

Camden Youth Safety Multi-Media Competition 2026

‘A Safer Camden: On and Offline’

Our annual Youth Safety Multi-Media Competition aims to raise awareness of the issues affecting young people in Camden and to encourage young people to come together to discuss their concerns, aspirations and hopes for the future. The competition is part of our Youth Celebration Week, scheduled for November 2026. This aligns with National Youth Work Week.

Start-up funding

- There is **up to £500** of funding available to use to develop your multimedia project, which can cover costs such as facilitator costs, production costs and equipment.
- We encourage organisations to team-up and submit joint applications - in particular, larger organisations working with smaller groups.
- Please fill-in the Expression of Interest Form and email it to youthsafety@camden.gov.uk by **5pm on Friday, 25 September 2026**.

We will notify you the following week if you are successful. If you don't require funding, you can still enter your project up until 9 October 2026.

Who can enter?

- The competition is open to **children and young people in Camden aged 10 to 18**.
- Entries must be by children and young people in partnership with their school, youth and community organisation or play centre.
- Entries can be generated by an individual child or young person, or a group of children and/or young people.

What are we asking?

We are inviting young people to share what safety means to them right now, and what would make Camden a safer, more supportive place to grow up, both in their communities and online. Projects can explore how they experience safety in everyday life, from streets, schools and youth spaces to social media, gaming and online communities.

We welcome entries from all young people, including those with different abilities, needs, backgrounds and experiences. Projects can be individual or group-based, and creativity is encouraged in all forms. Young people can choose to explore any issue that matters to them, including:

- **Feeling safe and included** at school, in youth spaces, and in the community.
- **Online safety and digital wellbeing**, including pressure, harmful content, misinformation or scams.
- **Friendship, bullying and harassment**, in person or online.
- **Safety for young women and girls**.

- **Exploitation and coercion**, including grooming, peer pressure, 'favours' and threats.
- **Weapons and serious violence**, including knife crime.
- **Trusted adults and support**.

Entries could include:

- Poems, short stories or plays (can be written or performed/videoed, but no more than 3,000 words).
- Short films - including animation, drama or documentary (no longer than 15 minutes).
- Video games (no longer than 15 minutes).
- Artwork - including paintings, poster designs, photography, collages or 3D artworks (please submit a video, photo or PDF of your artwork when sending your entry, with scope for us to see the final piece produced).
- Songs, music and spoken word - including poems and raps set to music (can be audio/sound recordings or performances/videos, but no longer than 15 minutes).

Please ensure:

- Any soundtrack music or backing tracks you use are your own original compositions or copyright-free.
- The content is suitable to be read or watched by young people under the age of 16. The use of graphic violence and bad language may mean your project will not be considered.
- Entries should be emailed to youthsafety@camden.gov.uk by **5pm, Friday 9 October 2026**. If you have any large files (over 15 MB), you can send them via WeTransfer or Google Drive.

Prizes

- An overall winner and two runners-up will be chosen, and your entries will be published during Youth Celebration Week, due to be held week beginning 2 November (details tbc).
- The overall winner will receive a **main prize of £500** for their school, youth, community or play organisation, plus vouchers for the young people participating.
- There will be two smaller prizes of £150 for schools, youth, community or play organisations who come second and third, plus vouchers for the young people participating.

For any questions, please email youthsafety@camden.gov.uk