

A Positive
Future for
Jewish Youth

JLGB



Since 1895 the JLGB has trained and developed Jewish young people to reach their potential through active citizenship, in the Jewish and wider communities, empowering them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR JEWISH YOUTH

Enriching the lives of young people and helping them to make a positive contribution to society

Today's JLGB is a modern, thriving and innovative national voluntary youth organisation that is a highly respected model of professional youth work for the 21st century. Through a safe and structured environment, the JLGB offers young people of all abilities the opportunity to enrich their lives through a diverse range of positive experiences that meet the religious and cultural needs of the Jewish community.

The JLGB encourages friendship through achievement, recognition and personal development programmes that prepares and enables young Jewish people to develop the essential life skills needed to help their transition from young person to adult life.

Central to the ethos of the JLGB is active citizenship and giving back to society. The JLGB encourages young people's involvement in volunteering, inter-faith and intergenerational projects that have a positive impact in both the Jewish and wider communities.





The JLGB prides itself on providing a kosher-friendly expedition service that does not take place over the Sabbath, ensuring that all Jewish young people are able to access the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

REMOVING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

A religious and culturally sensitive approach to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The JLGB is the exclusive Jewish Operating Authority for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) and has been since its inception in 1956. The JLGB has an excellent track record of providing expedition training and assessment programmes that meet the religious and cultural needs of Jewish young people, removing all barriers for the successful completion of their award.

Enrolling and directly training over 700 young Jewish people each year, many thousands of young Jewish people have achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the JLGB.

The increased awareness and interest in the DofE has helped to encourage many young people from the ultra-orthodox Jewish communities to take part in DofE, particularly those who require single-gender expedition provision.

Tremendous support is also given by the JLGB to young people with physical or learning disabilities who want to be part of all that DofE offers.



AIMING HIGH FOR JEWISH YOUTH

Accredited leadership training,
skills development and
lifelong learning

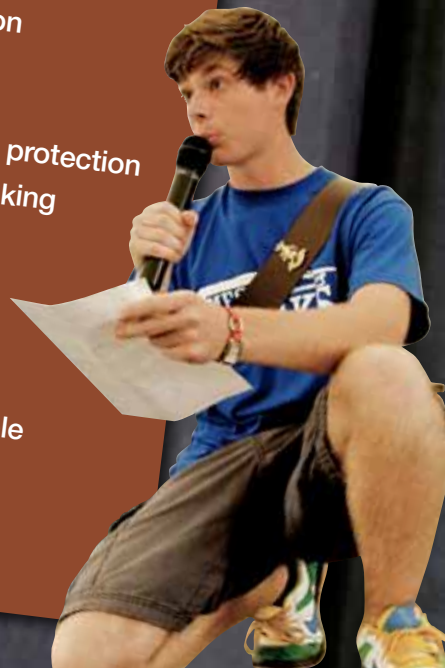
The JLGB helps Jewish young people to develop transferable skills that they'll be able to use throughout their lives – skills such as character building, self-confidence, teamwork and a sense of ownership and responsibility.

JLGB leadership training programmes, accredited by the National Open College Network (NOCN), cover a vast range of transferable life skills, all of which are vital for young people's further education and future career opportunities.

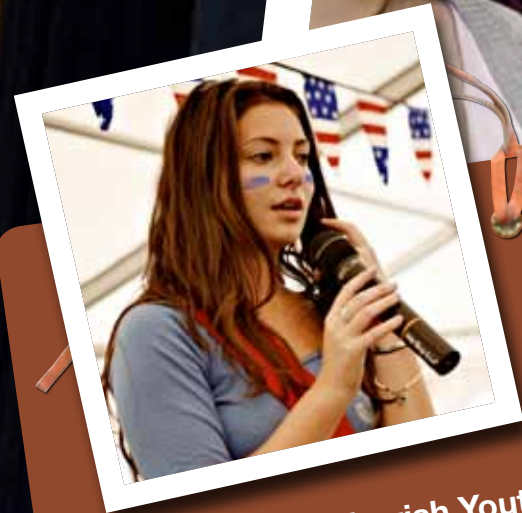
Examples of these skills include:

- Personal development and social awareness
- Peer leadership, teamwork and communication
- Activity organisation, event planning and risk assessment
- Situation management, safeguarding and child protection
- Money management and informed decision making
- Jewish identity, heritage and peoplehood
- Citizenship, social action and intergenerational programming
- Motivational techniques and presentation skills

In today's highly competitive world, these transferable skills are invaluable in giving each young person the competitive edge they need to enhance their career progression and improve employability.



'Aiming High for Jewish Youth' is the JLGB's strategic plan to create a national framework for delivering accredited leadership training, skills development and lifelong learning to young people and volunteer leaders across the Jewish community.





The JLGB provides children and young people with access to a wide range of music-making activities, events and training weekends allowing their creativity, talents and leadership skills to blossom.

ENCOURAGING TALENT AND TRANSFORMING LIVES

Unleashing the potential of Jewish youth through the power of music

The JLGB is the only Jewish organisation to offer young people the chance to learn to play musical instruments and develop music skills from the first time they pick up an instrument to becoming talented musicians performing at prestigious community events across the country.

At the JLGB we have always believed that providing professional music tuition for children and young people at our local music groups across the UK is a great way to discover creativity and unleash the potential of Jewish youth. Music gives young people self-confidence, self-esteem and transferable skills which can be taken anywhere in the world.

The JLGB supports young people and families with highly subsidised instrument rental and purchase costs, as well as low cost one-to-one tuition to make music accessible to all Jewish families regardless of personal or financial circumstances. For many, being given the chance to experience the power of music has been life changing.



CREATING ACTIVE CITIZENS

Empowering young people at the forefront of the Jewish community

The JLGB passionately believes that as well as a good school education, Jewish young people can make a valued contribution to society, develop their own unique talents, fulfil their potential and enjoy creating their own family life and communities regardless of their background or circumstances.

The JLGB combines Jewish values with British traditions, encouraging young people's involvement in volunteering, inter-faith and intergenerational projects across the UK. Working with over 50 charities, through the JLGB's collaborative strategy for Jewish youth volunteering, the JLGB impacts and improves the lives of Jewish young people by giving them the confidence to become active, successful members of the Jewish and wider communities.

Each year the JLGB facilitates hundreds of volunteering placements for Jewish young people through volunteering fairs, charity matching and through the administration of a suite of age progressive and nationally recognised volunteering achievement awards.

Young people get a bad press and the positive stories of their contributions and achievements are rarely publicised. The JLGB gives young people the opportunity to showcase what they can do and to stand out as shining examples in their communities. The JLGB takes tremendous pride in the achievements of the hundreds of young people involved in thousands of hours of impactful volunteering and social action programmes.

The JLGB strives to help develop a society that values Jewish young people and their contributions aiming to make every effort to train, develop and support them on their journey.





The JLGB brings together young people from across the UK to explore and embrace their Jewish identity and heritage through shared experience and activities, empowering them to make informed choices for a positive future.



REACHING OUT AND ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

A sustainable model for positive youth provision in Jewish communities across the UK

Across the UK, the JLGB offers a positive, balanced programme of weekly activities which engage young people in important life choices and issues such as healthy living, citizenship, emotional well-being, leadership development and Jewish identity.

Our work in small Jewish communities such as Cardiff, Liverpool, Newcastle and Glasgow shows how the JLGB national network acts as a vital lifeline for isolated young people who wouldn't otherwise get the chance to meet and make friends with hundreds of like-minded Jewish teenagers from other communities.

Modern day technology has allowed the JLGB for the first time to interact with smaller Jewish communities in a different way. With the creation of online programmes and training resources we have been able to create 'virtual' communities that allow us to reach out and directly connect, support and encourage the development of 'hard to reach' young Jewish people.

All our national award schemes have been upgraded and are accessible online through secure, user friendly systems that young people and volunteers can access in order to track their individual progress and achievement. The delivery of these cutting edge programmes, to even the smallest rural Jewish communities, instantly and directly connects these isolated young people to all the JLGB family has to offer.





For many families JLGB camps provide the only holiday some children get all year. We believe the JLGB must continue helping members socialise, develop and participate in activities with other Jewish children of their age, without their families incurring financial hardship.



EVERY CHILD REALLY DOES MATTER

Actively supporting children and families in need to access positive youth provision

As a national, but grass roots youth organisation working directly in almost every Jewish community, the JLGB is acutely aware of the issues affecting today's young people. The JLGB helps families in need by creating a safe space for their children where they can explore their true self and enjoy their transition to adulthood in a fun and welcoming environment away from outside worries and pressures.

The JLGB has always ensured that no young person or volunteer leader is prevented from participating in any JLGB programme due to personal, financial or family circumstances.

Over 30% of the young people and volunteer leaders we engage with receive a variety of financial subsidies or individual welfare support. Year on year, the amount of bursaries the JLGB has awarded to children, young people and families in need has grown significantly - a trend that is increasing in this difficult financial climate.

Working closely with Special Educational Needs schools such as Langdon College, the JLGB continues to grow its provision for Jewish children with physical and learning disabilities by offering specially adapted programmes that are accessible, inclusive and empowering.





"There is nothing more important in life and in our community than taking care of our youngsters. To see them grow and develop in JLGB, seeing their pride in being Jewish, as well as being active citizens in wider society, I think is really outstanding – it is a true privilege to be your President."

The Lord Levy
JLGB President



INVESTING IN JEWISH YOUTH

Help us to develop the next generation into well-rounded thoughtful and active citizens

Today's Jewish young people have the energy and enthusiasm to shape and change their world in innovative and exciting ways that simply weren't possible in previous generations.

However young people also live in a world of academic and financial pressure and where the nature of the traditional community model has changed radically through technological advancement. This creates the need to find new ways to engage and inspire the next generation of Jewish young people.

Your contribution will allow the JLGB to make vital in-roads into the grass roots of the community, helping to create new models for sustainable and targeted positive youth provision for all.

Across the UK, the JLGB is proud to have over 300 dedicated, hard-working volunteers who are excited and ready to coach, train and mentor the next generation of committed, forward-thinking young Jewish people, but without your help they can't achieve these goals.





We really do need your help. Your support will help us to realise our long-term ambitions in shaping the future we want our children to have.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL ENABLE THE JLGB TO ACHIEVE OUR MAIN AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To make JLGB youth provision available in every UK Jewish community (and internationally where possible).
2. To organise local, regional and national activities, events and camps at highly subsidised costs.
3. To enable every Jewish child, who wishes, to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
4. To empower young Jewish people through accredited leadership development, skills training and lifelong learning programmes that enhances their career development and employment potential.
5. To establish regional music provision to teach young Jewish people to play musical instruments and to provide outlets for performance through civic and community events.
6. To facilitate volunteering and citizenship opportunities through social action, intergenerational and inter-faith programmes.
7. To recruit, develop and retain young and adult volunteers to inspire, train, coach and mentor young Jewish people to reach their full potential.
8. To create additional provisions for children with special needs, as well as increased JLGB welfare and bursary funding for disadvantaged families.



*Young people
represent the best
possible investment
in the future.*

Help us to help them.

JLGB
Camperdown
3 Beechcroft Road, London E18 1LA
Tel: 020 8989 8990 Email: donate@jlgb.org
www.jlgb.org/donate

Follow us on
Facebook,
Twitter or
YouTube

Search: JLGBHQ

Charity
Number:
286950