

Our Vision

Grove Park Youth Club
Building Preservation Trust -
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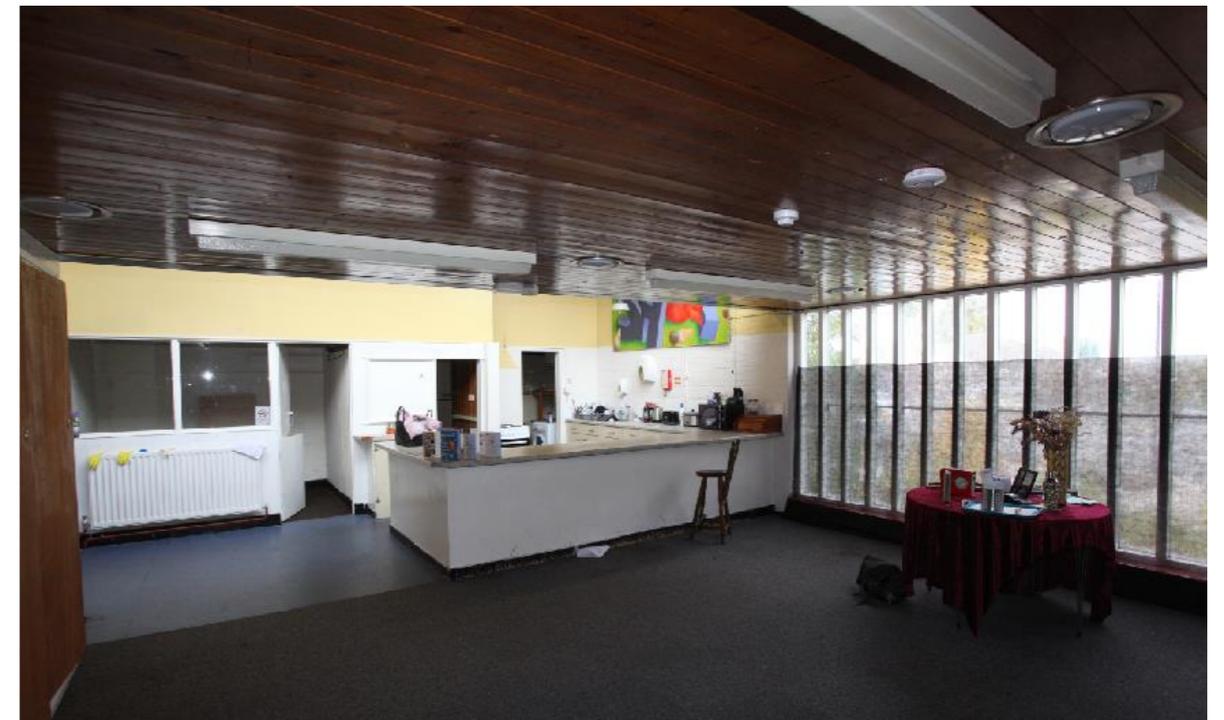
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Grove Park has a beautiful unused youth club building that sits in the middle of one of London's most deprived communities...



... with flexible Modernist interior spaces that hold immense potential



It is a state-of-the-art facility built in the 60s with architectural significance as the last purpose-built youth club of its kind



The BAUHAUS in Grove Park



Grove Park Youth Club (GPYC) A LANDMARK TURNS 50

- Designed by world renowned team of architects: Sir Hubert Bennett, Jack Whittle, Michael Powell, Cedric Hartland, John Mann, John Farrant, and Ian Fallessey
- Some of the team's buildings also include: The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery, The Grade I* listed Crystal Palace National Recreation Centre
- GPYC: The Landmark non-designated Heritage Asset. Designed with balance and adaptability in mind, inspired by the Bauhaus Movement "truth to materials" The Swedish Modern Movement "peoples detailing" and Charles Fennie Mackintosh.
- GPYC is a solid piece of Mid-Century Modern architecture and more importantly an interesting example of social architecture now lost from public budgets.
- Comprising of accommodation for up to 100 people: Main Hall, Coffee Bar, Girls' Room, Leader's Office, Workshop, Garage
- The client was the London County Council Education Department; the building was opened on December 20th 1966 by The Rt Hon Angus Ogilvy, Chairman of Council of the National Association of Youth Clubs.
- The Chisbrook Estate which includes GPYC was one of the first post-war housing estates in Greater London, receiving a Civic Trust Commendation in 1967.
- GPYC is possibly the last of the purpose-built youth clubs left in London with original "peoples detailing" fabric intact.

Reference: The GLC Architecture Department, 1965/70
The work of the GLC's Department of Architecture and Civic Design report published by the GLC. The London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

"We believe Grove Park Youth Club to be an internationally significant piece of mid-century modern architecture" -
Bauhaus-Universität, Weimar

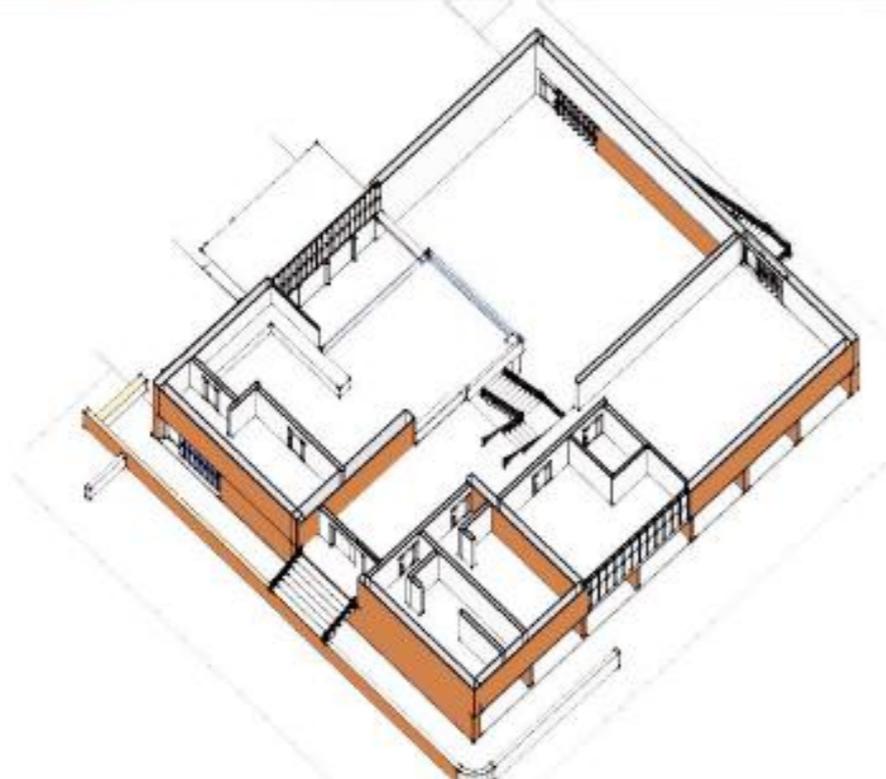
Since the youth club was closed in 2013 the building has fallen into disrepair



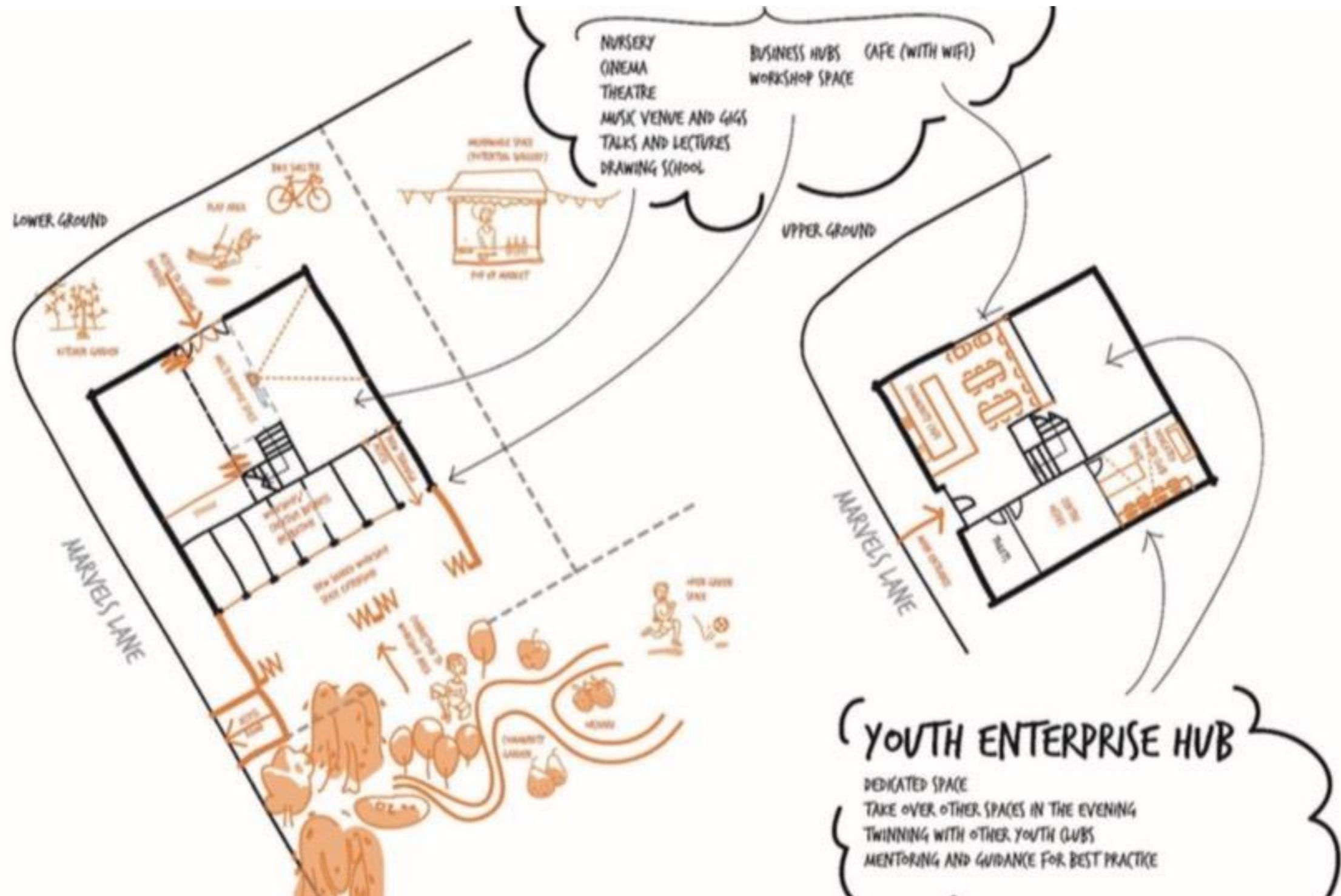
We are a group of local residents who recognised an opportunity to reopen the space under an ambitious plan



Our aim is to regenerate the building and its grounds, turning it into a youth enterprise hub for people to learn, play, and work...



...bringing residents together and providing educational, social, and employment opportunities to young people in Grove Park



We envision the youth club hosting a range of youth-focused organisations, alongside facilities for the whole community



This follows the example of The Albany, Salmon Youth Centre, and Bussey Building which help support their communities...



“Each year The Albany gives thousands of people the chance to develop skills and confidence through a variety of opportunities”

“Since its refurbishment, Salmon Youth Centre has inspired thousands of teenagers and brought opportunity to a deprived area of Bermondsey”



“Saved from demolition by a community group in 2007, this incredible post-industrial building is simply one of London's best venues”

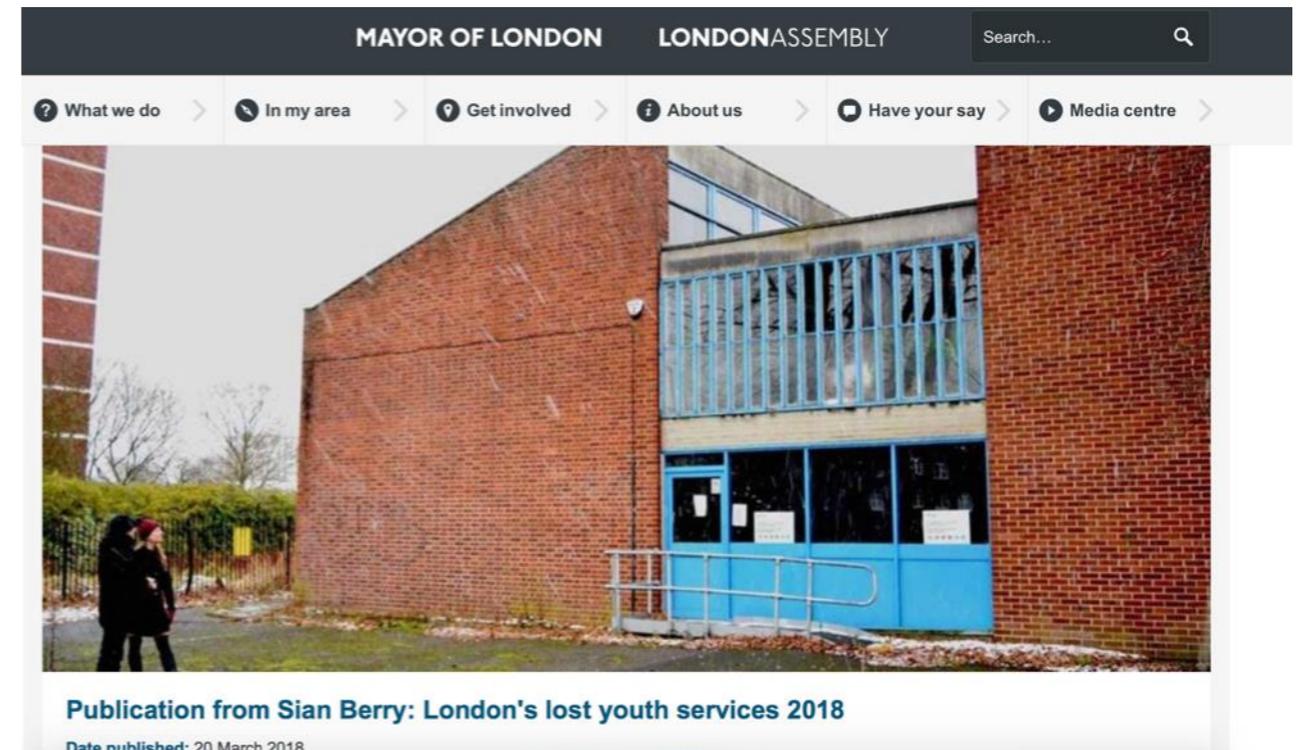
...and taps into the momentum behind reviving youth services, including Sadiq Kahn's new £45m Young Londoners Fund

“Wherever I go in London, communities tell me that young people need more to do and I agree. Activities and services for young people offer support at crucial times and have a really positive impact.”
- Mayor Sadiq Kahn announcing the Young Londoners Fund - March 2018



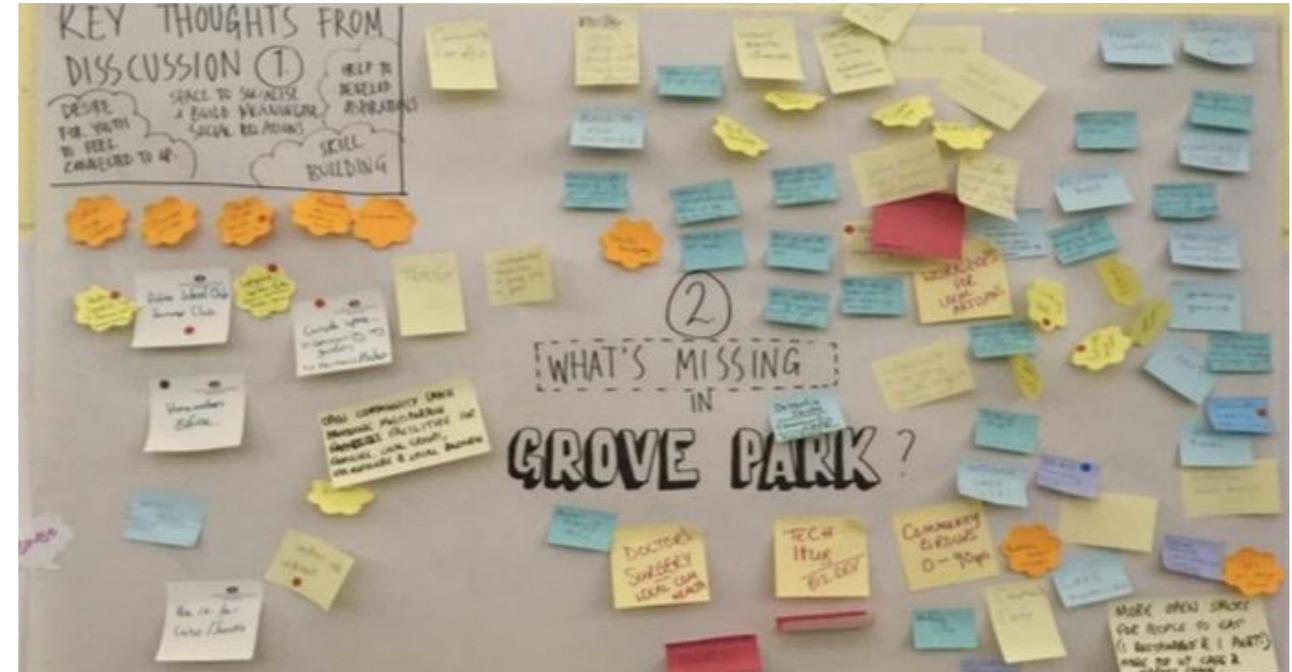
Grove Park Youth Club is a posterchild for the Mayor-led movement towards reviving youth services in London

Sian Berry published a report in March 2018 highlighting London's lost youth services, using Grove Park Youth Club as the cover image.

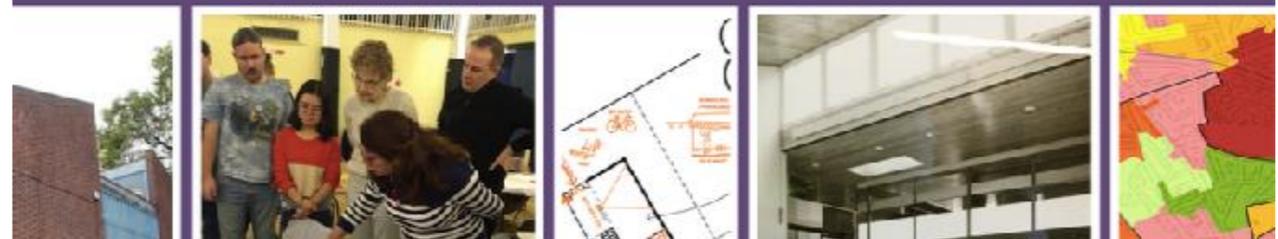


In March 2018 one of us (Stephen Kenny) appeared along with other local residents on BBC News discussing the campaign and the lack of youth services in London, and we appeared on a Channel 4 News feature in June.

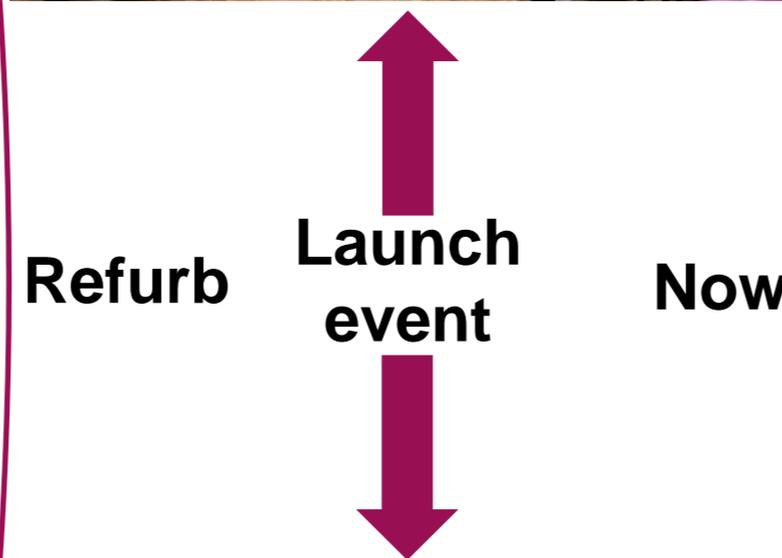
Drawing on community workshops we have put together a plan to achieve our vision over the next three years



An Alternative Plan for the Grove Park Youth Club Site
A Community-Led Plan to Regenerate Grove Park



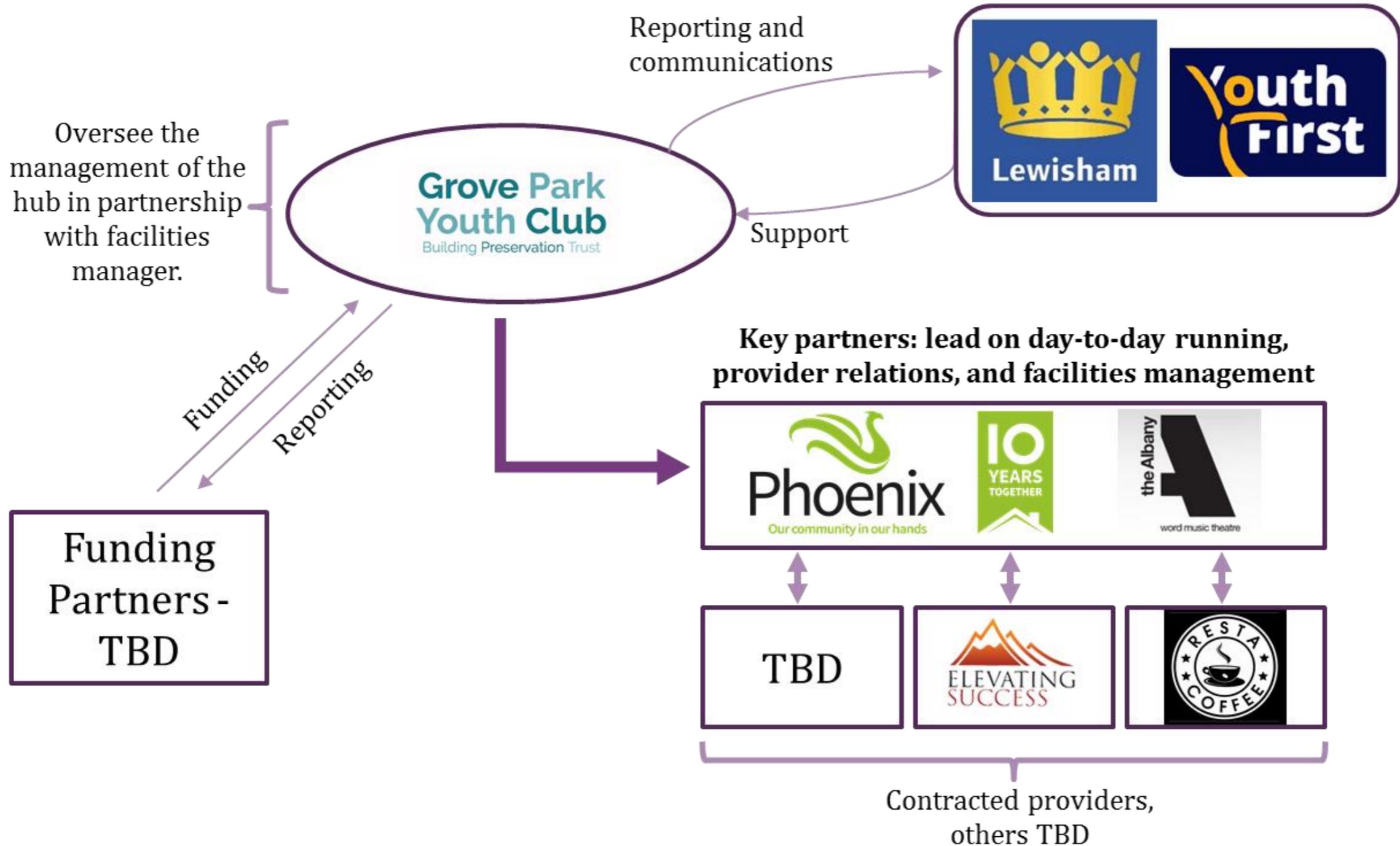
As part of that plan we recently completed a ~£200k renovation of the building in partnership with Willmott Dixon Interiors...



.... And developed relationships with a series of partners who will each play a role in launching the space



We plan to launch in early-2019, with partners ready to move into the space once we raise funds for facilities management



Please get in touch if you have any questions, would like to work with us, or want to know more

We represent many local residents as the Grove Park Youth Club Building Preservation Trust (BPT).

A BPT is a not for profit organisation whose main aims include the preservation and regeneration of historic buildings. BPTs are supported by the Heritage Trust Network.

We represent many local residents, young and old, business owners, councillors and the local police who support this initiative.

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Team biographies

Robert Clayton, Chair.

- Rob is a professional photographer, local resident of fifteen years, and father to two teenagers. He is on the board of the Grove Park Neighbourhood Forum and cares very much about the helping to improve the Grove Park community.

Stephen Kenny, Director.

- Stephen has been instrumental in developing the Grove Park Neighbourhood plan, campaigning for an Urban National Park in Grove Park, and reopening the Baring Hall Hotel Pub. He lives and grew up in Grove Park.

Alice Troy-Donovan, Trustee.

- Alice is a freelance journalist and a local resident who grew up in Grove Park. She has been volunteering for the BPT since 2017, working on fundraising and communications.

Killian Troy-Donovan, Trustee.

- Killian lives in Grove Park and has been working on the business planning side of our campaign. He works in education and outcomes-based commissioning for Social Finance.

Martin Drury, Patron.

- Martin has pursued a career of over 30 years in the conservation of historic buildings. For much of this time, he served with the National Trust as Director General.

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