

The Value of the voluntary sector

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Win or lose, sink or swim
One thing is certain, we'll never give in
Side by side, hand in hand
We all stand together



**“I can do things you cannot.
You can do things I cannot.
Together we can do great
things” (Mother Teresa)**

Richmond CVS

www.richmondcvcs.org.uk

Kingston Voluntary Action

www.kva.org.uk

Representing over 1,000 charities, community groups and social enterprises across the two boroughs - a significant proportion of which deliver to children and families across all age ranges and emotional, health and social needs.

Areas of Work

- **Sensory / Stimulating / Support**
eg. music therapy, early years development, parent support
- **Emotional Health and Wellbeing**
eg. for young carers, for adult carers, for children and young people's mental health, for bereavement, national helplines
- **Nurture/Nature**
eg. educational activities and social groups such as Me Too and Co, TAG Youth Club, London Wildlife Trust, Horse Rangers Riding for the Disabled, Spartan Swimming Club
- **Dance and the Arts**
eg. Ballet Boyz, YMCA, Orleans House Gallery

“ It takes a village to raise a child”

(Igbo and Yoruba proverb)

- Children don't exist in a vacuum
- They are part of a family with the pressures of modern living, such as debt, housing, adult mental health having an impact on the family's ability to thrive

The local VCS can help

eg. Citizens Advice – debt management, benefits etc

eg. Barnes Workhouse Fund /Richmond Parish Lands /
Hampton Fuel Allotments for grants for white goods,
assistance with utility bills, education etc



Youth Club for Disabled
Young People

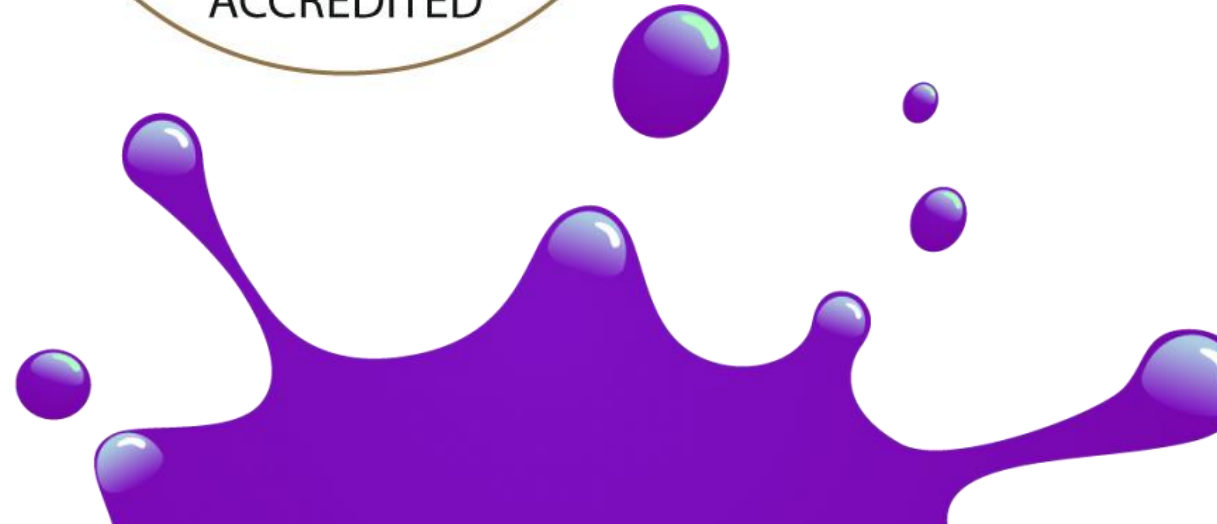
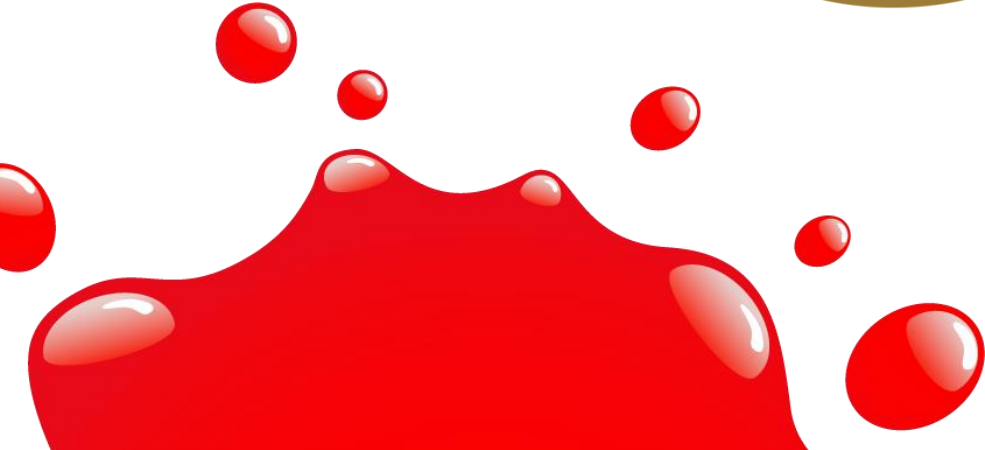


Delivering a programme of
personal, social and educational
opportunities



A Small Charity With A
Big Personality

Setting the Bar





Providing Fun and
Engaging activities





Junior Club

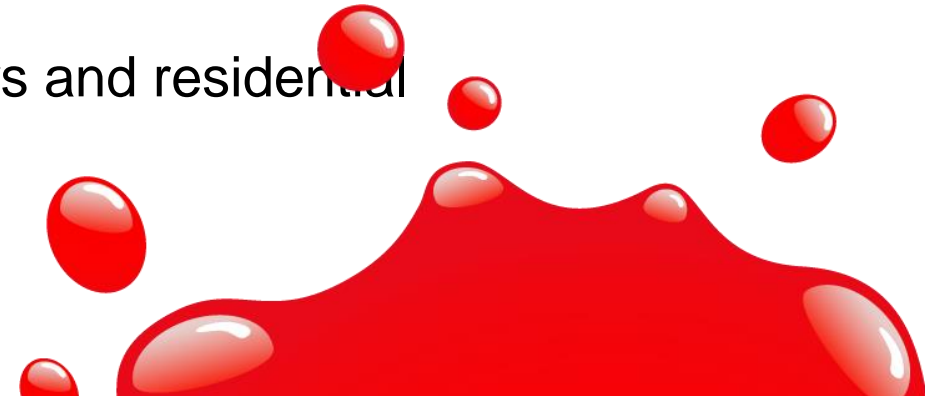
- Aimed at children and young people between the ages of 10 and 15
- Meets on alternate Fridays at Ham Youth Centre
- 5.30 to 7pm
- Onsite and offsite activities
- Transition for those aged 14 to our Youth Club



Youth Club



- Aimed at young people between the ages of 15 and 25
- Meets every Friday at Ham Youth Centre
- 7.30 to 9.30pm
- Onsite and offsite activities
- Projects
- Sleepovers and residential holidays





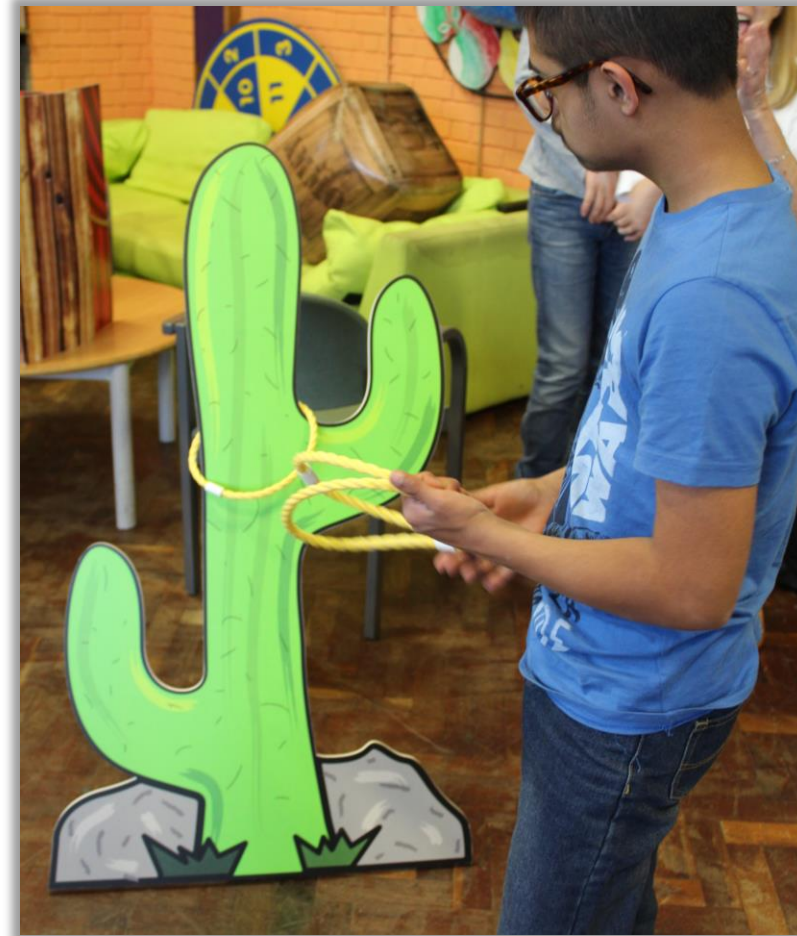
Weekly Themes





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- Rodeo Bull
- Cowboy and Indian Sumo Wrestling
- Line Dancing
- Tin Can Alley
- Cactus Lasso



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Delivering More

We Also

- Host the Transition and Local Offer fair
- Provide advice to other youth organisations
- A voice for children and youth people at local and national level

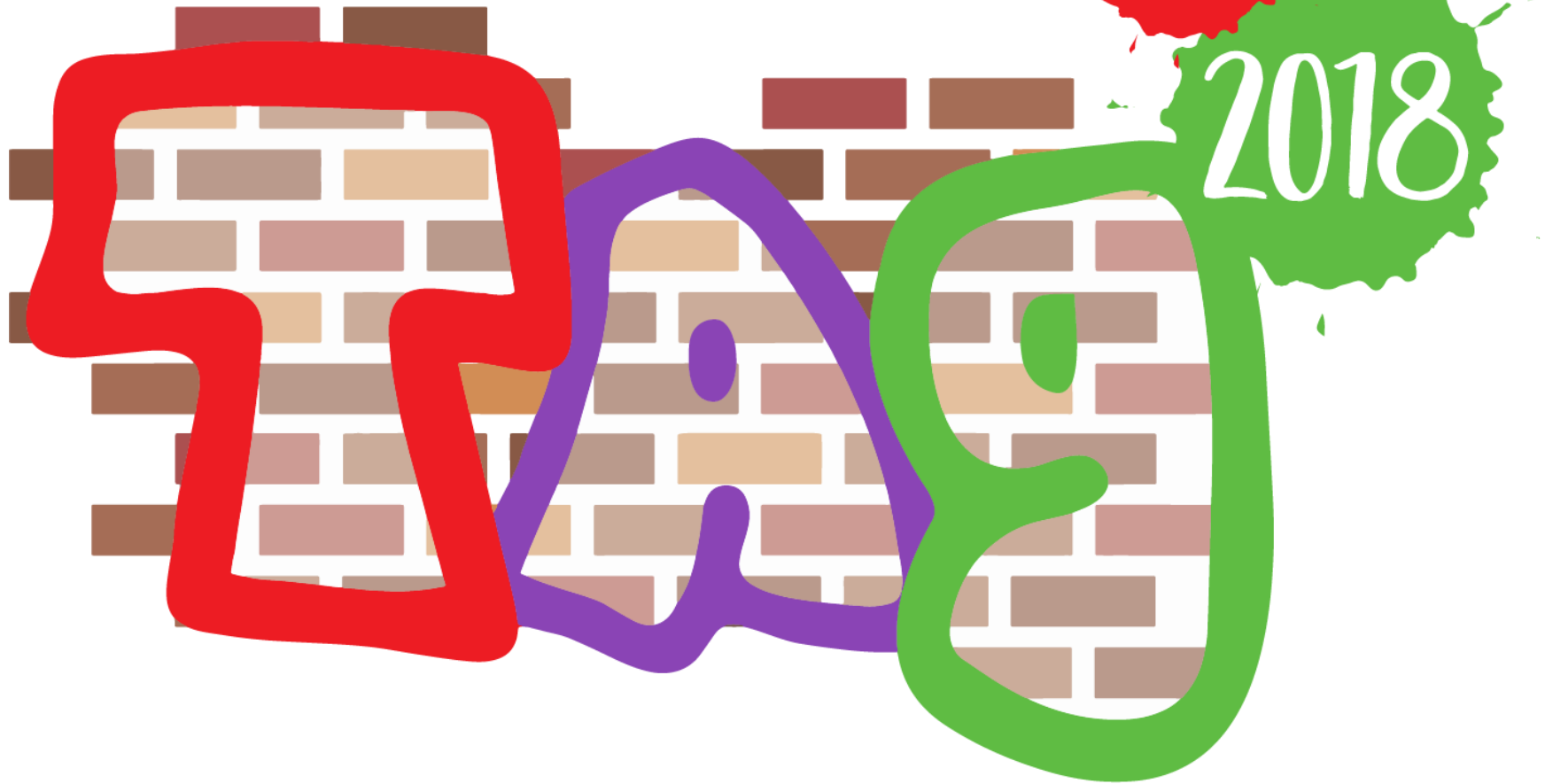




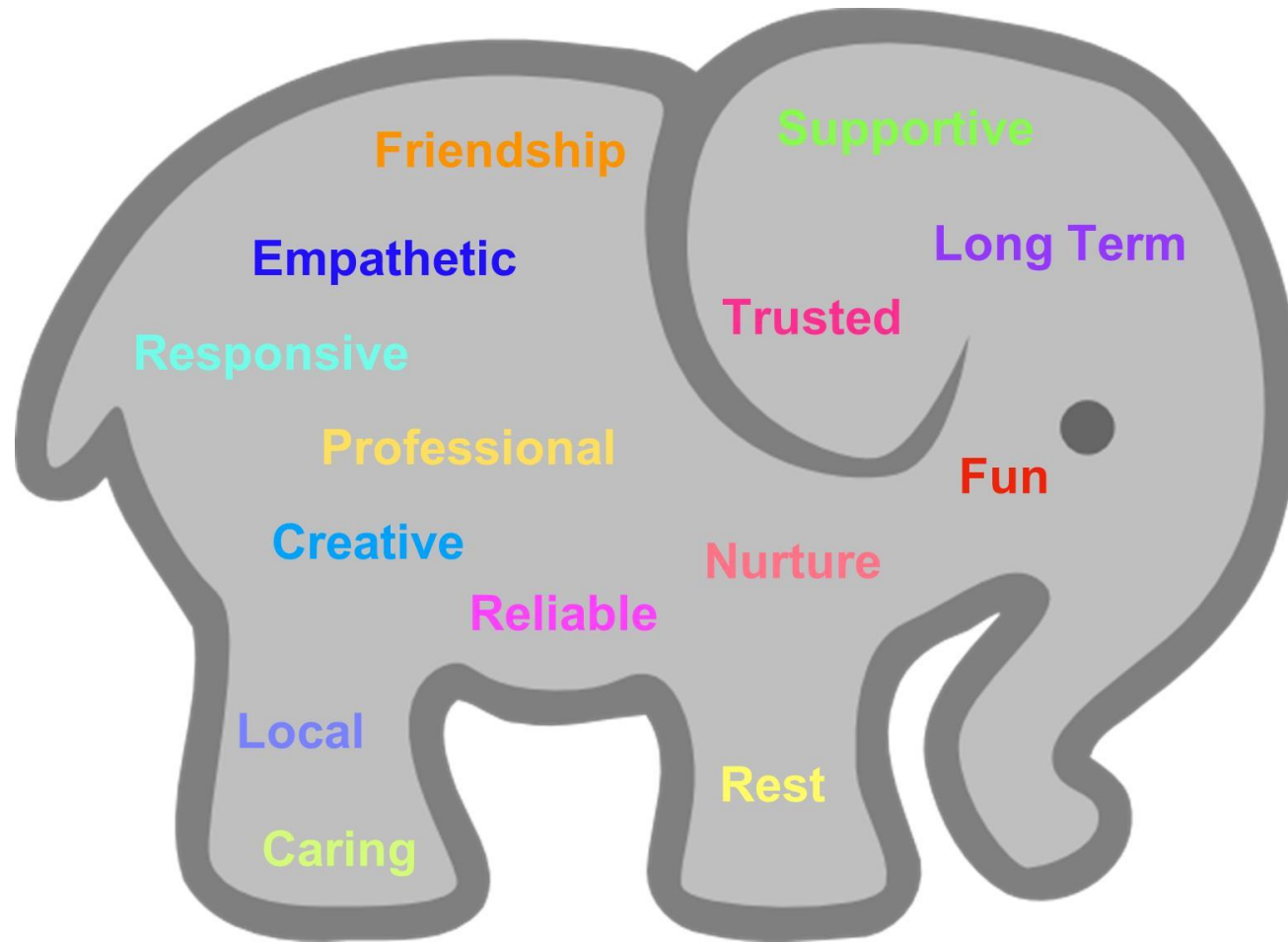
CELEBRATING 18 YEARS

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Why the Voluntary Sector?



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- **Personally motivated and local**
- **Trusted professionals, expertise**
- **Relationships, Social Network, Peer to Peer**

Think Voluntary

- SPA triage/School SENCO/School Nursing/Parent Carer
- **Local Offer** https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/local_offer
- **Turn2Us** – a national charity which offers online support including a benefit entitlement checker, a search for a grant for individuals that can be used by referral agencies, and an information and help function www.turn2us.org.uk
- **The Helpline Partnership** administers an extensive database of helplines, where you can find support quickly and easily. The information is themed and includes helplines that support children and young people, disability and emotional health.
www.helplines.org/helplines/

A motivational poster featuring a vibrant sunset or sunrise scene with a large, glowing circular light source in the center. The background is a mix of warm reds, oranges, and yellows. Overlaid on this is a large, semi-transparent circle containing the text of an African proverb. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines. Below the main text, the words 'AFRICAN PROVERB' are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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FAST, GO ALONE.
IF YOU WANT TO GO
FAR, GO TOGETHER.**

AFRICAN PROVERB



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