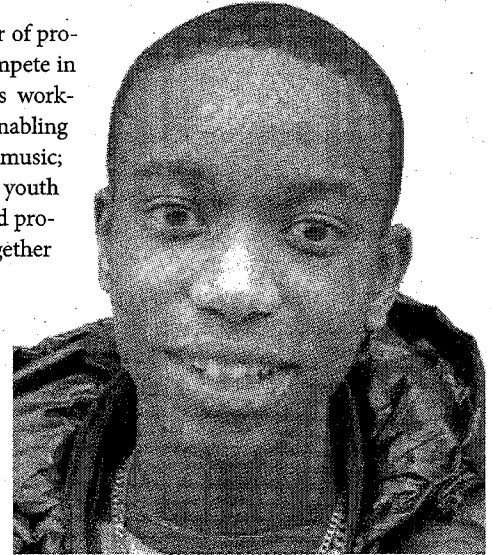
Anyone between the ages of 13 and 19 and who lives, works or studies in the borough is able to apply for a grant from the fund, with a maximum of £6,000 available.

Darren said: "Whether your idea is to set up an arts project on your local estate, a sports club in your local park, a multi-media workshop in your local youth club, or organise trips for your school or college - I want to hear about it.

"Last year, the grant was used to fund a number of projects; a rowing club for young people hoping to compete in this year's London Youth Games; performing arts workshops for a Clapham youth group; a video project enabling young people to write, perform and edit their own music; plus sports, stage and multi-media equipment for a youth club in Brixton. This year, I particularly want to find projects that help unite the community, and bring together young people from different areas who wouldn't normally meet."

The fund is managed by Darren and members of Lambeth Youth Council and Darren says it is a chance for young people to take charge of a project and make positive changes to the places they live. Darren added: "I want to help destroy the stereotype of youth, and show that we're not all rebellious teenagers wearing black hoods and causing trouble. And I want to help young people gain qualifications that will help them be more successful in later life."

To apply for a grant visit www.youthmayor



Lambeth Youth Mayor Darren Tenkorang.

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