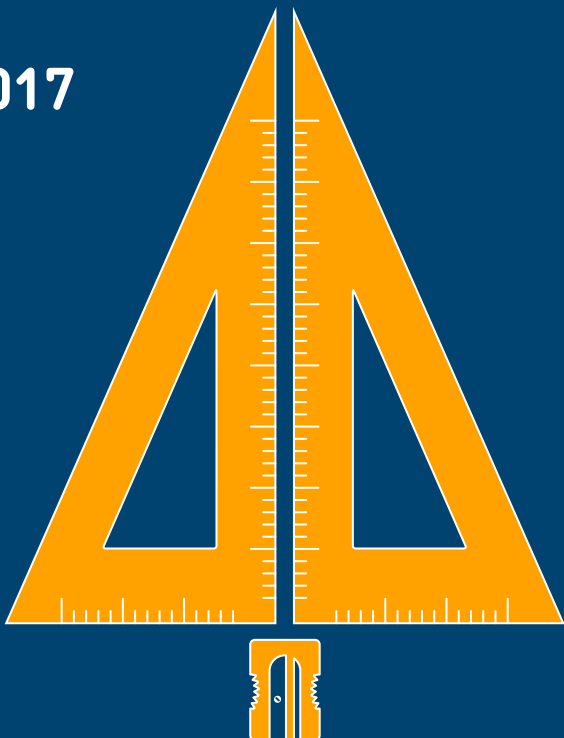
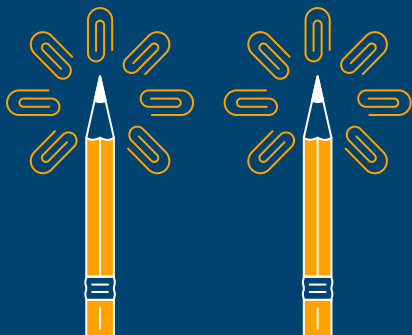




SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT 2016 - 2017

AN OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANISATION'S
SOCIAL IMPACT OVER THE LAST YEAR



44,160

children and young people experienced
adventure with Wide Horizons during
the year

1,800

249 volunteers provided over 1,800
hours of their time to help improve
our Adventure Learning centres

330

we worked with 330 primary and
secondary schools, whose average free
school meal eligibility was 25%, higher
than the national average of 14%

£84k

213 people took part in a range of fundraising
events including our Fools' Errand cycle
challenge, the Royal Parks Half Marathon and
many others raising a total of £84,592

SCHOOL VISITS

We work with schools from across London, Kent, Walsall and Dorset to provide a mixture of one-day nature experiences, outdoor pursuits such as orienteering and camping, to more adventurous activities such as rock climbing and gorge walking.

Linked to the school curriculum, activities are specifically designed to enhance children's learning, improve their personal and social skills, and connect them with the natural world.



84%

felt happier after their Adventure Learning experience with Wide Horizons



44%

said they knew more about the natural world following their residential trip



71%

felt more confident to try new things following a day visit



77%

said they kept trying even if they found things difficult



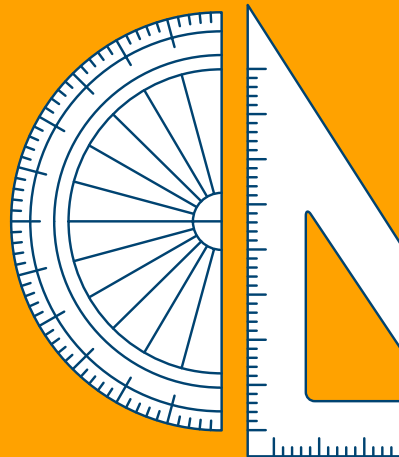
60%

reported that they improved their communication skills



9/10

children and young people said that they would visit Wide Horizons again



YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY

Get Out Go Wild is our adventure holiday programme that we run for disadvantaged children and young people (aged 10-15). This year, we supported 95 children and young people from Lewisham and Richmond, and gave them the opportunity to participate in activities like cave exploration, raft building and abseiling.

Young people learn how to co-operate with each other, take responsibility for their own welfare, and have the confidence and determination to overcome challenges in a supportive setting, giving them the right skills to build their own futures.



80%

of young people who attended Get Out Go Wild improved their wellbeing



56%

felt that their resilience and determination had increased



56%

improved their levels of trust with other young people

LONG TERM IMPACT BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS 3 MONTHS AFTER



92%

felt that their child was more positive about their future



76%

had witnessed an improvement in their child's interest in school



85%

felt that their child's communication skills had improved

Alongside challenging them physically, the children were also challenged on a more personal level...This trip has opened some of the children's eyes to the possibilities that life could hold. They often do not see what is outside of our estate and this experience has got them talking about the future and what they could achieve.



MISS PALMER, TEACHER

FOLLOWING RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO MARGARET MCMILLAN HOUSE, KENT

Really fun and DEFINITELY one of the highlights of Year 6. It gave you a chance to make new friends and discover more outdoor activities. I especially enjoyed doing the low-ropes and the tunnels because you went out of your comfort zone and realised you were better at things than you thought you were before.

There has been a huge improvement in his confidence and he has come out of his shell a lot since Get Out Go Wild. He has developed his social skills and is more able to trust us as a family and his friends.

AVA, AGED 11

AFTER HER RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO OUR TOWNSEND CENTRE IN SWANAGE, DORSET

MOTHER OF LEON, AGED 15

WHO TOOK PART IN GET OUT GO WILD

I have learnt how to work as a team and how to communicate well with others. This would help me in the future because when I get a job I can work well with my peers.

ABOUT WIDE HORIZONS

Wide Horizons believes that every child, regardless of their background or circumstances, should have the opportunity to experience adventures as part of their education and development.

Our school and community Adventure Learning programmes are dedicated to developing well-rounded children and young people who are environmentally conscious, active members of their communities and have the right skills to build their own futures.

DARIUS, AGED 15

REFLECTING UPON HIS RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO OUR BRYNTYSILIO CENTRE IN LLANGOLLEN, WALES

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