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**SO
TOGETHER
WE DID
THIS.**



OVER

IN 2024 WE HAD OVER 32,000 VISITS BY YOUNG PEOPLE TO OUR MAIN BLGC SITES



EMMA HUTCHINSON
CEO BLGC

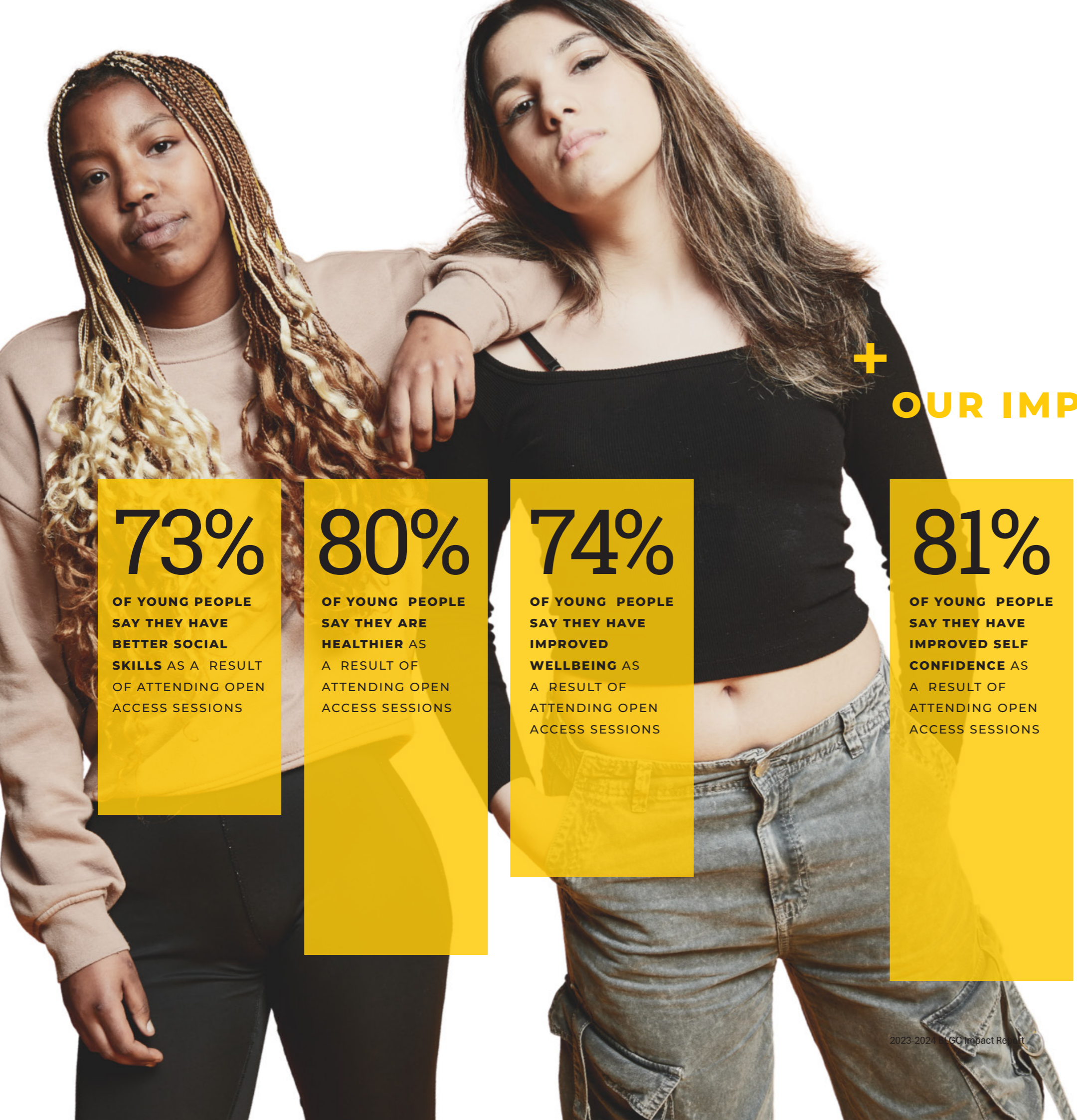
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£1 IN £7.12 OUT: THE BLGC DIFFERENCE

32,000

At Bolton Lads & Girls Club, we have been at the heart of our community for over 135 years, creating safe spaces and life-changing opportunities for children and young people. Every day, we see the difference that access to trusted support, positive relationships, and inspiring experiences can make. Our work goes far beyond activities – it’s about building confidence, raising aspirations, and ensuring that every young person in Bolton has the chance to thrive. This Social Value Report demonstrates the scale of that impact, showing not only

the outcomes for the thousands of young people we support, but also the wider value we bring to families, schools, and our community as a whole. We could not achieve this without the commitment of our supporters and partners, and I am proud to share the tangible difference your investment is making in young lives.



How we gather our data

We gather our data through national surveys of Youth Zone members using the ME App – a set of attitudinal questions aligned to our core outcomes, including self-confidence, social skills, physical health and mental wellbeing. Completed with trusted youth workers at different points in the year, the surveys help us track changes over time. Results show that most members maintain or improve in these areas, with the highest positive outcomes in self-confidence (81%), determination (81%), physical health (80%) and cohesion (79%).



OUR IMPACT

73%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE BETTER SOCIAL SKILLS AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS

80%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE HEALTHIER AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS

74%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE IMPROVED WELLBEING AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS

81%

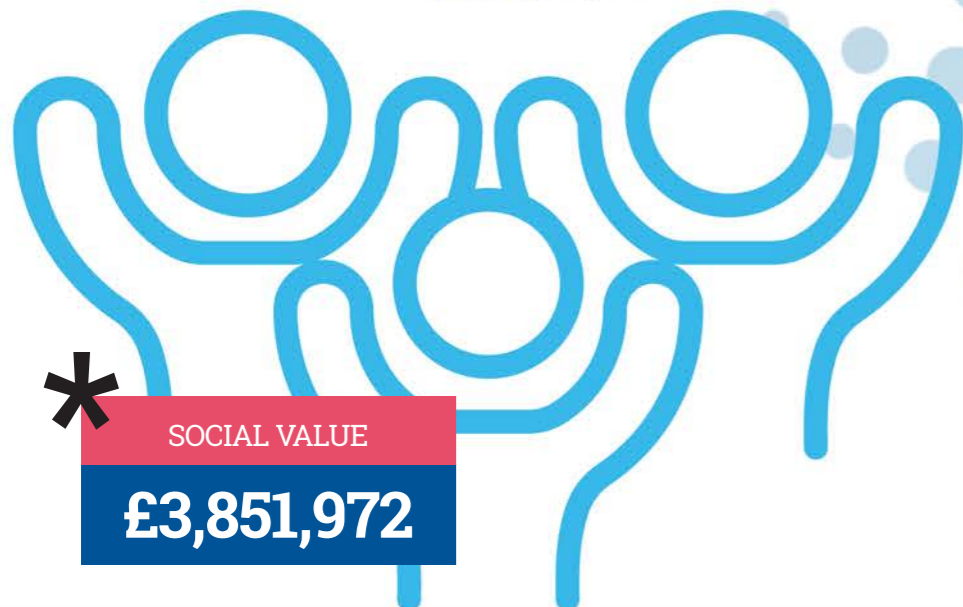
OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE IMPROVED SELF CONFIDENCE AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS

75%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR RESILIENCE AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS

81%

OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAY THEY HAVE BECOME MORE DETERMINED AS A RESULT OF ATTENDING OPEN ACCESS SESSIONS



AT BLGC
I AM FREE
TO HAVE FUN

*
SOCIAL VALUE
£3,851,972

*
SOCIAL VALUE
£1,965,659

BEING A MEMBER OF
BLGC HAS HELPED
ME TO DISCOVER
WHO I REALLY AM



I FEEL LESS LONELY
THROUGH COMING
TO BLGC

*
SOCIAL VALUE
£2,586,727



*
SOCIAL VALUE
£2,466,169



THROUGH COMING TO
BLGC, MY CONFIDENCE
AROUND OTHER
PEOPLE IS BETTER

IT IS EASIER TO
REALLY BE MYSELF
AT BLGC



*
SOCIAL VALUE
£2,591,187

I FEEL SAFER AT MY
YOUTH ZONE THAN
OTHER PLACES I
CAN GO TO IN MY
SPARE TIME

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SOCIAL VALUE
£3,376,578

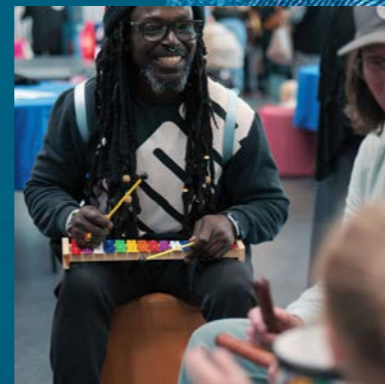




Children are like wet cement: whatever falls on them makes an impression. For some, that impression is hardship — poverty, loneliness, and fear. At BLGC, we ensure it becomes something different: hope, safety, friendship, and strength.

By giving young people a safe space, trusted adults, and opportunities to grow, we help them build confidence, resilience, and ambition for the future. This transformation doesn't just change individual lives — it delivers real social value to our community, reducing inequality, improving wellbeing, and creating stronger, more connected families and neighbourhoods across Bolton.

+ **MADE STRONGER**
MADE SAFER
MADE HERE.



SOCIAL VALUE CREATED PER MEMBER

£4,929



OVER

million
reasons...

IN THE PAST YEAR WE GENERATED
£16,710,304 OF SOCIAL VALUE



+ WHAT IS SOCIAL VALUE AND WHY IT MATTERS.

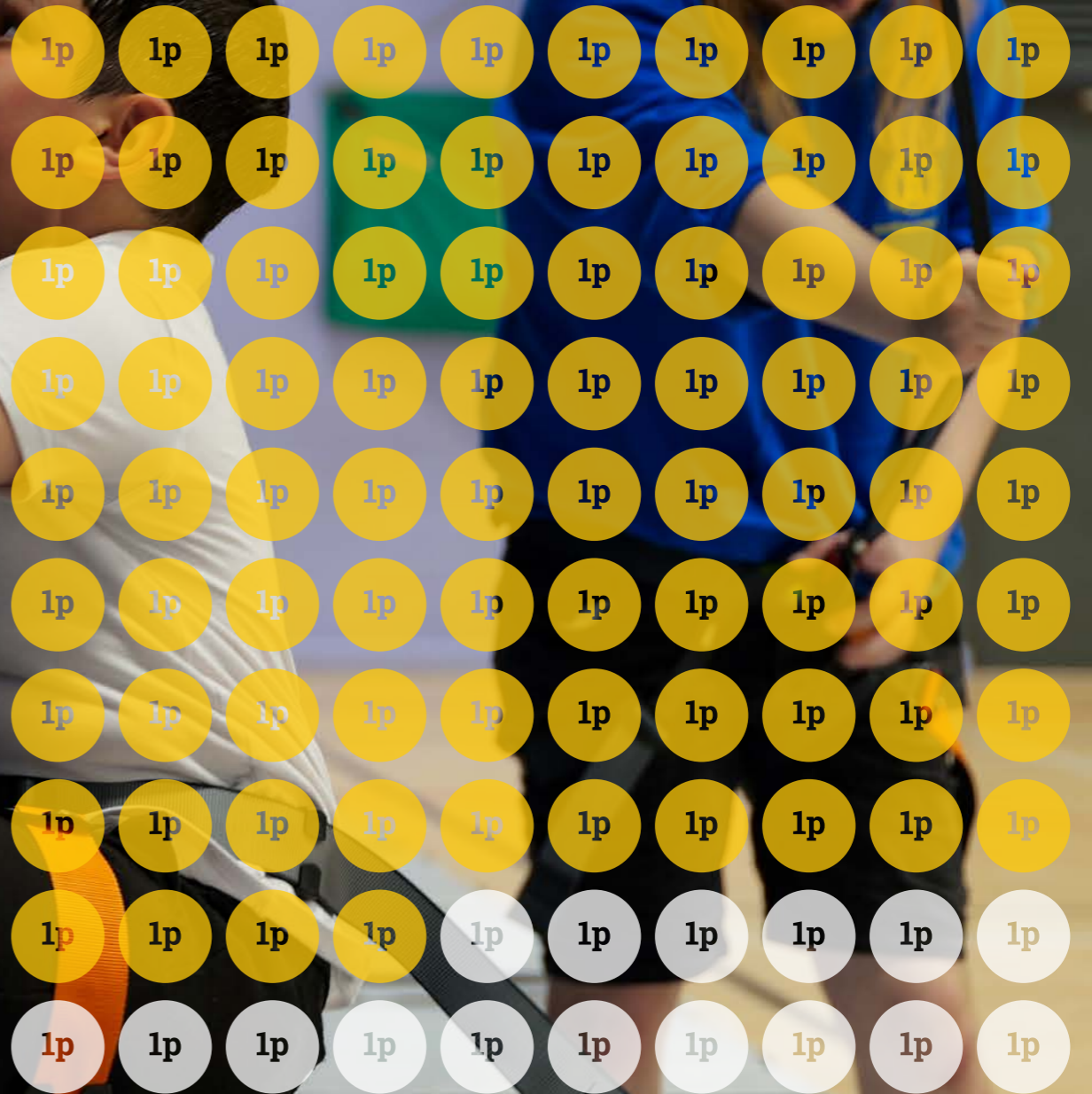
Social Value captures the wider benefits that organisations like ours bring to society, the economy, and the environment. It reflects not just outputs, but the real-life outcomes: improved wellbeing, reduced demand on public services, increased inclusion, educational gains, and greater opportunity. One recognised method of quantifying this is Social Return on Investment (SROI), which assigns monetary value to those broader outcomes. In the UK, investment in youth work is especially impactful. Our verified data shows that for every £1 invested in our work, the taxpayer receives £7.12 in wider social and economic benefit.

Such benefits include enhanced mental health, greater employability, reduced crime, and improved school engagement. For under-18s, these benefits lay the foundation for long-term wellbeing and opportunity, helping to reduce poverty, increase social mobility, and strengthen communities.





84%



+ OUR SOCIAL POUND.

At BLGC, we know every penny counts — both for our supporters and for the children and young people who rely on us. That’s why out of every £1 donated, 84p goes directly to frontline services, funding safe spaces, mentoring, mental health support, and life-changing opportunities. To put that into context, the UK Civil Society Almanac reports that, on average, charities spend around 80p in every £1 on charitable activities. Our figure is above this benchmark, meaning BLGC supporters can be confident their donations are working harder and having a greater direct impact on young lives in Bolton.

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