



UNITAS UPDATE

QUARTERLY UPDATE
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025



UNLEASHING TALENT, INSPIRING CREATIVITY, BUILDING CONFIDENCE

A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

ROBIN MOSS

What an incredible few months we've had. I'm struck, as always, by the creativity, confidence and community spirit that fill our building every day. Whether it's young people performing on stage, creating art, trying new sports or supporting one another, their energy and imagination never fail to impress me.

Spaces like Unitas matter because they give young people the freedom to be themselves. When they're encouraged to be creative, they discover their voice. When they're supported to try something new, they find confidence. Those moments of discovery can shape who they become and open doors to a future full of possibility.

The last three months have shown that beautifully. From murals and music to football fundraisers and Jack Petchey Awards, we've seen young people shine in so many ways. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters, who make sure Unitas stays a place where young people feel safe, valued and inspired.

I hope you enjoy this update. We're always delighted to show people round the Youth Zone. Do get in touch if you'd like to visit - email me on robin.moss@unitasyouthzone.org



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

Your hard work,
kindness and
determination
inspire us all!

Every year, our young people are recognised through the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. This is a special honour that celebrates effort, determination and positive contribution. Unitas Youth Zone allocated the most Jack Petchey Achievement Awards in Barnet (18 per year).

Each award tells a story of confidence gained, barriers overcome and acts of kindness that make a difference. Winners were nominated by their peers and youth workers for going above and beyond, whether by supporting others, showing leadership, or simply bringing positivity into the room every day.

For many, it was the first time they'd been publicly celebrated for their achievements, a powerful moment that changes how they see themselves. One young person shared, "I didn't think I'd ever win something like this, it's made me want to try even harder."

Confidence grows when young people feel seen and valued. Thanks to your continued support, recognition becomes the spark that fuels self-belief, ambition and future success. At Unitas, we're proud to provide a space where every young person has the chance to be recognised and feel proud of what they've achieved.

A huge shout-out to our amazing winners:

Aliyah Porter, Tanaiya Barnard Philip-Forde, Alexander Nockov, Anne Walker, Christopher Chesworth, Gino Ward Turner, Harvey Pymont, Jing Yu Chen (Akira), Kimia Hashemi, Maryam Idrissi, Mciver James Cassie, Oanea Elisei (Ellis), Oluwasemilore Glass, Roshni Panchani, Sherwin, Sophie Kiersz-Brownstone, Tian Everton-Greaves and Tyreece Fairman-Robinson.



We're proud to be featured in Barnet TV's Inspirational Young People series, celebrating the incredible journeys of young people in our community.

The episode focuses on Coco, who first attended Unitas as a young member and is now a valued part of our youth work team, a qualified boxing coach and amateur fighter. Coco helps other young people build confidence, discipline and self-belief, showing first-hand what's possible when someone is given a safe and supportive space to grow.

In this short space new can't do justice to Coco's story – head to www.barnet-tv.co.uk to watch this truly uplifting and inspirational video. We couldn't be prouder!



CREATIVE COLLABORATIONS

Quinn London - Creativity Meets Corporate Collaboration

Over two days this summer, our young artists and volunteers worked side by side to design and paint a stunning mural that now brightens our space and celebrates the creativity at the heart of Unitas.

With the help of the incredible team at [Quinn London](#), what started as an empty wall became a bold expression of teamwork, imagination and pride. The Quinn London team generously gave their time, skills and encouragement, guiding young people through each stage, from sketching ideas to the final brushstrokes. [Want to get involved? Speak to our Corporate Partnerships Executive Emily Ryan](#)



Celebrating Opportunity

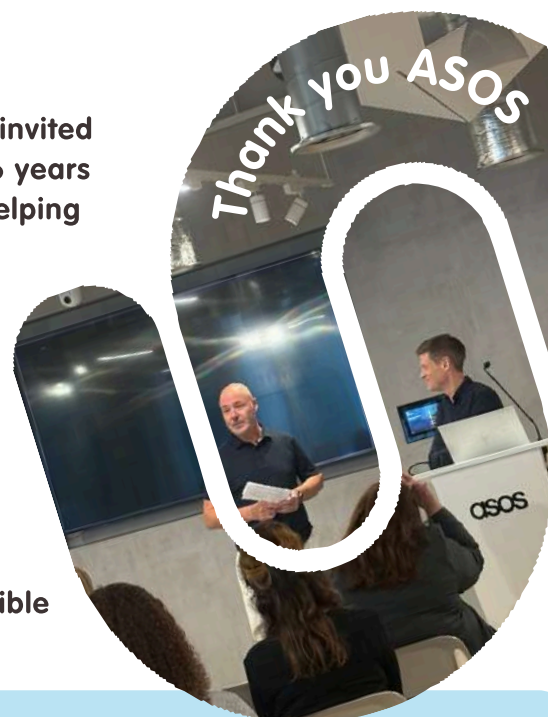
Earlier this summer, Unitas' Director of Fundraising Micah Jorrisch was invited to speak at the ASOS Foundation's 'Sweet 16th' celebration, marking 16 years of creating opportunity for young people. Micah shared how ASOS is helping drive impact across the OnSide Youth Zone Network, including:

£1.5m investment in Base71, Yorkshire's first Youth Zone

A five-year commitment to London Youth Zones

Career pathways and development for youth workers

They also came into Unitas for the [ASOS Takeover Day](#) on 14 October, delivering two workshops on fashion and retail tech and offered incredible VIP trips to ASOS for all those who participated.



Charity Match Scores Big for Young People

We witnessed a brilliant showdown between Aciona and Wright Engineering, who both took to the pitch on 21 August for a charity football match in support of Unitas Youth Zone. Both teams played their hearts out, but the biggest victory was off the pitch. Together, they raised an incredible [£10,860](#), which went directly towards repairing our much-loved MUGA football pitch.



THANK YOU

for keeping the beautiful game alive at Unitas!

Thanks to some bruised shins and a lot of competitive spirit, hundreds of young people can continue to enjoy safe, high-quality spaces to train, play and connect. Another perfect reminder of what community partnership looks like in action.

SPOTLIGHT: Meet Fehin

Every young person deserves the chance to shine and for many that spark begins in our Music and Performing Arts spaces. We caught up with Fehin Akanwo, our talented Music and Performing Arts Coordinator, to learn how she helps young people build confidence and express themselves through music, dance and performance.

**“Creative,
inspiring and
inclusive”**



What inspired you to work in music and performing arts with young people?

I believe music is one of the most powerful tools of creative expression. Every young person should have the opportunity to explore and express themselves through music. It helps them find their voice and confidence.

How do you use activities like karaoke or dance to help young people come out of their shell?

I use activities like karaoke and dance to encourage self-expression and individuality. When young people take part, they feel empowered. It's a chance to perform one of their favourite songs in front of others and be celebrated for it.

What's a moment that made you proud, when you saw a young person's confidence grow right in front of you?

One of my proudest moments is seeing young people who once watched quietly from the sidelines now step up to the stage and sing their hearts out. Watching that transformation, from hesitant to confident, is incredibly rewarding.

Why do you think creative expression is so powerful for young people today?

Young people often go unnoticed, and their voices can be unheard. Creativity gives them that voice a way to show who they are and what they're capable of. It's empowering and deeply personal.

What's one thing you hope every young person takes away from your sessions?

That it's more than okay to be exactly who you are. There's no right or wrong way to be creative - just your way.

If you could describe the Upt45 music and performing arts vibe in three words, what would they be?

Creative, inspiring and inclusive.



From lively karaoke sessions to show-stopping dance routines and talent shows that fill our halls with cheers, Fehin creates a space where young people can express themselves freely and build confidence in artistic ways.

With support from partners like Dance Stables, our members learn choreography, explore new rhythms, and gain valuable music training, but more than that, they discover their voice, courage and a sense of belonging.

Week after week, we see shy young people step into the spotlight and walk away with confidence that goes far beyond the stage.

IN FOCUS: Fun, Talent, Teamwork

Friday Fun Day



FRIDAY FUN DAY

We kicked off the summer holidays with Friday Fun Day, packed with games, challenges, inflatables, quizzes and our legendary staff bingo. More than 150 young people joined us to celebrate the end of school and the start of summer. While the day was full of laughter and excitement, its impact went far deeper. Through play, young people strengthened their social skills, built confidence and learned how to work together as a team.

For many, it also created a powerful sense of belonging at a time when the long summer holidays can sometimes feel isolating. Crucially, opportunities like this protect against the decline in wellbeing and social skills that many young people face when they don't have access to safe, structured spaces. In our recent Impact report, we found 95% of high-attending members reported improved self-confidence. Friday Fun Day showed that play isn't just fun, it's a vital part of how young people learn, grow and thrive.



Unitas Olympics



UNITAS OLYMPICS: CELEBRATING TALENT, TEAMWORK AND GROWTH

We hosted a special one-day Olympics event, bringing together young people from across the Youth Zone for a celebration of skill, creativity and teamwork.

Participants took part in a wide range of activities, including sports tournaments, gym challenges, music, art and uniform design, as well as health and wellbeing workshops. The day was full of energy, creativity and friendly competition, giving every participant the chance to try new things and develop their skills.

Prizes were given, but the real win was bigger: a safe, positive alternative to boredom or risky behaviour - space to play, connect and feel supported while building social, emotional and teamwork skills for the future.

Limitless Got Talent



A CELEBRATION OF ENERGY, TALENT AND SELF-EXPRESSION AT LIMITLESS GOT TALENT

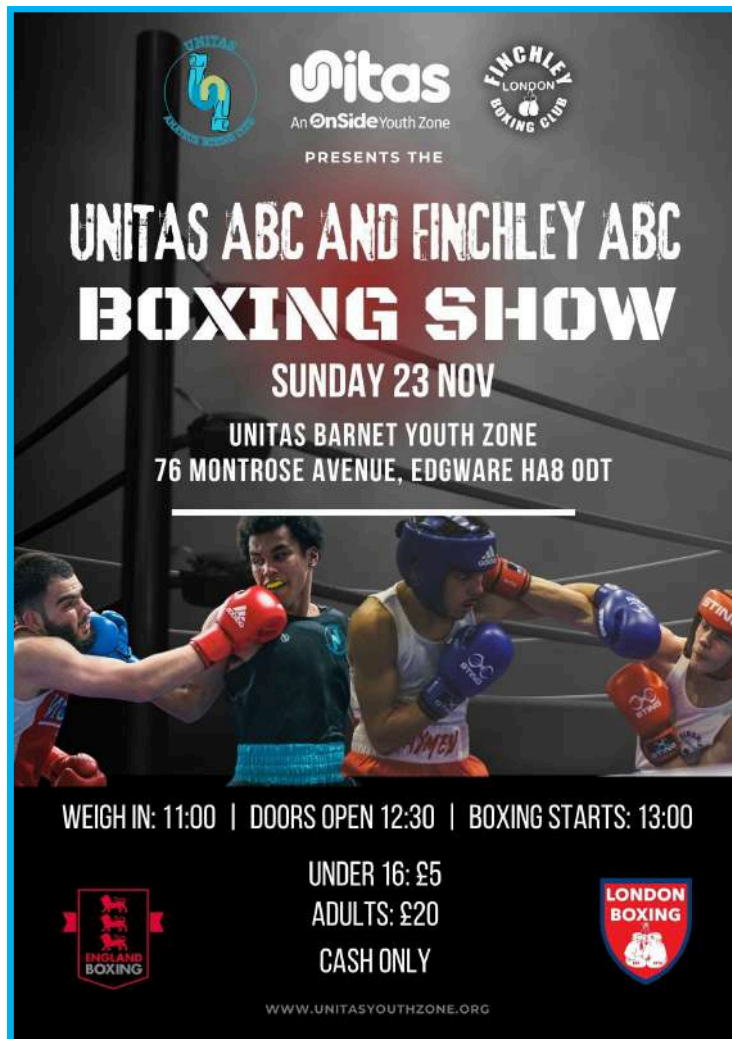
Our Limitless Got Talent event was buzzing with energy as young people took to the stage to sing, dance, compete in sports challenges, solve puzzles, and show off their unique talents. From start to finish, the event was full of laughter, cheers and unforgettable moments.

More than just a showcase, this was a safe space where participants, especially those with additional needs, could be themselves, try new things, and explore their creativity without fear.

The supportive environment gave them the confidence to shine, build friendships and feel proud of their achievements.



DATES FOR DIARY



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FINCHLEY
LONDON
BOXING CLUB

PRESENTS THE

UNITAS ABC AND FINCHLEY ABC BOXING SHOW

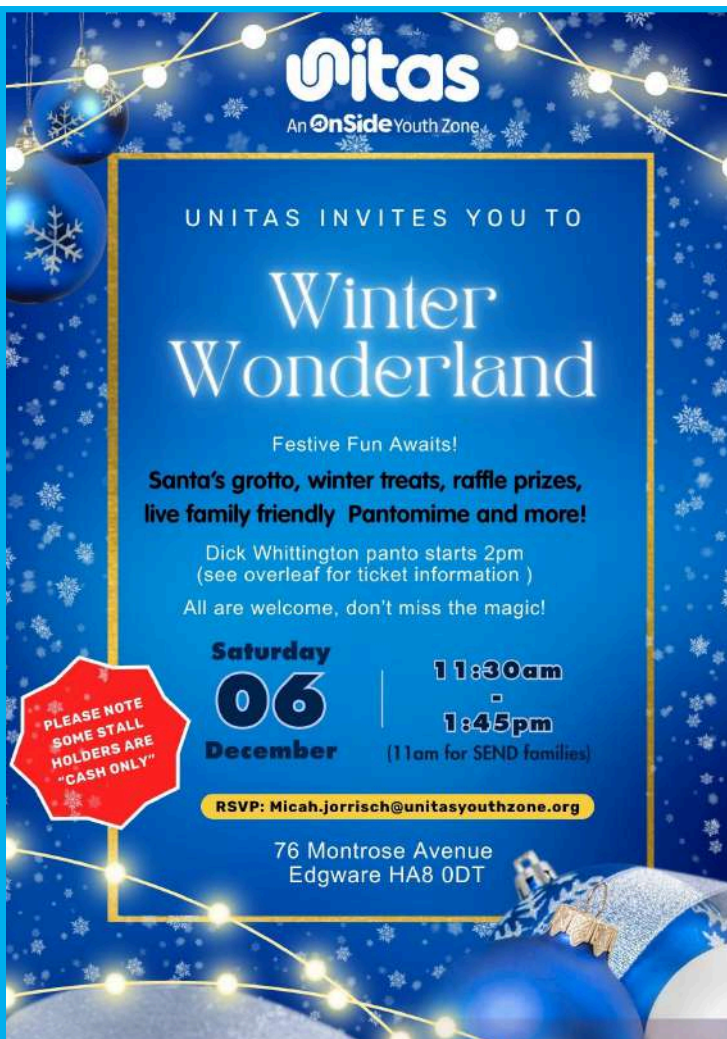
SUNDAY 23 NOV

UNITAS BARNET YOUTH ZONE
76 MONTROSE AVENUE, EDWARE HA8 0DT

WEIGH IN: 11:00 | DOORS OPEN 12:30 | BOXING STARTS: 13:00

UNDER 16: £5
ADULTS: £20
CASH ONLY

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UNITAS INVITES YOU TO

Winter Wonderland

Festive Fun Awaits!

Santa's grotto, winter treats, raffle prizes,
live family friendly Pantomime and more!

Dick Whittington panto starts 2pm
(see overleaf for ticket information)

All are welcome, don't miss the magic!

Saturday
06
December

11:30am
-
1:45pm
(11am for SEND families)

PLEASE NOTE
SOME STALL
HOLDERS ARE
"CASH ONLY"

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Uniquely Unitas Impact Dinner

Tuesday 3 February 2026 | 6.30pm - 9.30pm

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