

OUR





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BUILDING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

12,554

People joined our events and activities this year.

1,529

Hours were given to us by volunteers.

67

Events were hosted across the year.



"I believe passionately that everyone should have access to the best arts and cultural experiences, no matter who they are, what their background is or where they come from. " - Daryl Branch, Artistic Director ¢ CEO

OUR
COMMITMENT TO
LOCAL ARTS AND
CULTURE

43

Local artists worked with us to engage and deliver

We are committed to nurturing the local arts ecosystem. Over the past year, we worked with 17 venues and commissioned 43 local artists, ensuring that our programmes support both the spaces where culture happens and the creative professionals who bring it to life.

17

Local venues used to hold events and activities

THURROCK

OUR MULTI-GENERATIONAL REACH

We delivered creative activities, social events, and performances designed to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing for older members of our community. Through these opportunities, we helped people stay active, connected, and engaged. The amount of older people we impacted reached a

5,254

total of







Younger people were supported through our programmes, providing opportunities to learn new skills, express creativity, and build confidence. Our work with children and young people helps inspire the next generation of artists while also promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, helping young people feel more connected and supported.





SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH HAF



Through our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, we provided nutritious hot meals to children and young people from low-income families. This support helped ensure that no child went hungry during the school holidays, with a total of 2,575 meals provided.

IN YOUR WORDS... PARTICIPANTS



"I ate food that was new and liked it. I liked the people and liked coming"

"I look forward to the holidays and seeing my friends."

"I have been given a space to feel safe and listened to."

"I've been able to find me. I've been able to find things I like doing and it makes me feel calm."

"Love this place. I don't get out a lot and do something for just me. Daryl is great, so supportive. Can't wait till we come back"

IN YOUR WORDS... FACILITATORS



"This community really needs investment. It was clear how valued what we were doing was by the young people and their parents."

"I enjoyed working with these young people and watching their voices grow from the beginning to the end of the programme."

"HAF has found new challenges for me to enjoy being able to respond to."

"We can make a difference and are important to our young people and community."

"Are you doing it again? I'd definitely be interested."

RECOGNISING OUR SUPPORTERS



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our funders and commissioners, whose support made these projects possible. Also, a big thanks to our volunteers, who generously gave their time and energy to help bring our programmes to life.

We are also grateful to our staff and partners for their tireless dedication to delivering meaningful, high-quality opportunities for our community.





















