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### **NPC report highlights funding gap for charities providing the UK's most vulnerable children with extra-curricular activities**

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School children most likely to benefit from extra-curricular activities are those least likely to have access to them, according to a new report.

New Philanthropy Capital's report, *After the bell*, argues that the chance to take part in out of school hours activities should not be restricted to children whose parents or schools can afford to pay for them.

Extra-curricular activities have many benefits, supporting children's educational and social development. With one third of 11–16 year olds returning to an empty home after school, they can also offer a safe and supervised environment for children until the end of the working day.

New Philanthropy Capital (NPC), an independent, non-profit making organisation which advises charitable donors, highlights that while providing out of school hours activities remains high on the government's agenda, funding is fragmented and the full costs of activities are often not covered.

Clare Yeowart, author of the report, commented:

"Organised activities benefit children, families and the wider community by keeping kids occupied in a constructive way. But they go beyond that, playing an important role in the child's personal development and well-being. Our report highlights the work of a number of great charities that are having a positive impact on children's lives. However, it also identifies the need for donor support if many of these charities are going to survive and grow."

NPC highlights a number of charities that are having a real impact on some of society's most vulnerable children.

**Tower Hamlets Summer University** runs a range of activities for teenagers in London to provide them with opportunities to learn and make new friends during the school break. While their most famous alumnus is Dizzee Rascal, the Mercury Award-winning rap artist whose career started when he took part in free music classes offered by the charity, their impact goes beyond the students themselves, affecting the wider community. The Metropolitan Police estimate that between 1995 and 2003,

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the programme contributed to reducing juvenile nuisance by 17%, drug offences by 25%, and overall youth crime by 8% during the summer period.

Black African and Caribbean boys are three times more likely to be permanently excluded from school than the average British boy. NPC highlights the work of **Eastside Young Leaders' Academy (EYLA)**, which works with black African and Caribbean boys in Newham, east London, to tackle this. Set up by a former prison governor, Ray Lewis, EYLA provides boys with long-term educational and pastoral support to help them become future leaders of their community. Still in its early days, the charity's possible impact is huge, with PricewaterhouseCoopers estimating that the potential economic benefit of improving the achievement of young Black men and boys is £808m a year.

Another charity recommended by NPC is **IntoUniversity**, which targets children and young people most at risk of failing to realise their academic potential because of economic or social disadvantage. The charity offers intensive, sustained support from an early age, through study sessions, mentoring and themed activity days and weeks. It aims to raise students' aspirations and to help them work towards university entrance or another chosen ambition.

Sir Peter Lampl, Chairman of the Sutton Trust, which has funded IntoUniversity for six years, commented:

"NPC's report highlights the pressing need for philanthropists and other organisations to support charities like IntoUniversity. We see on a daily basis the positive impact schemes such as this have on young people's life chances. But securing funding is a constant challenge for many organisations, and without it, the most vulnerable children will be the ones to suffer first."

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2. NPC focuses on human welfare, including problems in communities and families, education, and health and disability in the UK. NPC has published research on sectors ranging from cancer to older people, and domestic violence to special educational needs.
3. NPC develops a detailed understanding of social problems by talking to policy-makers, practitioners, academics and other experts. Its charity recommendations are arrived at after visiting and analysing charities across the sector. Assessments are made of the achievements, the need for additional funding, the financial structure and fundraising potential, as well as the risks.
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