

# Let's get ahead of ourselves

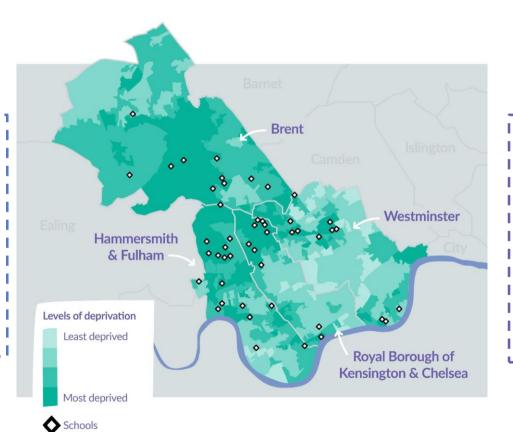
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#### **Our Place**

Our vision is a West London community working together so that every child can thrive.

We aim to achieve a **Social**, **Emotional and Academic SEA change** with a generation of children and young people in our Zone.



- Co-designed with community
- Targeted in areas of need
- Joining up systems, connecting school with community
- 55 school Nurseries, Primaries, Secondaries, Sixth Form across four boroughs
- Early intervention, avoidance of statutory level escalation

## **About WLZ**





### Who we are

- West London Zone aspires to help children and young people build the relationships and skills they need to get on track socially, emotionally and academically through collective action.
- West London Zone addresses this issue by training and deploying 'Link Workers' who are based in local schools to serve as mentors to at-risk young people.
- Link Workers design and facilitate an individualised two-year plan for each young person and commission community organisations to provide services best suited to the goals outlined in their plan.
- West London Zone currently collaborates with c.55 schools and impacts around
   1,700 children per year.



### **Our impact model**

**Impact** 

Outcomes

WLZ 2-year Programme

Who we work with Children and young people with the relationships and skills they need to thrive in adulthood.

Social (peer relationships)

**Emotional** (wellbeing and confidence)

Academic (English and maths)

Core commitment = 50-100 hours of formal support over 2-year programme

**Personalised Specialist Support:** 

**Trusted Relationship:** 

Joining Up the System:





- 2-vear support plan
- Tailored to child's strengths & needs •
- Specialist support with charities working locally
- A Link Worker for every child
- Based in their school
- Works to set goals and provide 1-1 support

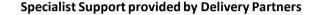


- Collective power of local community
- Joining up support around each child
- Including: government, charities, schools, families and funders

We work with children who would benefit from our support in multiple, inter-related areas.



### **Collective Impact**



#### **And Circus**

Bookmark

Circus skills training for developing children and young people's motor reflexes, creative potential and social-emotional skills.

#### Bookmark

Helps children develop reading skills and confidence with the support of volunteers.

#### **Reclaimed Project**

Small group wood-work sessions aimed at supporting creativity and self regulation.

#### Tie-Dye Drama

Tie-Dye Drama encourages social and emotional wellbeing through role play and open discussion.

#### **Unlocking Potential**

1:1 counselling and occupational therapy for students at primary school to help with social, emotional and mental health needs.



#### **Community Linking and Referrals**

#### Brent CAMHS

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Specialist mental health services for children and young people.

#### **Brent HAF programme**

Programme providing activities and food for CYP over the holiday, to ensure they remain healthy and stimulated during the break.

# EACH Enabling Change Rebuilding Lives

#### Each

Culturally sensitive therapy for parents of WLZ CYP.



#### The Kids Network

Mentoring scheme supporting children in the transition to secondary school.



#### **Kite Studios**

High quality art and crafts sessions from the local Kite art Studios.



BRENT CAMHS

#### Young Brent Foundation

Summer activity and mentoring scheme.







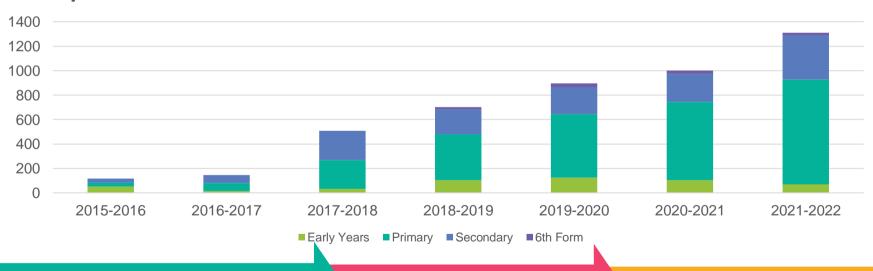
Structured one-to-one literacy intervention delivered by WLZ





### From pilot to part of the system

## Numbers of children and young people supported, 2015/16-2021/22



Design and pilot 2015-16

Clarify and rollout 2016-2017

Refine and grow reach 2018-2022



### Lessons and regrets on the way

- Can you be a pure 'broker' for support?
- Engaging health funders
- Choosing where to draw the line



### What we got right

- Effectively targeting need, not 'a need'
- Bringing multiple funders around the child
- Co-designing support at the level of the individual, not as a programme





If you could do one thing to address an unmet need in your communities, what would it be- what can have the biggest impact?



How to identify and address need that is more than just 'a need'



What challenges are being put in the 'too hard' or 'for another day when I'm not so busy' box – how can we solve them together?



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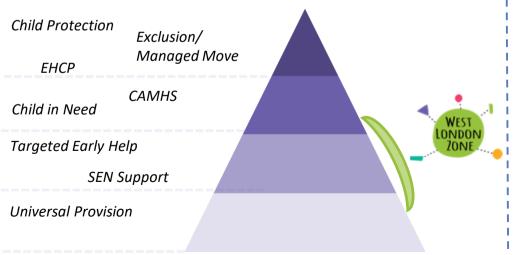




### What is 'the need'?

#### **Early Intervention**

WLZ works with children who don't yet require statutory or high needs support, but who have a range of risk factors that could lead to negative outcomes and the need for more serious intervention later.



#### **Profile of cohorts**



Each child has average of 4 risks across social/emotional, academic, attendance, socio/economic disadvantage, family support domains



83% have social, emotional or mental health difficulties



97% are at risk of poor academic outcomes (school attendance and/or attainment risk), around 40% are on school's SEN register (Support level)



Majority fall around Tier 2 of the threshold of needs framework (around 40% have previously been known/referred to Children's/Targeted Early Help Services in the past)



These collections of risk factors are prevalent in children who move up to more serious/negative escalations later (Social Finance (2019) – 'Maximising access to education: Understanding Risk Factors for exclusion and school moves')





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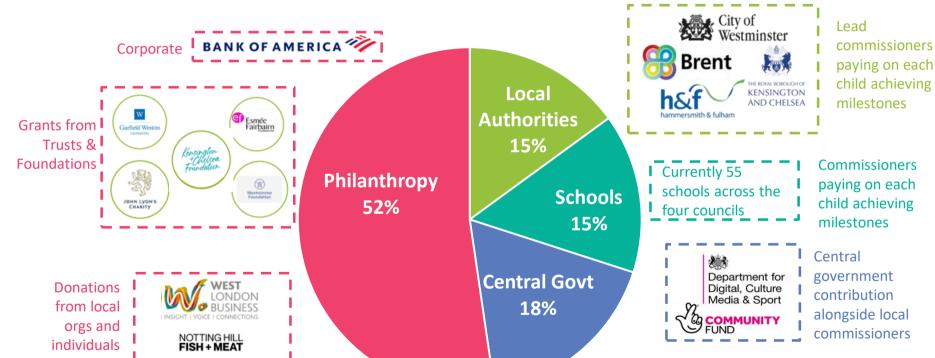


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### Our collective impact funding model







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Replicating WLZ outside London





### Scaling our model

- We are two years into a five year plan focused on growth within our Zone
- In late 2021 we were selected by the Greater Share Education Fund to receive multi-million pound funding over a 10 year period, directed toward growth outside of London
- This funding is an exceptional opportunity for us. We're looking for partners who are excited about the potential of launching this model outside of London



### Scaling our model

#### Test sites (2022-25)

- We will establish up to 3 test sites outside of London from September 2024
- Purpose of establishing sites is to learn from experience of delivery outside of London, and to establish a working model of delivery outside of London

### Designing a replication strategy (2024-2026)

- We'll use learning from pilot sites to design a replication strategy for national roll out
- We expect this strategy will involve
  - Developing infrastructure for a social franchise model;
  - Working with policy makers to make the case for a Governmentbacked roll out

### National roll out (2026-2030)

 We will expand to multiple new sites nationally. Our ambition is to reach 15-20 new sites by 2030



# What we can bring... and what we're looking for

#### What we can bring

- Building networks of partners
- Co-designing an impactful approach
- Philanthropic match funding
- Track record of impact
- An opportunity for innovation

#### What we're looking for

- Strong local leadership aligned with our mission
- A commitment to co-designing and adapting our model
- Local insights and connections
- A willingness to back this work financially



### Isabella's journey



