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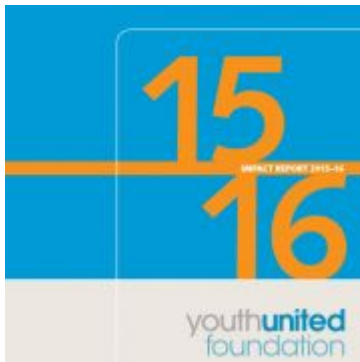
2016 has been Youth United's most significant year of growth to date. Several events during October have given us the opportunity to celebrate that success, reflect on how it's been achieved and what it means for young people and refine our strategies so that we sustain success into the future.

Mid October saw the publication of our [2016 Impact Report](#) and its launch at an event co-hosted by our chair, Jennie Price and the Minister for Civil Society in, no less, the room from which Sir Winston Churchill made his famous VE Day speech in 1945. He may not have had uniformed youth groups in mind when he spoke of a future in which we all should be "doing our utmost to make this country a land in which all have a chance" but the venue seemed perfectly fitted to the celebration of a fund which has enabled so many more young people from disadvantaged areas and hard to reach groups experience the profoundly life-shaping programmes offered by our Network members.

The publication of our Impact Report coincided with that of [two independent evaluations of the Uniformed Youth Social Action Fund \(UYSAF\)](#), both commissioned by the Office for Civil Society and undertaken by Ipsos MORI. In our second article this month, Patrick Taylor, our Director of Programmes and Impact, explains why such research and evaluation is important to the Youth United mission and how we can apply the lessons learnt.

Our final article this month comes from a [Girls' Brigade](#) group in Gateshead and examines how the young people there weave helping others seamlessly into their weekly activities. It provides a vivid and practical illustration of the double benefit of youth social action.

This is the last monthly newsletter I will edit as Interim CEO here at Youth United: Lindsay Levkoff Lynn returns as CEO tomorrow following her maternity leave and my term comes to an end. That too prompts reflection on the last few months – but more of that in next month’s newsletter – after Youth United’s AGM which takes place on 8 November at the Museum of the Order of St John. The AGM is a public event so please do let us know if you’d like to join us on 8 November.



### Uniformed Youth Social Action Fund – Celebrating Success

On 19 October, Rob Wilson MP, Minister for Civil Society and Jennie Price, Chair of Youth United, hosted a reception at Department of Culture, Media and Sport to recognise the achievements made under UYSAF and mark the publication of our [2016 Impact Report](#) and [two independent UYSAF evaluations](#) commissioned by the Office for Civil Society. Read all about this special occasion!

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### Youth United Impact Report 2015-16: growing sustainably and learning as we go

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### Brilliant social action at Beacon Lough Girls' Brigade

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