



BANG

**BUILDING A
NEW GENERATION**

VISION

A world in which all young people are valued, thriving, and contributing positively to their communities.

MISSION

Partnering globally to deliver world-class services for children and young people that develop skills for life and careers; and enables them to achieve individual and collective goals.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health & Wellbeing
- Creative Arts
- Learning & Skills
- Youth Leadership & Voice
- Earth & Environment
- Digital Media & Technology
- Culture & Heritage
- Wealth & Value



WHAT WE DO

WE BUILD YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS THROUGH BESPOKE PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THEY CAN:

- I. Develop their character
- II. Explore a variety of professions and can enter a career or area of work of their choice
- III. Develop and become (community) leaders who build sustainable initiatives and communities
- IV. Engage in early intervention and other programmes with their families that divert them away from engaging in crime and negative influences
- V. Engage in alternative activities that decrease their likelihood of engaging in crime and deviance
- VI. Access support and guidance so they can come to the realisation that they can learn and excel

HOW WE HELP

- Design activities and projects young people can actively take part in and lead on
- Provide workshops and sessions where they can listen to professionals and learn from them
- Provide mentoring and mentors that will discuss, plan and develop their aspirations
- Provide coaching interventions that help them remove barriers to their goals
- Provide them with sign posting and referral information so that they can access other services

THE TEAM



Jennifer Ogole
FOUNDER & CEO

Jennifer is BANG's visionary. She is passionate about giving young people the tools they need to develop and achieve their fullest potential in all aspects of their lives.



Uke Agwu
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Uke oversees the organisation's strategic affairs and operations and ensures that BANG is able to deliver on its mission and vision.



Clare Barry
PA TO BANG'S CEO

Clare is highly organised and an asset to the BANG team. She coordinates the CEO's office and supports the COO by coordinating strategic activities and the HR function.



Tayo Richards
BUSINESS MANAGER

Tayo is focused on running BANG's day-to-day business. She asks the tough questions and solves problems.



Jenny Starzetz
*RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR*

Jenny manages knowledge and provides insight into areas of youth development and programme delivery.



Melisa Okoampah
PROJECT MANAGER

Melisa focuses on engaging and empowering young people in projects and interventions that remove barriers and build aspiration, confidence and self-esteem.



Chichi Kuku
PROJECT MANAGER

Chichi is a BANG project manager. She plans and designs interventions and services that will help young people develop confidence and hope for the future.



Wole Akinwunmi
PROJECT MANAGER

Wole is another of BANG's project managers whose specialty is designing and rolling out gaming/creative/digital and event-based engagements.



Obaayaa Kwarteng
PROJECT OFFICER

Obaayaa is the 'right hand' support to a number of projects and focuses on key activities such as advocacy for young people, carers and parents as well as designing and delivering workshops.



Osumanu Mohammed
FINANCE MANAGER

Osumanu is BANG's numbers guy' who manages all of BANG's day-to-day and strategic financial matters.



Derrick Ogole
DIGITAL MARKETING LEAD

Derrick is responsible for delivering digital strategies at BANG. He is focused on building a solid foundation for BANG's marketing activities.



Hannah Berhanu
ARTS THERAPIST

Hannah is highly effective and successful in her approach and delivery of creative therapy at BANG. She focuses on delivering positive outcomes for young people.

PROJECTS:

CREATE CHANGE

Create Change is a therapy service, working creatively within a friendly, confidential, and accessible space to support young people and parents with their challenges and experiences. Our qualified therapists use art, drama, music and dance to explore different ways of expression and communication.

Participants

- Young people aged 8-16 years old
- The young person will have to live in or go to school in Brent
- Mostly mild to moderate mental health and behavioural concerns; for more complex cases we work closely together with social workers/family solutions/school staff

How we help

- 1-1 creative arts therapy for young people aged 8-16 (face-to-face and online)
- Group therapy for young people aged 8-16
- 1:1 therapy for the parent/carer
- Parent/carer and young person therapy



*"The work carried out by the BANG Edutainment team alongside some of our most vulnerable young children here at *** has been outstanding. Their commitment and dedication is second to none and they have endeavored to not only work alongside schools and parents to maintain great lines of communication but also in partnership with multi-agency professionals including, but not limited to CAMHS, the social care team and early help team. As a school, we have found that the provision they offer recognises the importance of emotional well-being, mental health and works effectively to target these areas in improving outcomes for students."*

- Assistant Head Teacher & SENDCo



*I would like to thank you and BANG Therapy for the wonderful work you did with ***. Thanks to your work and commitments *** is more confident. He has gained self-confidence, greater awareness of his needs and his value. *** has changed beyond recognition when it comes to his return from school and going to school. He cries less and even if he had a bad day at school, he can tell me about it."*

- Mother of an 8-year-old boy

PROJECTS:



BANG GROW

GROW is one of our new projects established in May 2021. The objective of the project is to enable young people to be able to make a connection between what they learn in school lessons and their immediate environment. The Project is also keen on the promotion of community-run, organic farming within inner city urban areas.

BANG support in the following ways:

- Giving young people the tools and knowledge about healthy eating and the holistic use of herbs
- Through social media, we share what the young people have achieved and create local campaigns around caring for the environment
- Provide families with a summer activity that they can all join in and bond together

PROJECTS:

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EVOLUTION

These are one of the projects set up to address the needs of young people post COVID-19. The project helps young people to build trusted relationships with people within the community and wider society and helps create a trusted space to be heard.

This is aimed at young people between 8-18 years old who reside in Brent who are vulnerable, would like to explore mental health challenges or have behavioural, emotional, and social challenges.

The young people are separated into 2 cohorts. 8-13-year-olds are offered mentoring sessions for six months, where the focus is on future aspirations. 14-18-year-olds are offered both mentoring and life coaching sessions, where life coaching (six-month duration) focuses on helping them to overcome problems they are facing in their personal life.

We also support parents with an offering we call 'Parents' Hub'. This is a service we provide for parents who have young people engaged in BANG to be buddied up with another parent. The project also offers a series of workshops over the summer holidays.

Other ways we support are as follows:

- Monthly group workshops covering various topics e.g., transition from primary school to secondary school, self-development, money matters, career open days
- Be a source of information for young people, referring them to other services and provisions



"I have been asking for help for my grandson for over a year now and I am finally getting this help through BANG Evolution. I could not be more grateful."

- Grandmother of a 12-year-old boy with mental health issues and is also at risk of joining local gangs



"He is happy with his mentor and is excited for upcoming sessions."

- Mother of an 11-year-old boy who has been waiting for mentoring since 2019 and has mental health issues

PROJECTS:

YOUTH VOICE

The Youth Voice project is an initiative that has been put together to encourage the development of life skills in young people. The project has four key areas of focus.

The project aims to conclude by getting the views of 2500 young people aged 14 - 25 across Brent on key areas of their lives.

The project is committed to the development of opportunities for young people to voice their opinions regarding community involvement, leadership skills, building positive relationships and getting ready for adulthood.

The project will offer young people opportunities to listen to professionals and gain insight into what their careers are really like.

Young people will also have the opportunity to work on a variety of BANG projects.