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YOUNG TALENT. REAL OPPORTUNITIES.

# Harrow Rising

## From Talent Shows to Music Production: Celebrating Harrow's Creative Youth

**Professional mentorship. Creative spaces. Young people thriving.**

This month, Harrow's young people have been shining. From the excitement of Wealdstone Youth Centre's first-ever talent show to intimate music production sessions with professional DJ AG, we're witnessing something special: young people discovering their voice, building confidence, and creating their future. Here's what's been happening in our community.

WEALDSTONE YOUTH CENTRE'S FIRST-EVER TALENT SHOW

# Young Voices Light Up the Stage

**An unforgettable evening of music, confidence, and community pride at Victoria Hall.**

Young performers from across Harrow stepped into the spotlight to showcase their incredible talents, inspiring audiences and celebrating the power of creative expression.

For many young people, finding a space to perform and express themselves can be challenging. The Wealdstone Youth Centre talent show changed that, providing a supportive stage where performers could build confidence, develop their artistic voice, and discover their potential.




SINGING "WE ARE CHAMPIONS" BY QUEEN




AN ACOUSTIC SET AT WEALDSTONE YOUTH CENTRE

From powerful vocal performances delivering Queen's "We Are Champions" to intimate acoustic sets, each act showed the depth of musical talent thriving in our community. Young performers sang with authenticity, passion, and poise—qualities that will serve them well both on and off the stage.

**"Your confidence, creativity and enthusiasm lit up the stage and inspired everyone in the room. Here's to celebrating young talent and creating even more opportunities for young people to thrive."**

## Building Community Through Creativity

The talent show brought together families, friends, supporters, and community members to celebrate local talent. In a world that often leaves young people on the margins, this event created a moment of genuine celebration—a space where they were seen, heard, and valued.

The Family Hub Network partnership demonstrates what's possible when organisations collaborate to create opportunities. By pooling resources, expertise, and spaces, we can ensure more young people have access to the platforms they need to thrive.

MAKING MUSIC MAGIC WITH DJ AG

# Professional Mentorship Meets Young Creativity

What a fantastic morning! Young people from across Harrow had the incredible opportunity to spend time singing and making music with professional DJ AG. From performing vocals to learning music production, this was a masterclass in creativity, confidence, and community.

DJ AG brought professional-level expertise and infectious energy to Wealdstone Youth Centre, creating an immersive experience where young people could explore music production, performance, and creative expression. Young musicians stepped up to the microphone, sang live with backing tracks, and witnessed firsthand what professional music-making looks like.






MUSIC MEETS MENTORSHIP

**This wasn't just a workshop—it was inspiration in action. Every young person present got to experience the excitement of live performance, the thrill of creative collaboration, and the possibility that music could be part of their future.**







**BACK STAGE TO CENTRE STAGE**

Crowning Greatness mentored, trained and supported the young people through their Back Stage to Centre Stage programme, before they performed with DJ AG at the Crowning Greatness community hub at Art Park Harrow, and at the talent show at Victoria Hall.

## Young People Taking Centre Stage

The energy in the room was electric. Young performers stepped forward with courage and creativity, singing powerful vocals, playing instruments, and engaging confidently with a professional musician. These moments matter—they build confidence, create memories, and plant seeds of possibility.

For many young people, this is their first real experience of professional music-making. For others, it's confirmation that the path they're considering is real, achievable, and exciting.

RASTA MOUSE AT WEALDSTONE YOUTH CENTRE

# Poetry, Performance and a Live Story Reading

Rasta Mouse came into Wealdstone Youth Centre, with a live story reading from the author Michael De Souza. Young people explored poetry through performance and creative writing, and the room filled up with characters, verses and hats.



AUTHOR MICHAEL DE SOUZA SIGNING FOR THE GROUP



A LIVE STORY READING BY THE AUTHOR



### IN THE SESSION

- Explore poetry through performance and creative writing
- Recite and create original poems
- Develop characters and imaginative stories
- Perform Rasta Mouse-inspired characters
- Build confidence, creativity and self-expression
- Enjoy a live story reading by the author Michael De Souza

**Ages: 9 - 15**

A TRIP TO THE LOCAL BARBERS

# Free Haircuts and a Trade to Learn

Young people from Wealdstone Youth Centre headed down to their local barbers for a free haircut and a proper look behind the chair. Alongside the trim, they picked up the basics of cutting hair from a barber who knows the neighbourhood.

A haircut is a confidence boost. Learning how it's done is a skill, and it's a first glimpse of a trade with real local demand. Everyone took a turn — watching closely, holding the clippers, and getting hands-on with guidance from the barber.



WATCHING THE TECHNIQUE UP CLOSE




TAKING A TURN WITH THE CLIPPERS



LOCAL BUSINESS, LOCAL IMPACT

**Thank you to our barbers in Wealdstone for opening the shop, giving their time for free, and passing on the trade to the next generation.**

FROM EVENTS TO PATHWAYS

# Term-Time Programmes

One-off events like talent shows and workshops create buzz and inspiration. But sustained access to programmes is what builds real pathways for young people. That's why Wealdstone Youth Centre is committed to providing regular, accessible creative spaces throughout the year.

## Youth Clubs & Community Sessions

Junior & Senior Youth Clubs at Wealdstone Youth Centre

Drop-in sessions for young people aged 9-19. Limited spaces available.

- Monday & Friday: Junior Youth Club (9-15) | 3:30-5:30pm
- Tuesday: Learn to Cook at Wealdstone | 3:30-5:30pm | All ages, may split depending on age
- Tuesday: Senior Youth Club (16-19/25 SEN) | 5:00-7:00pm | Limited spaces, please book
- Wednesday: 13-15's Youth Club (13-15) | 3:30-5:30pm
- Wednesday: Harrow Youth Parliament (9-19) | 5:00-7:00pm | 1 x a month, please call for details
- Thursday: No sessions




**What you'll learn:** Studio recording techniques, sampling, looping, mixing, and music production fundamentals. Build a complete track from start to finish.

**100%**
CONFIDENCE BOOST

**∞**
POSSIBILITIES

**1**
COMMUNITY

**Real**
SKILLS

WHY THIS MATTERS

# The Impact of Creative Opportunity

When young people get the chance to work with professionals, learn new skills, and perform in a supportive environment, they discover capabilities they didn't know they had. Music production, performance, and creative expression aren't just about entertainment—they're vehicles for:

## Building Confidence & Resilience

Stepping on stage, sharing your voice, learning from professionals—these experiences build the confidence young people need to tackle challenges in every area of life.

## Creating Social Connection

Creative spaces bring young people together around shared interests. Friendships formed here become support networks that help young people stay engaged and healthy.

## Opening Career Pathways

Young people who engage in music programmes are more likely to stay in education, develop leadership skills, and explore creative careers. That DJ AG mentoring session? It could be the spark that leads somewhere.

## Strengthening Community

When we create spaces where young people can thrive, we strengthen the fabric of our entire community. These young people are Harrow's future—let's invest in them.

THE BOTTOM LINE

**Harrow's young people are full of potential. Events like the talent show and mentoring sessions with professionals prove that when we give young people a platform, support, and genuine belief in their abilities, they'll do remarkable things.**

READY TO GET INVOLVED?

# How to Get Started

If you're a young person interested in music, performance, leadership, or just finding your people, Wealdstone Youth Centre has something for you.

### GET IN TOUCH

Location: Wealdstone Youth Centre, 38-42 High Street, Wealdstone, Harrow, HA3 7AE

Phone: 0208 416 8667

Email: WEALDSTONHUBYOUTHOFFER@HARROW.GOV.UK

Follow Us: @wealdstone.youthhub on Instagram

### HARROW FAMILY HUB NETWORK

Website: harrow.gov.uk/familyhubs

Contact email: earlysupporthub@harrow.gov.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/harrowcc

Instagram: @Wealdstone.youthhub

**Drop in or book to secure your space—limited availability on popular sessions!**

**Activities start from 02 September 2026**

## What to Expect

- Welcoming, inclusive spaces designed with young people in mind
- Professional mentorship and skill-building opportunities
- A community where you belong
- Access to real studios, instruments, and creative equipment
- Support from adults who genuinely believe in you

## For Parents & Supporters

If you know a young person who could benefit from creative space, mentorship, and community, please share these opportunities. Whether they're shy or outgoing, experienced or complete beginners, there's a place for them here.

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# Together We Talk

## FAMILY VOICE SESSIONS

### Parent Panel





Your **voice** matters to us and is essential to us understanding what families in **Harrow** want.

These sessions offer an opportunity to **share** your views and to help to **shape** the community offer.

**Drop in or register your interest using this QR code**

020 8736 6222

EarlySupportHUB @harrow.gov.uk

www.harrow.gov.uk/FamilyHubs



# FAMILY HUB SESSIONS

## Drop in. Get Support. You're not alone.

| Family Hub location | Venue | Date | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Family Hub West | Cedars | Monday 2 November 2026 | 9.30–11am |
| | Pinner | Monday 5 April 2027 | 9.30–11am |
| | Gange | Monday 5 July 2027 | 9.30–11am |
| | SEND Focus Cedars | Monday 1 February 2027 | 9.30–11am |
| Family Hub East | Kenmore Park | Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 10–11.30am |
| | Stanmore Park | Friday 5 March 2027 | 10–11.30am |
| | Chandos | Tuesday 8 June 2026 | 10–11.30am |
| | SEND Focus Kenmore Park | Wednesday 23 June 2026 | 10–11.30am |
| Family Hub Central | Hillview | Thursday 24 September 2026<br>Thursday 14 January 2027 | 11 –12.30pm |
| | SEND Focus Hillview | Thursday 11 March 2027 | 10–11.30am |

## AIMS

**Our Family Hubs are here to support you and your family every step of the way.**

- Gather feedback on services, programmes and family support offers.
- Understand families' experiences, needs and priorities.
- Co–produce services with parents and carers rather than making decisions for them.
- Identify gaps and barriers that may prevent families from accessing support.
- Improve service quality by listening to what is working well and what could be better.
- Strengthen family engagement and build trusting relationships between families and professionals.
- Ensure services are inclusive and equitable, representing the voices of diverse communities.
- Influence strategic planning and decision–making within the Family Hub and wider children's services system.



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# REDUCING PARENTAL CONFLICT (RPC) THROUGH MEDIATION

Parenting can be tough, especially when disagreements feel never-ending. Arguments and tension between parents don't just affect adults- they also affect children.

RPC through Mediation is here to help. It's a safe, voluntary and confidential way to talk through issues with support, so you can find a calmer, more positive ways forward.

## What is RPC through Mediation?

- A free, voluntary service in Harrow.
- Provides a neutral space to manage disagreements.
- Helps parents focus on children's well-being.

## Who is it for?

- Parents who live together or separately.
- Separated couples working out co-parenting arrangements.
- Stepparents or carers with parenting responsibilities.

## Benefits of Mediation

- ✓ Improves communication
- ✓ Reduces stress for children and adults
- ✓ Encourages co-operation and understanding
- ✓ Helps families find lasting solutions
- ✓ Supports a calmer, more stable home life



# HOW DOES MEDIATION WORK?



**REFERRAL**

Each parent meets the mediator.

**Initial contact**

The mediator contacts both parents separately.





**INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS**

Each parent meets the mediator to share and discuss worries.

Each parent meets to address conflict.





**JOINT SESSIONS**

Agreements are written with practical steps both parents commit to.





**FOLLOW -UP**

In some circumstances, a follow-up may take place.

## WHY CHOOSE MEDIATION?

- You stay in control of decisions
- The aim is to reduce conflict and improve communication.

**Contact us:**
**Family Group Conference Service | Early help**
**Children's Services | Peoples Directorate**
fgcservice@harrow.gov.uk
London Borough of Harrow, Forward Drive, Harrow, HA3 8FL

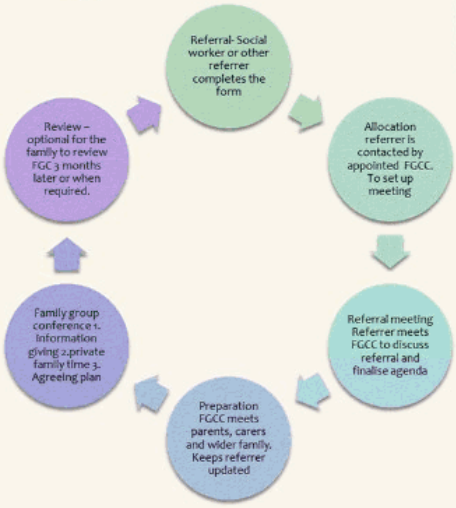
# family group conference

## 1 What is an FGC?

A Family group conference is a structured decision-making process whereby the wider family and friends network are the decision makers. The FGC enables them to work together to problem solve a specific issue that will promote child/young person wellbeing and safeguards.

The aim of the model is to empower families through voluntary service (consent driven) to accept responsibility for their own family.

## 4 The process




**The referral:**

- Ensure person/s with PR has given consent!
- Ensure contact details are up-to-date in Mosaic and shared on referral form.
- Be prepared to provide any additional info and regular updates to the coordinator.
- Help develop questions for the conference.
- Be available to attend the conference.
- Lead professionals will review the family plan to ensure safety.
- If an emergency arises, arrange for a colleague to attend the conference to support the family.




## 2 The role of the children

In a Family Group Conference (FGC), a child's role is to share their thoughts and feelings about what's happening. Their input helps the family make decisions that are best for them. The child can also say who they trust and want support from during the process.

## 5 focused areas of our work

- Safeguarding
- Children looked after by social care
- Family support & pre-proceedings
- Children with disabilities
- Young people transitioning to adult social care
- Kinship carers

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## 3 Advocacy

An advocate can be arranged to support an adult or child in the conference and this can be discussed with the FGC coordinator.



## 6 How do you contact us?

The Pinner Centre,
Chapel Lane Car Park,
Harrow HA5 1AA
fgcservice@harrow.gov.uk

FGC REFERRER FEEDBACK SURVEY

# Citizens Advice Harrow is part of Harrow's Family Hub Network

citizens advice Harrow

**Harrow's Family Hubs are improving the way families and young people access support, information, and advice.** These Hubs bring together the support and services a family and a young person may need, when they need it.



You can access Citizens Advice Harrow's advice service at the following hubs:

Cedars, Chandos, Hillview, Kenmore, Pinner, and Wealdstone Youth Club.

Please contact us on **0808 250 5705** to make an appointment.

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# Housing Advice: Family Support

**Need Housing Advice for your family?**
**Book 1:1 support with Housing Services today.**

**Date :** Every Friday
**Time:** 9.30 am–12.30 pm
**Location:** Wealdstone Youth Centre, 38–42 High Street, Harrow, HA3 7AE
**School holidays/ half term**: Gange Delivery Site, 68 Canning Road, Wealdstone, HA3 7SN

**To book, please email:** housing.advice@harrow.gov.uk

FAMILY HUB NETWORK

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EVERY PERSON IS CAPABLE (EPIC)

# Graffiti Workshops

Every Person Is Capable (EPIC) will be delivering a Graffiti Workshops to our young people, ages 9 – 19 (upto age 25 SEND).

The graffiti sessions will provide participants with a platform to express their stories, emotions and feelings through colours, words and different graffiti writing styles.

Participants will learn introductory graffiti techniques before collaboratively designing and creating a group mural outdoors and/or individual canvases (depending on co-designing parts of the programme with the young people using participatory methods).

**All materials will be provided by EPIC.**




## OUTCOMES

Participants will:

- Learn basic graffiti techniques and safe use of materials.
- Develop confidence in creative self-expression.
- Work collaboratively to design a shared mural.
- Create individual artwork for exhibition.
- Build social connections through creative activities.
- Increase emotional wellbeing

## DATES

**Tuesday 13th October** – Wealdstone Youth Centre

**Tuesday 20th October** – Wealdstone Youth Centre

**Tuesday 27th October** – Wealdstone Youth Centre

**Tuesday 3rd November** – Best Start Gange Family Hub (for the spray painting in the back garden)

**Starting time of 4:00pm / Latest 4:30pm**

THE FUTURE IS CREATIVE

# Supporting Young People to Find Their Voice & Build Their Future

A single talent show is just the beginning. A mentoring session with a professional musician opens doors. But sustained investment in youth creative spaces? That's how we build a generation of confident, skilled, creative young people ready to lead Harrow forward.

Thank you to DJ AG for showing our young people what's possible. And thank you to every young person who showed up, stepped up, and shined.

## Harrow's youth are rising. And we're just getting started.

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Questions? Get in touch with Wealdstone Youth Centre. We're here to help young people discover what they're capable of.

Young people with additional needs and support needs are welcome at all of our groups. If you require accessibility adjustments, please contact us.