

# IMPACT REPORT 2025



# FIGHT FOR PEACE

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“If you’ve got a dream that you want to chase, keep chasing it. Don’t worry about what anybody else says. Just keep believing in yourself, believe that you can attain those dreams. Even on days where it’s tough – get up and go again. That’s what I think Fight for Peace, as well as martial arts in general, has instilled in me. It’s that discipline to push through when things get hard, knowing that’s what will bring the results you want.”

**JAWANY SCOTT**  
FIGHT FOR PEACE AMBASSADOR,  
FORMER MEMBER AND  
PROFESSIONAL MMA ATHLETE

# OPENING BELL

“Sport has always been our foundation – the hook that brings young people through our doors. It acts as a stepping stone for young people to manage their wellbeing, build autonomy, and gain the confidence to shape their own futures.

Our work is rooted in Newham, a diverse, vibrant and young community that faces significant socio-economic inequalities – 69% of the young people we support live in the most deprived areas of the country. Being embedded in this community allows us to make a tangible difference to the lives of young people throughout the borough.

We are now taking that impact even further. Our expertise is built on over 25 years of experience, and in 2025, we focused on uniting the movement by sharing this knowledge across the sport for development sector.

However, we believe that to tackle national inequality, the sector must work as one. Our Life Champions course has made huge moves in this direction, catapulting our impact into the areas of greatest national need. The course teaches coaches to build life skills in young people, to be more inclusive, and to tackle inequalities. Over 70% of the coaches that enrolled in our Life Champions course this year are based in UK regions identified as having the highest levels of physical inactivity.

While the Sport England Active Lives Survey highlights where the gaps are, our networks are actively filling them. From the Newham Youth Partnership, which strengthens our local roots every week, to our steadfast Alliance network of partners across the UK, we are building a united front. As a Sport England Systems partner, collectively, we worked with 140 organisations in 2025. Together, we are ensuring that no matter where a young person lives, they have access to the support and opportunity they deserve – to be a champion in the ring and in life.”

**LEE HEMMINGS**  
CEO, FIGHT FOR PEACE



# H I G H L I G H T S

## ACADEMY

**1,363** young members attended our Academy

**20,515** total number of attendances

**228** young people supported into achieving employment, education and/or long-term opportunities

**108** personalised one-to-one sessions delivered on career planning and job preparation

**135%** increase in number of competitors competing for Fight for Peace compared to 2024

**44** Youth Leadership positions held by young members

**90%** of young members feel safe at Fight for Peace

**82%** of young members feel they belong at Fight for Peace

## REACH AND IMPACT

**8,800** young people reached through strengthened coaching from the Life Champions course

**340** coaches enrolled in the Life Champions course across sports clubs, and national governing bodies in an array of sports

**372** CPD points awarded to Life Champions coaches, supporting professional development across the workforce

**73.8%** of coaches enrolled in Life Champions are based in regions identified as having high inactivity levels

**90.3%** of coaches reported feeling confident in providing additional support to young people beyond sports

**SPORTS REACHED** through Life Champions include football, karate, ice hockey, judo, yoga, wrestling, basketball, gymnastics, and boxing

**112** organisations united through our Alliance and Collective networks

**£68,740** won by supporting bids for Collective small grassroots organisations



## REACHING THOSE WHO FACE THE GREATEST BARRIERS

Fight for Peace seeks to support young people with the highest needs, who face systemic barriers or whose potential is often overlooked. Compared with the local authority and the national population, Fight for Peace engages a significantly higher proportion of young people from neighbourhoods most affected by inequality<sup>1</sup>, that are also part of Global Majority<sup>2</sup> communities. This reflects our focus to work with communities in Newham that face barriers to participation and opportunity.

Indicators	Young Members at the Fight for Peace Academy	Local Authority in Newham (General Population)
Affected by High Levels of Inequality	69%	50%
Global Majority	79%	69%

1. The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) measures factors like income, employment, health, and crime to class areas. In the UK, roughly 30% of the population lives in the three most deprived deciles (1-3).

2. Global Majority is a collective reference for individuals from Black, Asian, Brown, Mixed-heritage or indigenous to the global south. This makes up 17% of the population in England



# THEORY OF CHANGE

## MISSION

Fight for Peace uses boxing and martial arts, combined with education and personal development to realise the potential of young people in communities affected by crime and violence.

Our Theory of Change illustrates the impact we aim to have via our three strategic areas of operation – Academy, Alliance and Collectives.

## INPUTS

**FINANCE:** £2m annual budget

**TRUSTEE BOARD:** Sharing broad knowledge and experience, influencing policies and guiding all operational matters

**TEAM:** Dedicated, values led youth workers, coaches, operational specialists and volunteers

**ENVIRONMENT:** A safe and inspiring environment for young people to be supported and excel

**RELATIONSHIPS:** A network of trusted partners and peers

**REPUTATION:** Well-known and well respected

**VALUES:** Our values of Embracing, Solidarity, Champion, Inspiring and Courage guide everything we do

## TARGET GROUPS



### ACADEMY:

We directly support young people from our London Academy through our Five Pillars methodology

## ACTIVITIES

### OUR FIVE PILLARS:

- 1 Combat sports combined with personal development
- 2 Support services for young people and their families
- 3 Education
- 4 Employability support
- 5 Youth leadership

## OUTCOMES

**Wellbeing:** improved physical and mental wellbeing

**Sporting achievements:** inspired athletes who reach their personal peak and excel in sporting disciplines

**Education and Employability:** growth in knowledge, attitudes and skills; progressions into employment or education

**Empowerment:** increased autonomy, identity, confidence, self-esteem and aspirations

**Social inclusion:** positive social relationships; participation; accessibility and sense of belonging irrespective of identity or background

**Protection:** resilience, safety and protection against violence



### ALLIANCE\*:

We use learning from our Academies to train and support other community-based organisations

- Partner recruitment
- Training
- Consultancy support
- Open-source sharing of knowledge and expertise
- Platforms and processes for collaboration
- Grant making and joint fundraising
- Network coordination

**Capacity:** improved capacity & capability (organisational & financial) throughout our network

**Knowledge:** improved knowledge of effective methodologies for youth development

**Network:** increased network and collaboration locally, nationally and internationally

**Status:** a truly respected global sport for development movement, with the highest standards

**Funding:** through collaborative Alliance work or as a result of improved status



### COLLECTIVES:

We use our collective impact methodology to integrate multiple community services and actors in support of young people

- Joint programme delivery
- Network coordination
- Knowledge and information sharing
- Referrals
- Grant making and joint fundraising
- Training
- Consultancy support
- Collaboration with government and law enforcement agencies
- Policy influence

**Integrated services:** improved provision for young people and families

**Influencing change:** young people influencing improvements in the design and delivery of services

**Increased visibility of youth services**

**Improved knowledge and skills:** sharing of knowledge, skills, expertise and resources

**Capacity:** partners access more funding through collaborative bids

\*Support to Alliance partner organisations around the world is provided in partnership with Fight for Peace's sister organisation Luta pela Paz. Fight for Peace and Luta pela Paz share methodology, values and global strategy but are two separate legal entities. Luta pela Paz was founded in 2000 and Fight for Peace International in 2007. Luta pela Paz is a non-profit NGO registered in Brazil (CNPJ 09300383000198), and Fight for Peace International is a UK registered charity (registered charity no. 1137636)

## IMPACT

While becoming the best version of themselves in the sporting context, young people also improve their relationships, their perception of self and others, and their vision for their futures.

# YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME CHAMPIONS IN THE RING AND CHAMPIONS IN LIFE

# IN THE RING: OUR IMPACT



## CREATING SPACE FOR EVERYONE

THEORY OF CHANGE	
<b>TARGET</b>	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Five Pillars</li> <li>– Open-source sharing of knowledge and information</li> </ul>
<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Social inclusion</li> <li>– Wellbeing</li> <li>– Status</li> </ul>

We believe in a society where no one is excluded. Through our Value of ‘Embracing,’ we ensure our services are intentionally inclusive and accessible to all, with a dedicated focus on gender equity and special educational needs.

REACH	
<b>1,363</b>	young members attended our Academy
<b>20,515</b>	total number of attendances at our Academy
	<b>72%</b> rise in young people accessing our SEND sessions since 2022

### ENGAGING WOMEN AND GIRLS

In 2025, we were able to see just how powerful our measures to engage women and girls have been. Since 2022, women and girls’ participation has increased by 66%, as we saw the highest number of women and girls ever welcomed in a single year at Fight for Peace.

2025 also saw women’s retention exceed men’s. On average, women attend 35.7% more often than men, demonstrating that once women and girls join Fight for Peace, they are more likely to stay active and committed.

The graph below demonstrates how women and girls respond when tailored services are offered to them. The strands in 2020, 2022, 2024, and 2025 indicate when additional women-only sessions were added at our Academy.

Our rising attendance in women and girls is also attributed to the diversity of our workforce. In 2025, we grew our coaching staff to nine women, and with women representing 71% of our leadership team and 63% of our full-time team, we are modelling leadership at every level.

Alongside this, we added more practical provisions (sanitary products), and adopted more inclusive language across our communications – embodying a wrap-around approach ensuring barriers to women and girls’ participation are addressed in every aspect of our work.

TOTAL ATTENDANCES OF WOMEN



## INCLUSION FOR ALL

True inclusion means ensuring that our gym floor reflects the full diversity of our community, including young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). In 2025, we delivered SEND boxing sessions across 46 weeks of the year, with 33 young people participating regularly. Our coaches also received targeted training to support inclusive delivery, alongside funded physical upgrades to improve accessibility.

One young member shared: "Among other disorders, I have ASD and ADHD and have found the Monday SEND boxing with coaches Tommy and Percy to be very beneficial. All the staff are very welcoming, and the safeguarding team are also very supportive."



## CULTIVATING BELONGING

While removing barriers gets young people through our doors, it is the sense of belonging that keeps them here.



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Man Talk is a space where you feel welcome to talk about just about anything. When it comes to mental health, things haunt people's minds because they've allowed themselves to be trapped. But this is an open space where people can speak about things where otherwise they wouldn't feel safe.

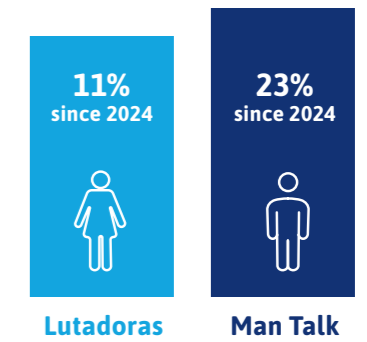
The mentors guide us... they ask deep, profound questions that make you think, 'Who actually am I?' It's so much more than just guys talking; it's a space for your mentality to grow and even heal.

Healing begins when you have a community that makes room for you – room that you might not find in your family or social circles. I believe what Man Talk provides can help fill the hole people are looking for. People often feel isolated even when surrounded by many; but when you are covered by a community, you have a place to start and a place to branch out from."

**Yedidya, Young Member of Man Talk**

Beyond the mats, we engage young men and women in essential personal development through our gender-specific groups, Man Talk and Lutadoras. These safe spaces allow for vulnerability and growth, where young people explore identity and build lasting friendships under the guidance of trusted mentors. By fostering a supportive environment for open discussion, we help our members develop the critical thinking, confidence, and sense of belonging they need to thrive in all areas of life.


Over 2025, we saw an increase in attendance:



In 2025, our members reported:



# THE RISE OF COMPETITIVE ATHLETES

THEORY OF CHANGE	
<b>TARGET</b>	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Combat sports combined with personal development</li> </ul>
<b>OUTCOMES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sporting achievements</li> <li>– Empowerment</li> <li>– Wellbeing</li> </ul>

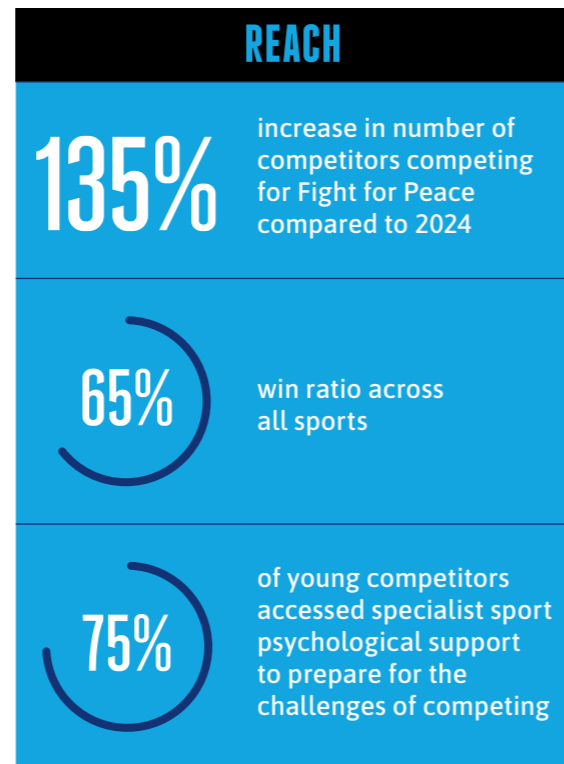
Once inside our walls, young people have the opportunity to progress into competitive combat sports, and over the past two years we have seen the results – with a soaring 135% increase in competitors in 2025.

This sharp uptick in competitors is due to young people feeling empowered to compete, but also having the support available to prepare for the challenges this brings. In 2025, 35 young athletes accessed sports psychological support from JBM Sports Psychology Consultancy which taught athletes about strong pre-fight routines and how to manage the mental health challenges that come with competing.

In 2025, we provided more opportunities for young people to compete, supporting participation in 34 events across the country and within our London Academy.

We also expanded our weekly timetable, introducing additional weekend sessions. In collaboration with the University of East London, we offered a Strength and Conditioning programme to ensure athletes are optimally prepared for competition.

Finally, our athletes' impressive 65.5% win ratio is a direct testament to the calibre of coaching at the Academy. Our coaches don't just teach; they are masters of their sports disciplines.



## 2025 FIGHT FOR PEACE MEMORIAL TROPHIES



### SAM BEZZINA MEMORIAL TROPHY WINNER, ASMAA

Competitive boxer Asmaa was awarded the Sam Bezzina Memorial Trophy for her commitment, leadership and positivity, both in and outside of the gym.



### RICARDO C6 MEMORIAL TROPHY WINNER, MUADH

Competitive muay thai athlete Muadh was awarded the Ricardo C6 Memorial Trophy for his resilience, discipline and generosity in mentoring fellow teammates.



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One thing I wish someone would have told me early in my boxing career is that winning or losing doesn't define you, it's the progress that counts. Even in life in general you can win, lose – it doesn't matter.

Sometimes even in amateur boxing things can happen out of your control, judges can get it wrong, mistakes can be made. Even the judges are learning in amateur boxing. Life is still going to go on, you know?”

Aslam, Boxing Competitor

## IN 2025, OUR TEAM REACHED NEW HEIGHTS IN THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL AND COMPETITIVE CAREERS:



### HEAD MUAY THAI COACH: STAR

Awarded official muay thai organisation's judge and referee badge, and 13th Khan rank with title of Assistant Master.



### HEAD MIXED MARTIAL ARTS COACH: IMRAN

Bronze in the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation World Championships.



### YOUTH MENTOR AND BOXING COACH: ATHENA

Youth Community Champion of the Year award by the Sports and Recreation Alliance.



### BOXING COACH: DYLAN

Won two professional boxing bouts in 2025.

# CHAMPIONING YOUTH VOICE, LEADERSHIP, AND TALENT

Beyond the ring, we empower our members to step into their own authority, transforming the discipline learned in training into the leadership skills needed to shape our Academy and their own lives.

At the Fight for Peace Academy, Youth Leadership is championed by three groups: Youth Power, Future Light, and Young Creatives. These young leaders pave their own paths, represent Fight for Peace in the wider world, and serve as the architects of our organisation's future.

## THEORY OF CHANGE

### TARGET



### ACTIVITIES

– Youth Leadership

### OUTCOMES

- Empowerment
- Education and Employability
- Social inclusion
- Wellbeing
- Influencing change

## YOUTH POWER

**Youth Power** is Fight for Peace's internal leadership group, steering our organisation from a youth perspective. In 2025, 15 members influenced key decision-making by supporting the Income Generation Team with 12 funding grants, sitting on staff interview panels, and leading on immersive events at our Academy. Beyond these milestones, the most significant impact has been the visible growth in participants' empowerment and their ability to work as a team to achieve collective goals.

## FUTURE LIGHT

The Newham Youth Partnership's (NYP) youth leadership group, **Future Light**, represents youth voices across the borough – influencing local services and shaping wider neighbourhood strategy. In 2025, 18 young members delivered a Life Skills workshop to fellow young people and organisations across Newham. Future Light also supported local partners and national organisations to ensure their strategies are grounded in the lived realities of Newham's youth.

In 2025, they worked with **Greater London Authority, The Children's Society, London's Violence Reduction Unit,** and the **Youth Justice Service.**





## YOUNG CREATIVES

The Young Creatives programme brings together talented young people who produce high-quality film, photography and social media content for Fight for Peace’s channels. Young people are supported to lead on creative projects which amplify the importance of authentic, youth-led storytelling within the sector and beyond – inspiring and influencing wider perspectives.

**In 2025, 11 young people accessed paid creative opportunities, gaining hands-on experience supporting the professional growth needed to solidify careers in the arts:**

**‘Creative Careers for Change’:** Young Creatives received funding from **Arts Council England (ACE)** to increase creative opportunities for young people in Newham.

10 Young Creatives planned, delivered and distributed a powerful ‘I Love My Newham ‘Still’ exhibition centred around the Newham community.

A combination of art, film and poetry was exhibited at the **Good Hotel to over 50 attendees**, with five young poets performing original pieces written during several youth-led workshops.

Over 80 young people accessed the exhibition at Newham College.

The project was later commissioned by **Newham Festival of Stories** – a borough-wide celebration highlighting local voices, diverse community narratives, and storytelling for all ages.

**Young Creatives also collaborated with:**

**Iconic Steps** – As part of the ACE project Fight for Peace partnered with media production agency Iconic Steps – with 14 people competing a media development course, enhancing their skills and expertise in the creative industry.

**OPRO Mouthguards** – Fight for Peace partnered with leading mouthguard brand, OPRO to create limited edition dual-branded mouthguards for our competitive teams. Two Young Creatives worked closely with the OPRO team to produce a range of high-quality video and social media content promoting the partnership.



## A YOUTH LEADERSHIP JOURNEY

# TEMMY'S STORY

**At Fight for Peace, young people are given more than a place to train – they are given space to discover who they are. Temmy's journey is a powerful testament to what happens when potential meets opportunity.**

Two years ago Temmy walked into her first sports session, quietly confident but reserved. But within the Academy's safe and supportive environment, something began to shift. Through Judo, boxing and Fighting Fit sessions, she built not only physical strength, but confidence. Through Lutadoras, our women-only personal development group, she found her voice. Through Youth Power and Future Light, she stepped into leadership – and what began in the gym soon expanded way beyond it.

After participating in poetry workshops delivered by local partner YouPress and former team member and rapper Richard Roach (Roachee), Temmy discovered a new outlet for expression. Inspired, she wrote and performed her own original poem at the Arts Council funded I Love My Newham, 'Still' exhibition. That performance marked a turning point.

Within months, Temmy went from participant to facilitator – delivering spoken word workshops to her peers. She led sessions within our Academy and at community events, including at the Beckton Globe.

Temmy's transformation was supported by the structure, mentorship, and belief provided by staff, coaches and youth workers who she began to build strong bonds with over time. As Creative Lead Kayla Troy reflected, "When I first started working with Temmy, she was quite shy...but over time, through her dedication, creativity, and willingness to step outside her comfort zone, she's become someone who not only leads, but uplifts others."


Today, Temmy's aspirations stretch far beyond our Academy walls. She envisions blending music and poetry, performing on major stages, releasing albums, winning MOBO and Brit Awards, and collaborating with artists like Kendrick Lamar. To some, that might sound ambitious. To Temmy, it is simply a matter of mindset.

"If you think it's impossible, it's impossible," she says. "Nobody can stop you from doing what you want to do."

**Temmy's story is youth leadership in action – proof that when young people are given belief, space, and support, they don't just grow. They lead.**



# BEYOND THE GYM: EMPLOYABILITY AND EDUCATION

THEORY OF CHANGE	
<b>TARGET</b>	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	– Education and Employability
<b>OUTCOMES</b>	– Empowerment – Education and Employability – Social inclusion – Wellbeing

Our commitment to a young person’s journey doesn’t end with sport and leadership; it extends into their livelihood, as we bridge the gap between potential and profession, through qualifications and defined career pathways.

In a climate where the youth-to-adult unemployment ratio has reached an all-time high<sup>3</sup>, our Education and Employability programmes provide a vital bridge to sustainable careers.

“Homework Club is a place where I can complete my homework in my own time and with the support of Fight for Peace staff who make sure I complete it and make it fun.”  
**Anna, Junior Fight for Peace Member**



REACH	
<b>228</b>	young people supported into achieving employment, education and/or long-term opportunities
<b>108</b>	personalised one-to-one engagements delivered on career planning and job preparation
<b>73</b>	children were regularly supported through in-school mentorship and after school homework sessions

IMPACT	
<b>38%</b>	of those who accessed employability support secured employment and/or work experience
<b>91%</b>	get their homework done more easily
<b>82%</b>	are trying harder at school

<sup>3</sup> Overall youth unemployment in the UK was recorded at 15.9%, with approximately 946,000 young people aged 16 to 24 not in education, employment, or training (NEET) in 2025. The borough of Newham reported the highest unemployment rates yet in 2025, compared to any other borough in London (Office for National Statistics; Trust for London, 2025).

## EDUCATION PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2025, we strengthened our Education Pillar. Our Early Engagement and Retention Programme worked with local primary schools supporting students through targeted activities designed to build confidence, promote physical activity and support early intervention.

With over 350 attendances logged over the year, this safe and motivating initiative provided an environment where young people completed school work, built consistent routines, and felt supported.

Fight for Peace consulted with young people, organisations and local stakeholders to understand educational needs across the borough.

Combining these learnings with our frontline delivery approach, we developed a renewed Education Programme strategy with plans to launch a Learning Hub supporting 11-15 year olds at risk of exclusion, and a Post-16 Study Programme in 2026 - offering a NCFE Level Diploma in Sport and Activity as a gateway to University.

This focuses on creating alternative pathways for young people underserved by mainstream education. An implementation of these new programmes is subject to funding.



## EMPLOYABILITY

In 2025, our Employability programme supported 155 young people – 11% of all participants at our Academy – to progress towards employment, training, and career progression.

Careers aren't one size fits all. That's why we delivered 108 tailored interventions designed around the individual. Whether it was polishing a CV or practicing for an interview, our goal was to ensure every young person walked away with a clear plan and the belief that they could achieve and thrive.

The feedback from these sessions demonstrates its impact:

80%

feel more confident setting and achieving goals

77%

have greater awareness of education and career options

77%

feel more able to succeed academically or professionally

71%

feel more confident applying for jobs



Personal Training, Boxing Coaching, Construction Skills, First Aid, and Safeguarding were among the many accredited qualifications we offered over the course of 2025. As a result, 46 participants achieved a recognised qualification.

52% of those qualified as coaches were recruited as Assistant Coaches for a six-week Summer Work Experience programme, supporting the transition from qualification to employment.

Our young people were also given access to 10 high-impact employability experiences, including immersive insight days with partners like British Airways, Mercedes, Better Gym, CBOE Global Markets, and Lendlease. These opportunities are invaluable, offering our young people direct access to industry leaders, and a firsthand look at the essential skills required in global-leading companies.



## THE COACHING PATHWAY IN ACTION

# LUNA'S STORY

Luna's journey in 2025 exemplifies the transformative power of a structured coaching pathway. What began as an interest in sport evolved into an unstoppable drive that saw her secure three qualifications in a single year: Level 1 Boxing, and Level 2 and 3 Personal Training (PT).

While the qualifications provided the theory, the turning point was her six week work experience placement at the Fight for Peace Academy. This transition from classroom to gym floor allowed Luna to convert her knowledge into professional expertise. As Luna reflects:

"My nervousness turned into excitement as I saw myself honing my craft and smashing my goals. Fight for Peace was the foundation. It was the building blocks. And it allowed me to really believe in myself."


By the end of 2025, Luna is a professional PT with a growing client base and a key coach within the Fight for Peace network. By leading both high-intensity conditioning and women-only boxing sessions, Luna has moved from being a student to a role model.

Her presence on the gym floor is powerful. By upskilling young leaders like Luna, we ensure that the next generation of women athletes sees a coach who reflects their own community and shared experiences.

She is breaking barriers and her story is a lesson of how, with the right skills, young people can succeed in what they love.

# EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

Fight for Peace saw a monumental expansion in impact during 2025. Fuelled by the growth in uptake of our Life Champions course, we worked alongside over 75 organisations from across the development sector, broadening our reach and sharing learnings with coaches nationwide.

THEORY OF CHANGE	
TARGET	
ACTIVITIES	- All
OUTCOMES	- Social inclusion - Wellbeing - Status

## LIFE CHAMPIONS

The Life Champions course goes beyond the sporting environment, empowering coaches to tackle inequalities, embrace inclusive practices, and mentor young people beyond sport.

Life Champions also extends beyond the realm of combat sports, engaging coaches in basketball, gymnastics, yoga and football. Its lessons united leaders in the sport sector through Participate World, and sports academics through Leeds Beckett Coaching Conference.

In 2025, the reach of Life Champions is already transforming the UK's sporting landscape:

Beyond its wide-ranging appeal, the true success of Life Champions course in 2025 was its national reach into the highest-need communities:

Over 70% of coaches are based in regions identified as having high inactivity levels, according to the Sport England Active Lives Data.

Over 33% of coaches are based in high-deprivation local authority areas.

Link to the course [here](#) or via the QR code



A FIGHT FOR PEACE PROGRAMME



### IMPACT

340 enrolled users

8,800 young people reached through strengthened coaching

90% of coaches reported feeling confident in providing additional support to young people beyond sports

92% know how to adapt their sessions to make them more inclusive

92% also reported feeling prepared to start new activities or do things differently in their coaching

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#### FROM A GRADUATE:

“The part that I found most interesting [on the Life Champions course] is the mindset of the coach, because it's improved my way of thinking when approaching real life situations. Also the different aspects that I needed to be thinking about gave me a better insight when coaching and really improved the way I conduct myself and the way in which I should be thinking effectively.”

Young Male Football and Basketball Coach





## OUR COLLECTIVE

While our national influence grows, our commitment to our home borough remains absolute. This year, the Newham Youth Partnership – a partnership of local organisations led by Fight for Peace – achieved record-breaking results.

This partnership of grassroots community groups were joined in collective discussions with national public sector bodies such as Newham Council and the NHS, creating a stronger, more skilled, and well-connected youth sector in Newham.

By connecting these different tiers of influence, we ensure that local insights from the ground up inform strategic decisions from the top down.

### In 2025, the Newham Youth Partnership:

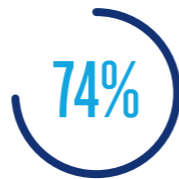
Grew by 50% with 20 additional partners joining the Collective by the end of 2025.

Won £68,740 in grants to fuel local grass root initiatives.

Built capacity through 33 sessions delivered to Collective partners.

### The impact of this collective approach is reflected in our 2025 NYP Partner Survey:

- Building Stronger Ties:**  
 74% of partners reported that the NYP helped them build significantly stronger relationships with other local organisations.
- Collective Confidence:**  
 84% of respondents feel “very or extremely confident” that Newham’s partners can work together to deliver meaningful, long-term change.



## WHAT'S NEXT



Our strides in 2025 have set us up for a 2026 that is sure to be greater, as we aim to:

- Engage More Diverse Young Members** – Across all of our services, we strive to engage even more young people from communities with limited access to sport and with the lowest inactivity rates.
- Empower Youth Decision-Makers** – We will increase the representation of young people in leadership and creative roles, ensuring our services are co-designed by those they serve. Our members will continue to lead the way in storytelling and content creation.
- Build a Stronger, More Connected Sector** – We will further our impact by providing training that grows inclusive sport environments. From retaining women and girls to embedding youth leadership, next year we will strengthen the sport for development sector with evidence-based and youth-led training that supports systemic change.



“It’s important for young people to be leading the way in 2026 at Fight for Peace and beyond. Youth leadership means empowering young people to experience first hand how to lead others. Speaking from experience, Youth Power has improved my communication, my teamwork skills and taught me how to compromise. Young leaders are needed now more than ever because we’re part of this community, we understand what other young people are going through and can help bring their ideas for change to the table.”

Amet, Youth Power Member



“What we value most about the Newham Youth Partnership is its role as a connector. It brings together organisations at different stages of maturity, creates visibility for grassroots work, and amplifies the voices of those working closest to young people. This has helped us feel more embedded within the local youth ecosystem and better positioned to advocate for the needs of the young people we serve.”

Kemi, Distinctive Solutions CIC, Newham Youth Partnership Member



“As we move into 2026, Fight for Peace is committed to deepening our impact and expanding our reach. Our strategy remains firmly aligned with alleviating inequalities, focusing on the critical pillars of education, gender equity, and the dismantling of harmful social norms. By educating other organisations, upskilling coaches, empowering young people and developing more training materials, while maintaining a venue of excellence at our Academy, we will prove that when you break barriers, you create a world where every young person can thrive.”

Lisa Ronson, Chair of the Board of Trustees

# POST-BOUT

## THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### TO OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

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