

# YOUTH SUMMIT 2022

**SPEAK UP. LEVEL UP.**



**BNP PARIBAS**



At Edgbaston Stadium in Birmingham on 24th October 2022, StreetGames held their 2022 Youth Summit, with funding from BNP Paribas, the event organised by young people, for young people.

A team of four Young Advisors played a huge part in organising and running the event which brought together over 100 young volunteers together from across the Midlands. Young people had the opportunity to share their experiences and have their voices heard around a range of topics as well as gaining some practical takeaways in terms of personal development and employability.

The day culminated in the StreetGames Inspiration 2022 National Awards, which lived up to the billing and really inspired the young people who attended the Youth Summit.

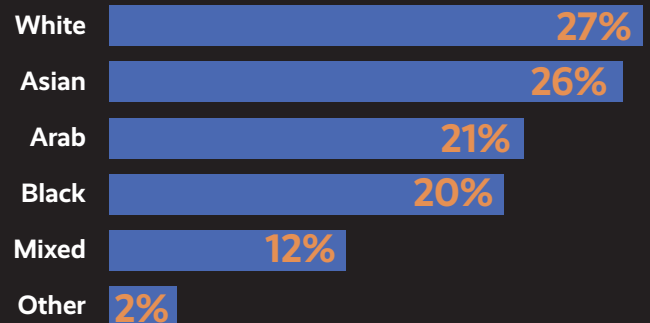
## ATTENDEES



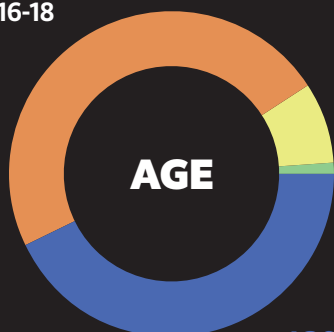
**108**

Young People  
attended

### ETHNICITY

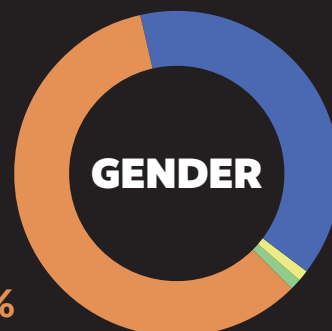


**48%**  
16-18



**AGE**

**43%**  
14-15



**GENDER**

**59%**  
Male

**1%**  
Non-binary

## SESSIONS & CONTENT

The team of young advisors were integral from the outset and were heavily involved with the planning for the day and what the content would look like, their initial aims for the event are highlighted below:

*"Bringing different and diverse people together"*

*"Providing a platform for young people to express their views and what is important to them"*

*"To provide the opportunity to learn and develop new skills whilst having fun in a safe environment"*

As a result, the day was split into two: a morning session focussed on capturing youth voice and an afternoon of employability skills workshops.

The focus of the morning session was based around youth voice and creating a platform for the young people attending to speak about their own personal experiences, as well as having the chance to feed in their insights and perspectives into a range of important topics currently effecting the lives of young people like them. StreetGames staff and Young Advisors facilitated sessions across a broad spectrum, including; Mental health and wellbeing, Managing money, Sport and physical activity, Youth crime, Careers, Respect & equality and Online safety. A separate, short report, sharing findings on the Youth Voice sessions will follow.

We asked attendees, on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being not good at all, to 10 being very good) how they rated the morning activities. An average score of the results is shown below:



The afternoon session focussed on employability skills and personal development; the young people were given the opportunity to choose from two workshops they would like to attend. Our partners from BNP Paribas, who also funded the event, delivered workshops on personal finance & networking. Sport4Life – a trusted partner in the Midlands - delivered workshops around mock interviews and putting together a '10 year plan'. The remaining two sessions were delivered by StreetGames staff and were based around building resilience and facilitating activities.

We asked attendees, on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being not good at all, to 10 being very good) how they rated the afternoon's activities. An average score of the results is shown below:



In addition to the workshops aimed at young people attending, StreetGames staff also delivered an afternoon workshop to the Project Leaders in attendance, this was focussed around the topic of how we can work collaboratively to create more opportunities for young people.



## YOUNG PEOPLE’S FEEDBACK

We asked the young people who attended to complete a short feedback survey at the end of the day to gather their feedback on how they felt the day had gone. We asked them to choose three words which best described the day for them, the responses are shown in the word cloud below:



As shown above, the responses to this question were very positive, with common words including engaging, informative, fun and educational.

We asked young people what their favourite part of the day had been, a selection of responses are shown below:

“Getting to meet new people & talking to different people from different backgrounds”

“Learning about stuff within different activities and Engaging with others”

“Learning and applying my skills into the different activities set”

“Learning new things about community work and methods of coaching”

“Learning about the process of employment”

The responses above again highlight how positively the young people had reacted to the agenda and the aims of the Summit, with many commenting on how much they had enjoyed the learning aspect of the day.

To ensure we take on constructive feedback on how to improve future events like this, we also asked attendees if there was anything they felt would improve the day. Responses included:

“More physical/ sports activities and games”

“The food was better / more variety”

“The opportunity to go outside at some points during the day”

Finally, we asked attendees whether there had been anything in particular they had learnt as part of the day, that they thought they would use when going back to volunteer with their local project. Responses included:

*"That youth violence is the first battle in order to create a safer environment for all"*

*"To be welcoming to new people so you can be a safe space for them."*

*"To take risks and act now"*

*"How to engage people and run sessions better."*

*"The importance of connecting"*



## YOUNG ADVISORS

Young Advisors are experienced volunteers who actively volunteer in their communities and have attended StreetGames events in the past as volunteers. The role offers these young people the opportunity to work with StreetGames staff and take a lead on all aspects of the event, from initial planning right through to helping lead the event.

This year's Young Advisors were Aliza, Alina, Sarah and Desola. The team met with StreetGames staff several times in the build-up to design and plan the event; a key aspect was picking the topics, formulating a timetable and preparing for leading elements of the day themselves.

As part of the evaluation of the day, we asked the Young Advisors to provide feedback from their perspective on how they had found being involved in the process and what they took from the day.

We asked the young advisor team what three words they would use to describe the day:

engaging    Diverse    Fulfilling    Creative    Enthusiastic    fun    Educational    Enlightening    Innovative

We also asked the Young Advisors, what they think went well:

*"The event went great, so many people attended and the young people looked very excited to be a part of an event exclusively organised for them."*

*"The SG team communicated to us well when meetings were going to be held, what they expected from us and the layout of the Youth Summit itself. Lucie and Amie were very nice and welcoming to me and the other young advisors."*

The team of Young Advisors reflected that they had learnt new and developed their skills and behaviours, namely:



**Increased Confidence**



**Improved communication skills (including public speaking)**



**Problem solving and improvising**

*"I believe that the day helped me develop a lot more confidence when speaking in front of many people I haven't met before."*

*"For sure! I greatly developed my leadership and communication skills, I also learned how to present in front of an audience and keep them entertained while also keeping their attention."*

And they all plan to take these forward in their current and future roles:

*"I volunteered for a job that requires me speaking to people and explaining to them in the depth the history of the site"*

*"...meeting new people and easily interacting and establishing relationships with them reassured me for university, where I'd have to meet new people constantly"*

All 4 Young Advisors said they would recommend being a Young Advisor to others because ...

*"... you get to develop a lot of confidence when speaking in front of others which is a useful skill to have anywhere you go. I think the role will have you assessing yourself in a way, seeing the skills that you lack (enabling you to work on them) or that you do have. Overall it was a really enjoyable experience as it was fun to work with the other Young Advisors"*

*"... It helps you build skills that are not easily gained. I worked with a few other girls and I still remain in contact with them so it also gives you the opportunity to meet new friends. Additionally, being a Young Advisor exposes you to a network of people that you will not be usually exposed to. Overall I think it is a great opportunity to learn new things and implement the new skills into other projects/ your daily life."*

## THANK YOU

StreetGames and the young people who attended the 2022 Youth Summit at Edgbaston would like to say a huge thank you to BNP Paribas, the funder who helped to make the event such a hugely valuable and successful day.

Without all your support, an event like this would be impossible to stage and the feedback from young people on the positive impact of the experience highlights just how important these experiences are.



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