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### LONDON YOUTH GAMES RECEIVE £5,405.00 FROM THE CREATEDBY RLWC2021 CAPITAL GRANTS LEGACY PROGRAMME

The grant, which has been awarded to help more people play rugby league at grassroots level in London, will fund the organisation's equipment.

London Youth Games are set to receive £5,405.00 from the Created. By RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme. Delivered in partnership between RLWC2021, the sport's national governing body, the Rugby Football League, Sport England and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, the Created. By programme is a funding pot of up to £10million made available by the government to support the legacy of the Rugby League World Cup by growing participation in the sport.

The funding will be used to provide rugby league equipment to all 33 London Boroughs to support and enhance the delivery of Inter-Schools activity and competitions. The equipment will also improve the delivery of London Youth Games' Y56 Tag Rugby and Y78 Male 9's County Competitions. With a high level of participation in the Tag competition and a growing level in the Y78 9's competition, we hope the investment will retain and increase overall participation in rugby league over the next three years.

**Nicky Affleck, Interim Chief Executive at London Youth Games, said:** "We are very grateful to have received a grant through the CreatedBy RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme. The equipment granted through the Programme will give all 33 boroughs in London the opportunity to engage in the sport and support London Youth Games competitions. We aspire to give every young Londoner an unforgettable experience at our events, and the grants scheme gives us the opportunity to enable and inspire more young people to play Rugby League. We look forward to seeing the impact of these grants has over the next three years and hope participation in Inter-Schools and LYG competitions continues to grow!"

**Jon Dutton, Chief Executive, RLWC2021, said:** "The CreatedBy RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme is focused on ensuring the next generation of rugby league players have the best possible experience and barriers to participate are removed. We are delighted to award this grant to London Youth Games and look forward to seeing the results of this investment that aims to deliver real change in their community."

**Ralph Rimmer, Chief Executive of the Rugby Football League, said:** "Hosting the Rugby League World Cup in 2021 offers so many opportunities for everyone involved in the game in this country and beyond, and the facilities that will be delivered by the CreatedBy RLWC2021 Capital Grants Programme will be a big part of that transformation. The RFL are proud to be involved in that process, and we congratulate all the successful applicants - and look forward to the impact of this unprecedented level of investment in the game for years to come."

**Charles Johnston, Property Director, Sport England, said:** "We are proud to be working in partnership to deliver the biggest government investment into grassroots rugby league facilities the country has ever seen. With this funding, communities will gain better access to the facilities, improved infrastructure and essential equipment they need to be active. We are pleased the investment will provide benefit to people engaging in the men's, women's and wheelchair game, with a focus on those disadvantaged areas where inactivity levels are stubbornly high. By focusing our efforts on increasing participation in the game, we're ensuring that the Rugby League World Cup's legacy lasts long after the last ball has been kicked and the crowds have gone home."

Rugby League World Cup 2021 will kick off on 23 October 2021, with the men's, women's and wheelchair competitions taking place simultaneously, under one tournament banner for the first time.

Clubs, organisations and communities that run rugby league activities are encouraged to apply for this legacy funding by visiting [www.rlwc2021.com/facilities](http://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities). For further information visit their official social media channels, on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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