LIFT COLLECTIVE

Impact Report 2026

Lift Collective matches young people aged 11 to 18 with volunteer mentors. This report covers the year to 31 March 2026.

1,480
YOUNG PEOPLE MENTORED

312
VOLUNTEER MENTORS

24
TOWNS AND CITIES

Self-initiated concept – fictional organisation; copy and data are illustrative, drafted with AI

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01 — THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

Headline figures

All figures are for the year to 31 March 2026.

01

1,480

young people mentored

Up from 1,120 in 2024–25.

02

312

volunteer mentors

An average of 47 hours each.

03

86%

felt more confident

Reported by mentees after six months.

04

24

towns and cities

Nine of these were new this year.

05

94%

of mentors stayed on

Still volunteering after twelve months.

06

£1.9m

raised in total

78p in every pound was spent on programmes.

02 — OUR PROGRAMMES

What we run

Hover or tap a tile to see what it involves.

01

A trained mentor, matched for a year.

One-to-One Mentoring

02

After-school revision for GCSE and National 5.

Study Club

03

CV help, interviews and paid placements.

First Job

04

Music, film and design with working artists.

Creative Lab

05

Weekly sessions with local clubs. No kit, no cost.

Sport & Movement

06

Practical support for parents and carers.

Family Link

07

Peer groups for young people leaving care.

Care-Experienced Network

08

Our 12-hour course, open to partner charities.

Mentor Academy

03 — ONE YOUNG PERSON'S STORY

Jade, Leeds

Shared with her permission. The photograph is a placeholder.

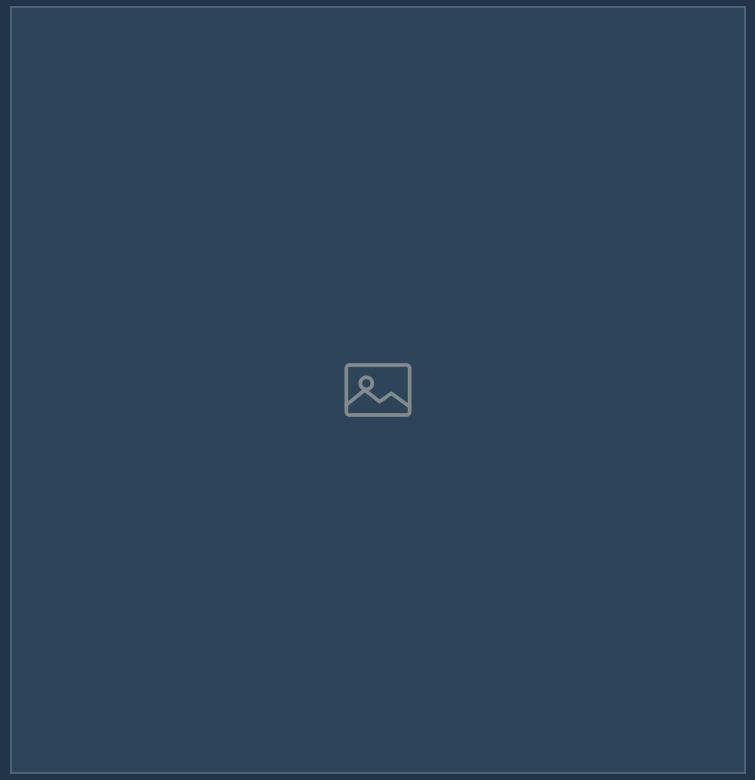


Image Portrait: Jade and her mentor Amara outside the Leeds youth hub.

> "I didn't think college was for people like me. Amara kept **turning up**, and after a while I started turning up too."

Jade, 17

Mentored since 2024. Now studying construction at Leeds City College.

04 — WHERE THE MONEY GOES

How we spent £1.9m

Total spend £1.9m. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.



01
Mentoring programmes
£1,178,000

02
Mentor training & support
£266,000

03
Regional partnerships
£209,000

04
Fundraising
£152,000

05
Governance & admin
£95,000

Our examined accounts are published each September. Figures here are illustrative.

05 — WHAT'S NEXT

Plans for 2026–27

01

Work with 2,500 young people

We plan to open in twelve more towns, including Hull, Swansea and Dundee.

02

Pay mentor expenses within five days

Mentors should not be out of pocket while they wait.

03

Publish our outcomes twice a year

Including the results that fall short of what we hoped for.

With thanks to our 312 volunteer mentors, the 46 schools that hosted sessions, and the funders listed on page 10.

Mentors give about an hour a fortnight. We match you with a young person near you.

Become a mentor →