The Salmon Youth Centre is one of the largest dedicated youth facilities in the UK, providing a much needed hub for community activities within an area that has undergone significant change as part of the Bermondsey Spa regeneration project.

The centre’s outdated building was demolished and reconstructed in two phases, funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families under the MyPlace grant programme.

Phase 1 provides a sports hall which incorporates a four court badminton area, a multi-purpose hall with a green sedum covered roof, a social area, performance space, dance and music studio, training suite, chapel/reflection space, rooftop terrace, a young volunteer’s room and accommodation for up to eight club volunteers.

Phase 2 delivered IT facilities, an arts and crafts room, a training kitchen, bike workshop, fitness suite and a drop in centre staffed by various services including Connexions and the Metropolitan Police. The centre also sold air rights to a registered provider to build approximately 26 shared ownership units within the upper levels of the building.

The Salmon Youth Centre was cited for best practice in the government’s 2005 ‘Youth Matters’ paper and in the government’s ‘Ten-Year Youth Strategy; Aiming High’ in 2007. It is also seen as a key partner in delivering Southwark Council’s Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP), and is identified as a ‘hub’ youth centre for the north of the borough.