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Radical Co-operative Youth Project Inspires Young People to Shape Their Own Futures

The Youth Co-operative Action London project, run by the Co-operative College in partnership with 7PK, has seen a group of nine young people work together in the Co-operative Council area of Lewisham to create a full programme of events focused on equipping young people with the skills they need to create change in their own lives and their community

The event programme covered a wide range of topics including CV writing, Youth Safety, and Money Management. Workshops on subjects such as Effective Communication, Everyday Overlooked Issues and Overcoming Peer Pressure proved to be extremely popular too, whilst the programme culminated in a Careers Fair attended by young people from across the Lewisham area.

Each cohort of Youth Co-operative Action is encouraged to think collaboratively to solve problems in their community, reflecting on the co-operative values and principles and how these can be implemented to bring communities together. Empowered with the skills, knowledge and platform to tell their story, they work together co-operatively to inspire real, meaningful change.

Through taking part in the scheme, all those involved have learnt new skills, met new people and had fun. Focused on teamwork, problem solving, and community engagement, participants have gained the confidence to tackle the issues that matter to them, such as loneliness, highlighted as a key issue amongst young people and emphasised using the projects hashtag #TogetherNotAlone.



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