

HERITAGE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP 2025-26



PARTICIPANTS

- **580 young people involved** in heritage activity in 2025-26.
- **286 young people leading heritage social action projects**, funded by our microgrants.

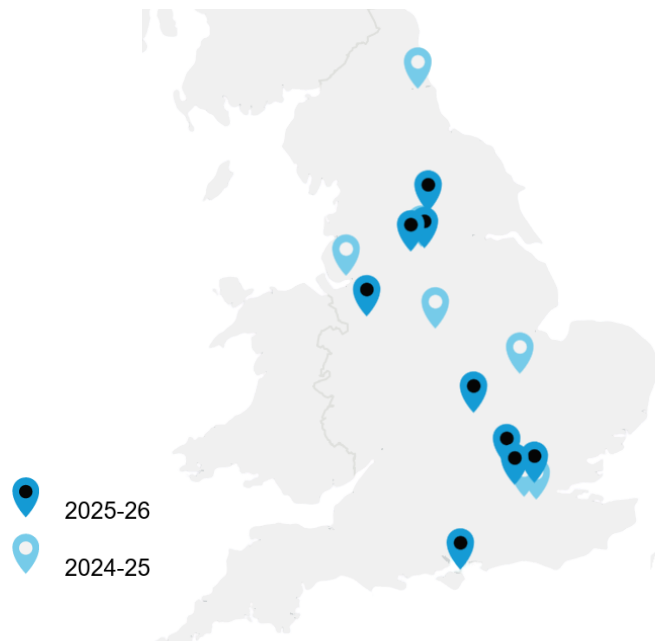
More than 1430 young people engaged with heritage initiatives since 2024, with support of the Heritage Youth Partnership.

One Youth Voice Ambassador said:

“Young people can gain a sense of identity, understanding how their community fits into a bigger story. Heritage can feel distant, which is something I felt myself before getting involved, but I want to show young people that heritage is active, and we are writing it for future generations every day.”

LOCAL PROJECTS

9 microgrants awarded to youth-led heritage social action projects across England.



YOUTH VOICE

10 young people recruited as Youth Voice Ambassadors, providing invaluable insight as experienced members and leaders of: Scouts, Girlguiding, St John Ambulance, Sea Cadets and Fire Cadets.

- From co-designing resources and creating online content, to representing uniformed youth in national forums, their ideas have been vital to the project.

HERITAGE PROGRAMMES

- **Girls' Brigade** launched a new heritage badge, in collaboration with Historic England and YUF.
- New heritage-relevant Interest badges introduced by **Girlguiding**, including: Folklore, Historian, Nostalgia, Wildlife.
- **Sea Cadets'** volunteer-led History Modules Working Group continued momentum after their heritage units launched in 2024.



STAKEHOLDERS

- **26 partner organisations**, from the heritage and youth sectors, have been involved with the Heritage Youth Partnership in 2025-26.
- **100% of surveyed stakeholders** said they:
 - “Feel **inspired** by heritage projects involving uniformed youth groups”,
 - “Feel **motivated** to develop youth-led heritage initiatives”,
 - “Feel **informed** about developments in the heritage/youth sectors”.

OUTPUTS

Heritage partners supported to launch **2 new initiatives for young people**:

- **Historic Houses'** interactive HYP search map now includes 61 historic houses, offering opportunities for uniformed youth groups.
- **English Heritage** have refreshed their booking system and communications to promote free visits for uniformed groups.

New resources co-created with Youth Voice Ambassadors and stakeholders:

- **3 new resources for uniformed group** leaders and young people,
- **2 new resources for heritage organisations**.

IMPACT

How has taking part in heritage projects made young people feel?

