

# ACE Network Participation Easy Read Report

Participation with Young People with  
Special Educational Needs and  
Disabilities in The Royal Borough of  
Greenwich

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Hello and  
welcome

From lots of Children and Young People  
across the Royal Borough of Greenwich



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# Easy Read

## Annual Report

### 2022-2023



- This report is for you if you are part of ACE, and for other interested people.
- It shows what ACE did in 2022-2023.



- ACE give their views to RBG on services that affect children & young people with SEND..
- We say:

***“we are the experts in our own lives.”***



- RBG promise to listen to ACE.
- This means that ACE help to shape or change services in RBG.

## 2.

### What is in this report.

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### 3.

## Words used in this report:

<b>Word</b>	<b>What does it mean?</b>
ACE	Action, Change, Equality.
RBG	The Royal Borough of Greenwich.
We	ACE network members
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.
Easy Read	Using simple words and pictures to help us to understand text.
Local Offer	Info about services that are in Greenwich and how to get them for C and YP with SEND
C&YP	Children & Young People

**We have put some of the highlights and good comments that people have said about ACE in green for you to enjoy!**

## 4 & 5.

### What is ACE?



- ACE stands for Action, Change, Equality.
- It is the name children & young people chose.



- It is the way children & young people with SEND give their views in Greenwich.



- ACE members give their views in many ways.
- The C&YP and staff that know them well choose the best ways to give their views.



- 8 ACE groups met this year in schools and a college across Greenwich..



- We usually meet once a month to discuss their views.



- Also, questionnaires and surveys are sometimes sent direct to schools.
- **We got 27 extra views this way.**



- Smaller groups of C&YP are sometimes chosen to give their views on a topic that is important to just them.

## 6 & 7.

### Who has taken part this year?



- About 60 children & young people aged 7-19 years have regularly taken part.



- We are children & young people with SEND.



- We all go to Royal Borough of Greenwich schools or college.

## 8. Showing our work.



- We take photos and videos to show the activities and the work we have done.



- We record our views in any way that suits us e.g. drawing, artwork, online, media.



- We show our work on our ACE Local Offer page.
- We have made our own ACE video. Click here to see it:

[Action Change Equality \(ACE\) | Greenwich Community Directory](#)



## 9. Feedback & what went well this year?



- RBG have been giving us feedback on the changes we have suggested, so we know what's happened .



- It is important we get feedback to know we have been listened to.



- We support other people in the Council to make their documents “Easy Read” as this is what we prefer.



- We gave our views on important national and local topics.



- We got better feedback from RBG telling us how we had made change happen.



- **We have been nominated for a Do The Right Thing Award!**
- Last year ACE won an award and a parent said:  
***“it was a very beautiful day!”***



- We felt listened to.
- We had fun!

## 11. What people said about our work:



We had a big SEND inspection and the SEND inspectors said:

*“The voice of children and young people is heard loud and clear in Greenwich.”*



*“Children and young people with SEND influence decision-making in Greenwich.”*



- We gave advice to lots of people on how to gain the views of C&YP like us.

## 12, What needs to be better next year?



- Remember to always tell ACE as quickly as possible when we have helped change to happen..

- Support us to join in with other groups of C&YP who like to have their voices heard..



- Give us more time to give our views so we can give you better information!

## 13. The numbers ....



- This year ACE gave 308 views.
- Last year we gave 214 views. This is 44% more!
- 120% more in the last 4 years!



- We talked about 16 different topics.
- Last year we did 12.
- This is 33% more than last year.



- On average 19 C&YP gave their views on each topic.

## 14-16. What we did this year....



- 40 of us gave views for the SEND Inspection, some on line.
- 7 of us met with the inspectors who said we were:  
**“a very special group of young people.”**



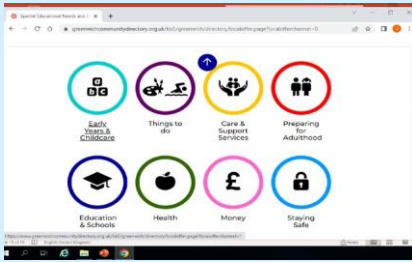
- 31 of us gave views on the “Our Greenwich” plan.
- 14 non-ACE members also gave their views.

**“brilliant to have so many.”**



- 22 of us gave our views on the Short Breaks that RBG offer.
- Last year we had helped to choose these.

**“fantastic.”**



- 20 of us said how to make the Supported Internship Local Offer page better for C&YP.

***“brilliant work.”***

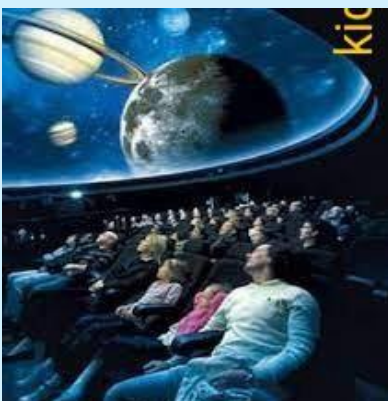


- 10 of us helped to choose the new Head of ASD Outreach Service.
- The person we chose got the job!



- 7 of us gave views on a new building for young people.
- 11 non-ACE members did too..
- They are including our changes in the design.

***“Huge thanks”***



- 17 of us visited the Royal Observatory Planetarium.
- We loved it!

***“lovely bunch of kids.”***

## We had the chance to have our voice heard nationally too:

The NHS logo, consisting of the letters 'NHS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

- 37 of us worked together with NHS London, making sure that Autism assessments will be done in a way that is best for C&YP

The S= logo, featuring a large white 'S' followed by an equals sign, set against a purple square background.

- 8 of us told Scope how we thought they might make their website better for teenagers with SEND

They said:

*“Great input.”*



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- We are making more links which will give us more chances to have our voices heard nationally.
- We are looking forward to this.



## We had celebrations too!



- 27 of us planned and prepared our own ACE celebration party.
- 39 of us attended the party and had great fun!

“genius planning.”



- We celebrated the retirement of 2 senior leaders in RBG.
- 57 of us made gifts and surprised them!
- One of them said:



“I had a really special day with ACE, got some gifts I will treasure, and a great party at Woolwich Poly; Thank you ACE”

## 17. Next steps for 2023/24...



- More groups will be joining ACE in September 2023, including one in an alternative provision



- Make better links with other young people groups in RBG to work together
- Join in more national events.



- Help to improve more services for children & young people with SEND.

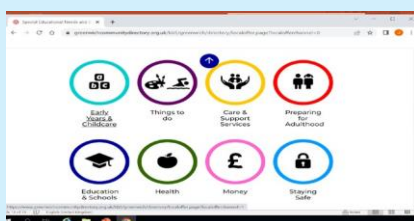
## 19. How to contact ACE:



- You can find out more about ACE on our Local Offer page or by emailing:



- Email ACE:  
[youth-voice@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:youth-voice@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)



- Visit our Local Offer page

[Action Change Equality  
\(ACE\) | Greenwich Community  
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