

Inspiring Change Through Community Action

Outwood Out There is a trust-wide initiative **empowering students** (Years 6-13) to drive **positive change** in their **communities**. Inspired by our students' own desire to "get out there" and **make a difference**, this programme redefines how young people **contribute to society** - **building leadership, inclusivity, and civic responsibility**.

The Summer of 2024 saw community unrest and division. Out There aims to heal divisions, strengthen community bonds, and shift the narrative around young people's role in society. Our ambition:

- ✓ 20,000 young people engaged across 12 local authorities
- ✓ 5,000 impactful community action projects delivered

The Impact

For Young People:

- ✓ Builds confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills
- ✓ Enhances employability through real-world experience
- ✓ Encourages civic responsibility and a sense of purpose
- ✓ Supports mental and physical well-being
- ✓ Provides enriching, life-changing experiences

For Communities:

- ✓ Strengthens social connections and community spirit
- ✓ Promotes sustainability and environmental responsibility
- ✓ Improves health and well-being through local initiatives
- ✓ Creates safer, more inclusive spaces
- ✓ Fosters collaboration between schools, businesses, and local organisations



How It Works

Students work in teams of four with an adult advisor to design and deliver a community project in one of six categories during the summer holidays:



Build Relationships – Strengthen community ties



Be A Sustainability Superstar – Lead eco-friendly initiatives



Boost Community Wellbeing – Promote health and happiness



Build An Inclusive Community – Ensure everyone feels welcome








Make Your Community Safer – Enhance neighbourhood security



Innovate – Create something impactful

For teams struggling to think of their own project idea, a bank of existing, local opportunities will provide inspiration.

Appropriate safeguards and adaptations will be in place to ensure the programme's accessibility for all, including:

-  all projects being approved by school leaders who will ensure that opportunities are inclusive and accessible; providing additional support, and adapting resources and activities to meet need;
-  obtaining parental consent, including agreeing to the named adult supervisor, for every child taking part;
-  each child being given a branded Out There t-shirt making them easily identifiable while out in the community completing their project work;
-  flexibility for each team to determine the duration of their project; anything from a single day to the full summer holiday (late July to the start of September) but throughout the usual school holiday safeguarding protocols will be in place and the Trust's Executive Team will be on call for any emergencies;
-  informing/liasing with all local authorities and police forces about the activities taking place within their area.

Following the summer's activities, teams will submit their Log Books at the start of the autumn term for judging which will be tiered. The judging criteria are highly inclusive, with all projects judged relative to the participants' ages, abilities and any additional educational needs.

- **School-Level Recognition** - each school will select a winning project from each of the six categories which will be recognised at school level
- **Community-Level Judging & Recognition** - winners from each school will be judged against the programme criteria and a winner for each category will be selected and recognised at community level
- **Trust-Wide Competition** - winners from each community will be shortlisted against the programme criteria and three finalists for each category will be invited to present their work to a judging panel
- **Awards Ceremony** - finalists will be judged against the programme criteria and bronze, silver and gold prizes will be awarded in each category at a prestigious event where an overall 'Out There Winner of the Year' will be announced

All participants will be recognised with a certificate of participation with the winners awarded with an enriching prize package experience, something the children/young people might not otherwise be able to access or afford, enhancing their cultural capital.

The programme, including the prize bank, will be realised by a partnership funding model which will include fundraising and corporate sponsorship. Donors' social objectives will align with the values of Out There and by extension, Outwood Grange Academies Trust. The cost of a team's participation is £20.

Any value of donation can be made by visiting our [Crowdfunder](#)

£5	£3	Every child to receive an Out There t-shirt in recognition of their engagement in the programme	4 Team Members
	£1	Team Log Book & Certificate of Participation	
	£1	Inspirational Experiences Prize Bank	
			£20

Long term, the programme will support the development of deep and ongoing relationships with supporters and sponsors, creating opportunities for future engagement such as careers and work-based/vocational learning.

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Together, we can empower young people and strengthen communities.

