

## About Mulberry Schools Foundation

Mulberry Schools Foundation is the charitable arm of Mulberry Schools Trust ([www.mulberryschoolstrust.org](http://www.mulberryschoolstrust.org)), established in 2019.

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a sector-leading group of schools that serves families in Tower Hamlets, where 51% of children live in poverty. The Trust also has one school in Haringey where 35% of children live in poverty. The proportion of pupils attracting the Pupil Premium within the Trust is well over twice the national average, at 54% of the Year 11 cohort from 2022. The Trust opens doors that are so often closed to people in its communities by offering a range of incredible opportunities. These opportunities include:

- The lead Model United Nations programme in the UK
- Annual student-led Youth Conference
- STEM Academy helping underrepresented students access science and technology careers, in collaboration with Mercedes AMG F1
- Mulberry Production Arts Academy, a dedicated programme supporting students to get into the creative industries
- Performances at the Edinburgh Fringe
- Global Girl Leading, a leadership development programme for girls

The Trust's success and efforts to improve the education system have earned it a national profile. In February 2021, Mulberry School for Girls was designated by the DfE as the Teaching School Hub for all Hackney and Tower Hamlets schools. The CEO of the Trust, who is also a Trustee of the Foundation, was recently awarded a CBE and is a designated National Leader in Education. The Trust has also been visited by significant public figures, including Michelle Obama, Her Majesty the Queen Consort and Sir Lewis Hamilton.

The Mulberry Schools Foundation marks the next step in the Trust's journey. It aims to raise money for Mulberry's schools and communities and extend the opportunities that can be offered, building on the current work of the Trust and providing support that could not have been possible previously. It will use funding to support Mulberry Schools Trust projects, offer hardship grants to members of the local community and help students to access new opportunities (e.g. through travel bursaries). Through its wide range of commissioned and funded activity, the Foundation will make a real difference to the lives of people facing disadvantage in East London and beyond, including those in partner schools abroad. The pandemic delayed the operational activity of the Foundation, so now is a really exciting time to join as it begins its work.

Over the next few years the Foundation will grow its resources, including its endowment fund, with the aim of reaching £100k in the first five years. Its fundraising activities will formally begin on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 with an event at the legendary Wilton's Music Hall. More information can be found at <https://www.wiltons.org.uk/whatson/892-shoulder-to-shoulder->.

For more details about the Foundation, please visit [www.mulberryschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.mulberryschoolsfoundation.org).

The Foundation has also been incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company number 11995466).