

Jack Petchey Foundation IMPACT REPORT 2025



**Investing in young people
across London and Essex**

If you think you can, you can!

The Jack Petchey Foundation

2024 was a significant year for the Jack Petchey Foundation. Sadly, our founder, Sir Jack Petchey CBE, passed away in June 2024 aged 98 – or, as he would say, almost 99! We also celebrated the Foundation's 25th anniversary since Sir Jack set it up to inspire, motivate and celebrate young people's achievements. In the last academic year, almost 173,000 young people were reached through our grants and programmes. This report outlines that immense impact.

Over 1.3 million young people have directly benefitted from JPF's programmes since 1999!

We reached **17%** more young people than in the previous year!

11,998 young people received Achievement Awards this year for their outstanding efforts!

* The data in this report refers to the academic year September 2023–August 2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



In 2024, we celebrated the life, the vision and the legacy of our Founder, Sir Jack Petchey CBE. Sir Jack was a truly inspirational figure whose generosity had a positive impact on so many lives even before he started the Jack Petchey Foundation in 1999. It is the privilege of all at the Foundation to be able to continue Sir Jack's legacy, making a difference to as many young people as possible long into the future.

programmes, an increase of **14%**. We remain committed to providing young people across London and Essex with outstanding opportunities to build their skills and confidence.

In total, supported by our partners, our work directly benefitted **172,822** young people last year, an achievement that reflects our hard work and commitment to young people.

I never cease to be impressed by the young people of London and Essex, who have such incredible talent and ambition, achieve so much and strive to benefit others in innumerable ways. Young people are the future of our communities. That is why we at the Jack Petchey Foundation remain so committed to giving young people as many opportunities as possible to develop, realise their enormous potential and, in turn, benefit others in society.

Gemma Juma
Chief Executive Officer
Jack Petchey Foundation

We are proud to have once again increased our reach over the last academic year, making it one of our most successful years to date. Almost **1,500** schools and youth organisations across London and Essex are now part of our flagship Achievement Award Scheme. **95%** of mainstream secondary schools across London and Essex run the scheme or at least one of our partnership programmes.

This growth means we are closer to achieving our vision that every young person is celebrated and can realise their potential. The positive impact we have would not be possible without the effort and dedication of our Achievement Award Coordinators who administer the scheme in schools and youth groups. Last year, we recognised **13,112** young people and outstanding leaders for their achievements.

In 2024, we gave special thanks to **18** Coordinators who have run the Achievement Award Scheme for young people for over 20 years. Each of them received a special £2,500 grant for their organisation in honour of their continued dedication. Going forward, we will recognise every Coordinator who reaches this hugely impressive milestone.

Another notable highlight from 2024 was a remarkable **42%** increase in young people benefitting from our Educational Visit Grants. We believe that young people who feel valued and have opportunities to develop will benefit others in society. Through our grants, **28,554** individuals were able to take part in trips that many would not otherwise be able to take part in.

The year-on-year growth of our partnership programmes has also been extraordinary. Together with our partners, we reached **131,801** young people through high-quality

A MESSAGE FROM MATT RANTELL

If you think you can, you can!



It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to my grandfather, Sir Jack Petchey CBE, in 2024. His family is comforted and inspired by all that he leaves behind. We know that his legacy will continue to live on through the work of the Foundation.

Huge congratulations to every young person who has won an Achievement Award or been part of our programmes this year. Hearing about your stories always made Granddad feel proud, and it does the same for me.

You are our future leaders. Continue to believe in Sir Jack's famous motto: *"If you think you can, you can!"*

Matt Rantell
Chair of Trustees, Grandson of Sir Jack

Strategic Aims for 2025–2027

Every three years JPF sets out its strategic priorities based on our belief, vision and mission. These priorities outline how we will achieve Sir Jack's goal of inspiring, motivating and celebrating young people.

1

Increase impact

Objective:
We will invest more in what we know works and has a significant positive impact on young people.

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Read more about our three-year strategy.

2

Maximise reach

Objective:
We will reach more young people who do not currently benefit from our programmes, prioritising outreach to areas and groups with the greatest need.

3

Streamline processes

Objective:
We will work in an agile way, continuously adapting to improve our efficiency, improve grantee experience and use JPF resources as effectively as possible in order to benefit more young people.

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Remain relevant for young people and the youth sector

Objective:
Young people and organisations will engage with JPF programmes and opportunities and we will use data, research and youth voice to inform our work.

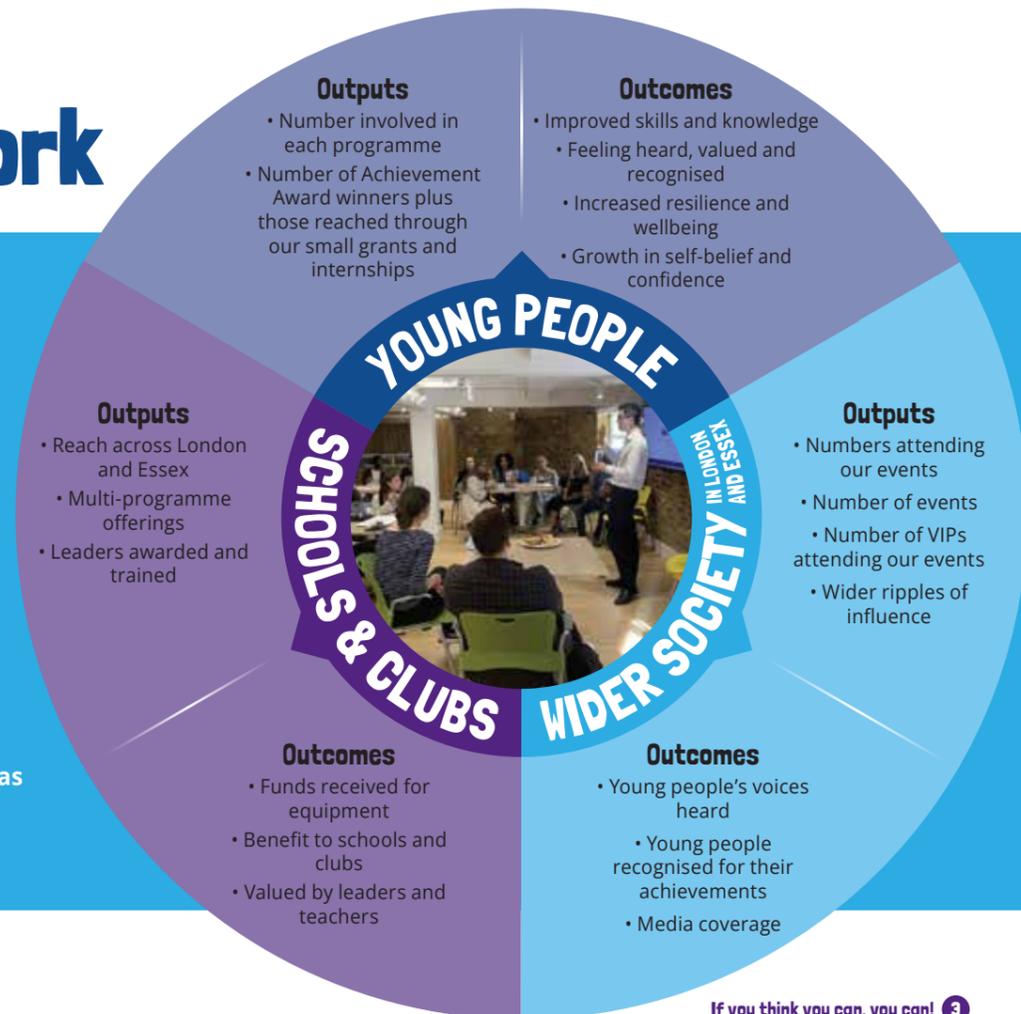
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Harness the potential of our network

Objective:
We will amplify youth voices, connect the youth sector and use our data to influence decision-makers and contribute positively to society.

Impact Framework

At JPF, we are committed to understanding and reporting on the difference we make through our work – not just on young people, but also on the organisations we support and a wider "ripple effect" in their communities. This helps us measure how well we are doing and make improvements where we can. We use our Impact Framework to measure the reach, or "outputs" (what is being delivered, including the number of young people we support) of our programmes, as well as the "outcomes" (the changes we expect to result from the programmes).



Our Year at a Glance



In total this year we've reached **172,822** young people directly, and an estimated **112,744** indirectly

Highlights from the 2023–2024 academic year

Recognising young people and their leaders



855
Leader Award winners

11,998
Achievement Award winners

72
Environmental Award winners

“I felt honoured to have won this fantastic award. Being recognised is one of the greatest feelings and I wish many more young people get to feel this experience.” *Eesa, Achievement Award winner*

Providing young people with new experiences

29 new Jack Petchey Foundation funded interns were provided with full-time paid employment and developmental training in the youth sector



The **29** interns that were part of the Jack Petchey Internship Programme 5 had a direct benefit on over **5,000** young people through their work

“My proudest achievement on my internship was seeing how much of an impact my work has on other young people, especially for our target audience on social media.” *Vawn, Social Media and Marketing Assistant, Laburnum Boat Club*

Amplifying young voices

19,101 people attended our Achievement Award events

2,985 young people responded to the latest JPF survey on ambitions

21 blogs were published on our website featuring case studies of those taking part in JPF activities

Our **second** Youth Trustee was appointed as a full member of the Board, creating an opportunity for a new Youth Trustee to join the Board in 2025

25 future leaders graduated from our Achiever Network programme for young people

Engaging young people

131,801 young people took part in our **17** partnership programmes

Young people engaged in over **1 million** hours of activity on our partner programmes



“It was wonderful watching students who aren't regular contributors in class suddenly finding a voice and a confidence that they didn't know they had.” *Teacher whose student took part in a Talk About Transition workshop*

Investing in young people

£3.6m worth of Achievement Award Grants invested in schools and youth organisations by young winners

£9.3m invested in grants and programmes this year

£585,759 invested through Leader Award Grants



“Being able to recognise young people and leaders' efforts and celebrating them for all their hard work helps increase their confidence and self-esteem. It's always a lovely and positive space when we give the young person their award.” *Achievement Award Coordinator*

187 Recognition Awards totalling over **£185,000** given to outstanding grassroots youth organisations running the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme

“The Achiever Networked allowed me to explore my potential in a way I didn't think was possible. I was able to come out of my reserved shell and become a better, more confident version of myself.” *Mohammed, Achiever Network 12 Graduate*

28,554 young people took part in educational trips and visits **42% YEAR ON YEAR**

315 Individual Grants for Volunteering awarded to enable young people to volunteer in the UK and across the world

“We value the contribution that the intern made and the support of the wider network and Jack Petchey Foundation in supporting the organisations and the intern. It is a great structured programme that really has an impact on organisations.” *Zahna, Bar 'n' Bus*



745 schools and **179** youth organisations are running JPF partnership programmes



702 schools and **777** youth organisations are running the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme

Inspiring and motivating young people to achieve

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme is our flagship programme, recognising young people aged 11–25 across London and Essex for their achievements. The programme also enables young people to celebrate adult staff and volunteers from the organisations that support them.



Achievement Award Grants

When a young person wins an Achievement Award, they receive a certificate, a medallion, and choose how to invest a £300 grant within their school or youth organisation to benefit their peers. The funds are used for a fantastic range of initiatives and projects, including equipment, trips, training and more.



Achievement Award Coordinators say that being part of the scheme benefits their organisation in these ways:



THIS ACADEMIC YEAR...

- ✓ **13,112** awards celebrated young people and their leaders
- ✓ **1,479** schools and youth organisations ran the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme
- ✓ **95%** of Achievement Award Coordinators say the scheme encourages young people to make a positive contribution to society
- ✓ **93%** of Coordinators believe the scheme helps young people feel valued and recognised
- ✓ **91%** of Coordinators say the scheme increases young people's confidence and self-belief

“It was a fantastic evening recognising the achievements of young people. There are some really incredible young people, and I'm excited to see what they do with their bright futures.”

Councillor Mike Botting, former Mayor of the London Borough Bromley

CHAMPIONING youth achievement



65 prestigious Achievement Award events held



458 young people performed on stage at our Achievement Award events



19,101 people attended our Achievement Award events



“It was an amazing opportunity and I'm very blessed to receive this award. Thank you to the Foundation for motivating me to achieve the best that I can.”

Emiliano, Achievement Award winner



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD GRANT

The Jack Petchey Environmental Award was launched in 2023 in response to young people telling us how much they valued the importance of climate and environmental issues. The award recognises outstanding young people for the work they do tackling these issues in their local community. Award winners receive a certificate and a beautiful handcrafted wooden trophy, alongside the opportunity to apply for a £300 grant to support an environmental project in their organisation.

“My triathlon club wanted more sustainable medals and trophies for their annual event. My dad and I set about making something unique from a tree that had blown down. We made 160 medals and 36 trophies, engraved them and then finished them using natural products. Winning one of the first Jack Petchey Environmental Awards was a really nice surprise and has spurred us on to continue making more really sustainable products. So much so that we are now making all the Jack Petchey Environmental Award trophies.”

Jack, Environmental Award winner



LEADER AWARD AND LEADER AWARD GRANTS

The Jack Petchey Leader Awards provide an opportunity for young people to nominate and thank the leaders, staff and volunteers that help and support them. Upon winning the award, these leaders can then apply for a grant of up to £1,000 for a project that benefits their young people.

✓ **855** leaders recognised

✓ **£585,759** invested in schools and youth organisations through these grants

28%
YEAR ON YEAR



RECOGNITION AWARDS

Recognition Awards and Grants are given to organisations to acknowledge their outstanding commitment and best practice in running the Achievement Award Scheme. The grants allow young people to develop essential skills and take part in new experiences.

✓ **187** Recognition Awards

✓ Grants totalling **£185,000** were awarded

49%
YEAR ON YEAR

“We used our grant to inspire and encourage young people, particularly girls, to talk about roles in STEM and consider them as a potential career.” **Recognition Award winner**



Individual Grants for Volunteering

Empowering young people

The Individual Grants for Volunteering (IGfV) programme enables young people to volunteer in the UK or overseas. By doing so JPF supports young people to increase their personal development and social skills whilst undertaking valuable community-based volunteering projects.



✓ **315** IGfVs were awarded

✓ Recipients volunteered for a total of **6,562** days

43%
YEAR ON YEAR

Case study

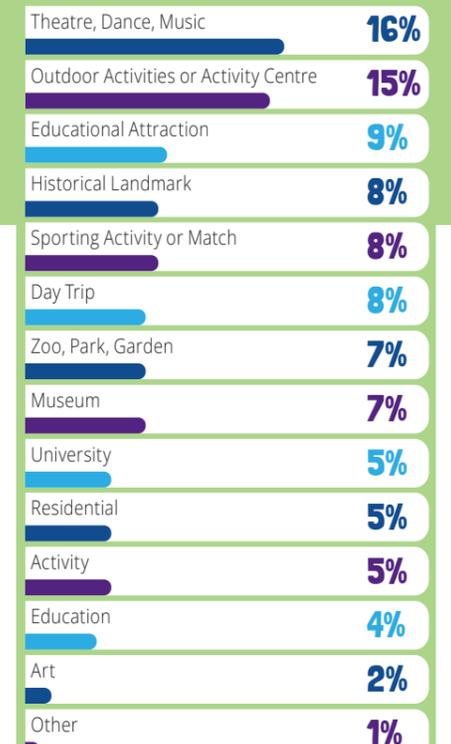


For her volunteering trip in Nasirotu Village, Fiji, Maimuna worked with local young people to run workshops on mental health, and global health and environmental awareness. She spoke about coping with anxiety and depression. Maimuna also spent time immersing herself in the daily life of the villagers, learning about their local culture. Speaking about the experience, Maimuna said: “This trip was one of the most meaningful experiences I’ve ever had. My favourite part was spending time with my host family, especially learning how to cook traditional meals like lovo.”

Educational Visit Grants

Twice a year eligible schools and youth groups on the scheme can apply for a grant of up to £1,200 to take up to 60 young people on an educational visit. This allows young people, who wouldn’t otherwise have the chance, to have new experiences and develop valuable personal and social skills.

How the funds were used:



✓ **499** Educational Visit Grants (EDVs) were awarded last year

✓ **17%** more EDVs were awarded this year than last



✓ **28,554** young people took part in these visits

42%
YEAR ON YEAR



Youth Consultation Panel



Amplifying youth voice

The Jack Petchey Foundation has 12 Youth Consultation Panel (YCP) members as well as a Youth Trustee who ensure that youth voices are at the heart of our decision making and all that we do.



“The YCP is the focal point for youth voice in JPF, helping the Foundation understand the current issues facing young people. Being a part of the YCP has shown me just how valued our voices are to JPF and how the sector can grow alongside the young people it is celebrating.” **Joseph, YCP member**

This year the YCP helped design the JPF's youth survey, Bright Futures, developed and launched the JPF Alumni Network for graduates of the Achiever Network and Internship Programme, and undertook a special project to find 25 winners from each year of the Foundation's history. Lewis, a former YCP member and former Youth Trustee was appointed as the Foundation's Vice-Chair of Trustees.

✔ **2,985** respondents to the youth survey

✔ Last year the YCP spent over **708** hours volunteering for the Foundation

✔ **35** attended the launch of JPF's Alumni Network

Achiever Network

The Achiever Network is a 12-month inclusive personal development programme for young people who have won an Achievement Award or been through another Jack Petchey programme. The programme includes a weekend residential, five training days, and regular meetings with a mentor. To date, **343** young people have graduated from the scheme with new skills, experiences, confidence and leadership abilities.



“I have experienced meeting a range of different people I previously wouldn't have called my friends. This programme restored my faith and confidence in myself as a person and as a friend to others.” **Ruby-Tuesday, Achiever Network 12 Graduate**

✔ **25** young people graduated from the programme

✔ The graduates collectively delivered **3,649** volunteer hours this year

Jack Petchey Foundation Internship Celebration



Jack Petchey Foundation Internship Programme

The Jack Petchey Internship Programme gives young people a flying start in a career in the youth sector. The programme provides youth organisations with a grant to support a 12-month full-time paid internship that comes with up to 90% funding towards the intern's salary. A £1,000 training bursary, access to an experienced mentor and six professional development workshops are also included. By funding essential roles, the programme helps to build capacity in youth organisations, enabling them to reach and support more young people across London and Essex.

“My confidence has been boosted! I have also gained so many new skills. The training provided by both my organisation and JPF has been amazing.” **Jenna, Youth Intervention Worker, Active Communities Network**

“Our intern has made a huge difference to our organisation and the young people we work with. She has improved our services and interactions with members of the public, and provides a safe, informed space for the young people that she works with.” **Victoria, Line Manager, Kids Inspire**

Key impact of the Internship Programme

- ✔ **29** interns funded at youth organisations in 2023-24
- ✔ **5,295** young people are estimated to have benefitted directly from the work of these interns
- ✔ **92%** of interns believed they made a positive impact on their organisation
- ✔ **85%** of interns believed they had a positive direct impact on the young people their organisation served
- ✔ **29** further interns began their journey in the youth sector



Partnership Programmes

Working together to empower young people

- 17 partnership programmes
- Over 1 million hours' worth of partnership programme engagement with young people (20% year on year)
- 131,801 young people reached (14% year on year)
- 5,062 leaders, facilitators and teachers trained (18% year on year)

At the Jack Petchey Foundation we partner with organisations to deliver tailored programmes for young people in London and Essex. These programmes are designed to offer young people opportunities to develop new skills and build their self-confidence. With programmes covering a vast range of different areas, from singing to maths, wallball to public speaking, financial education to interview skills, there's something for everyone!

- 924 schools and youth organisations took part in at least one partnership programme (11% year on year)
- 56% of schools ran two or more of our partnership programmes

Our partnership programmes and their impact on young people



* Percentages are an aggregation of surveys completed by young people who took part in the partnership programmes

Dance, Music and Singing

10,040 young people have built their skills and confidence through performance!



The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge

The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge is a music and dance education programme for young people involving performance workshops and live events at iconic venues.

- 550 young people took part in bootcamps and competitions
- 91% of young people believed they improved their performance skills
- 89% of young people felt their self-confidence or self-belief had improved
- 1,089 people attended the competition's Grand Final at the indigo at The O2



Royal Academy of Dance

Step into Dance is a long-standing partnership between JPF and the Royal Academy of Dance.

- 4,190 young people took part (24% year on year)
- 85% of young people said they felt more confident as a result of the weekly dance training



Case study

"Dancing makes me feel whole. When I dance, I am able to be myself. It makes me feel safe and happy. I am able to share my thoughts and emotions, especially when I struggle to use words." Step into Dance participant

Oracy

34,083 young people have developed their oracy skills through our programmes!



Speakers Trust

Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge is run in partnership with Speakers Trust and is our largest partnership programme.

- 32,456 young people were trained in public speaking
- 91% of students believe they increased their ability to communicate publicly
- 95% of students felt they had learnt more about their classmates' views, feelings and values



Case study

"I think opportunities like this emphasise that you can and should share your opinions on things. It's important to know that you have your voice and you can use it."

Toby, 2024 Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge Grand Final Champion

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

17,952 young people were trained in STEM subjects!



The Maths Zone

Jack Petchey's Count on Us Secondary Maths Challenge ran for 10 years with the Mayor's Fund for London, and is now run in partnership with The Maths Zone.

- 70 schools were involved, and 53 teachers were trained to run the tournament games
- 71% of teachers felt that their students' maths confidence and fluency improved after taking part
- 13,693 young people benefitted from the Count on Us resources (83% year on year)



Case study

"I can see the positive impact it has on the students. They are more confident in their maths ability, and it gets them to think outside the box." Teacher, Seven Kings School



Science Made Simple

In this new partnership, Science Made Simple finds creative ways to reveal the wonders of science.

- 4,259 students were inspired by these science-themed shows
- 145 teachers were given ideas of how to run hands-on demonstrations in the classroom



Careers and Employability

10,040 young people have been taught how to improve their employability prospects!



Talk the Talk

Talk About the Future equips students with interview skills and Talk About Transition supports Year 7 students as they begin secondary school.

- 5,972 students took part in the Talk About the Future sessions (189% year on year)
- The programme was delivered in 90 mainstream schools and piloted in 20 special schools
- 1,627 Year 7 students took part in Talk about Transition pilot workshops



Case study

"The day was very helpful and gave useful insights which can be applicable to future interviews for jobs and applying to universities." Student, Chace Community School

Young Enterprise

We offer employability masterclasses in partnership with Young Enterprise to help young people identify their unique skills, qualities and experiences and how to apply them in the job application process.

- 4,068 young people from 40 schools took part (62% year on year)
- 89% of young people said they understand how to showcase their strengths to employers following the masterclass



"The Young Enterprise Employability Masterclass was expertly delivered, with students fully engaged from start to finish. The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive." Teacher, Eastbury Community School

Financial Education

54% more young people were trained this year in financial literacy than last!



WizeUp Financial Education

JPF teams up with WizeUp Financial Education to offer workshops on financial advice for young people.

- 20,940 young people were taught financial literacy (54% year on year)
- 90 mainstream schools and 9 special schools/alternative provision took part
- 92% of young people said their confidence in money management improved
- 82% of teachers developed their schools' financial literacy offering as a result of the training workshops



Case study

"I understand the importance of keeping a balance between savings and spending, and I will be more confident going to university with how to manage my income and debts." Student participant

Sports

24,260 young people got involved in our sporting activities last year!



Panathlon

The Panathlon Challenge provides sporting opportunities to young people with special educational needs and disabilities.



- **10,597** young people took part in the activities
- **161** sporting competition days and **185** education days held in **242** schools
- **92%** of teachers said that students increased their self-esteem and pride by taking part

Case study

“My son is transitioning into a wheelchair. Starting secondary school and losing the ability to walk is obviously very tough for him. He just wants to be like everyone else and Panathlon gives him an opportunity just to fit in. Being able to represent the school is wonderful for his wellbeing.”

Parent of a participant in the Panathlon Challenge



Table Tennis England

Together with Table Tennis England, JPF runs a table donation scheme and various competitions, including a Schools' Championships tournament.

- We reached the milestone of **100,000** young people benefitting through the table tennis donation scheme
- **1,141** young people directly benefitted through the competitions
- **222** table tennis tables were distributed to 70 schools and 28 youth clubs



Wallball

JPF partners with UK Wallball to introduce this fast-growing sport to schools and youth clubs. Each year young people take part in the Jack Petchey 1-Wall Showdown competition.



- **10,018** young people took part in the programme
- Delivered in **36** schools and **11** youth organisations
- **18** young people from the JPF school and youth club programme represented the Junior GB Wallball team at the European Championships

“Wallball has appealed to students who perhaps ordinarily wouldn't be participating in clubs. It has increased motivation to exercise and play sports at our school.”

Teacher running wallball sessions

Social Action

17,601 young people took part in social action initiatives last year!

First Give

This partnership delivers a 12-week social action programme for schools, encouraging young people to give back to their community. Following year group presentations, the winning class receives £1,000 from JPF to donate to the charity they have been fundraising and campaigning for.

- **17,601** young people were engaged in the programme
- **91%** of students said their awareness of local issues improved
- **84%** of participants grew in confidence to help others through social action.



Case study

“The biggest thing I'm going to take away is that anyone can make a difference. It doesn't take a big celebrity or something to make a change.”

Student, John Fisher School

Residential and Life Skills

2,185 young people participated in residential and life skills training last year

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs

JPF has worked in partnership with Essex Boys and Girls Clubs since 1999. Together we run the Respect Project, a programme that works with disengaged young people to give them access to outdoor activities.



- **164** young people took part in the Respect Project
- **89%** of participants said they improved their wellbeing through the programme
- **471** young people went on residentials
- **65%** of the young people said they felt more confident as a result



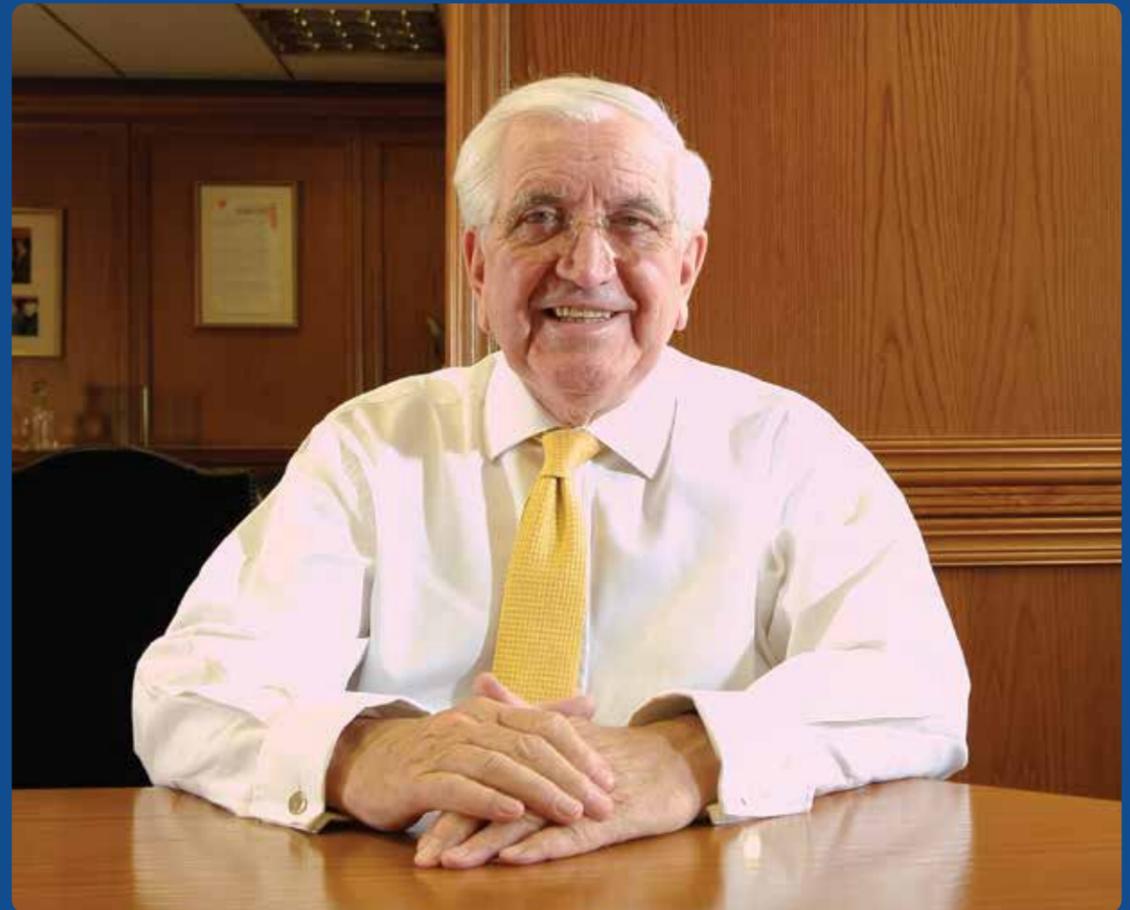
Case study

“It helped me stay off my phone, stay active and be sociable while doing fun activities with my friends.”

Participant in a residential

Sir Jack Petchey CBE 1925-2024 RIP

“I thought, ‘If you think you can, you can’, and I did!”



**A life that keeps on giving
inspiring all of us to achieve more**

Spread the Word!

Our flagship Achievement Award Scheme is delivered by almost 1,500 youth organisations, state secondary schools, colleges, special schools and alternative educational providers. But we want to work with more! We are looking for new schools and youth organisations to join the Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme to help us recognise and empower even more young people with our awards, programmes and funding opportunities.



Visit our website to find out more information about our full range of opportunities.



Take our eligibility quiz to see if a school or youth group you know would be eligible to apply.



Tell others about our opportunities and by sharing our resources online or around your school, college or youth organisation.



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