



ARUN INSPIRES

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A 3-year programme of cultural investment in the children & young people of Arun District.

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Artsworld is a national youth arts charity working across the South East and dedicated to empowering children and young people through arts and culture.

Developed from legacy funding from previous leisure provider for the District matched by Artsworld partnership investment.





Cultivating partnerships to empower local children and young people:





Strategic ambitions across programme to:

- **Raise Aspiration:** investing in young people's social capital through engagement in culture and access to the creative industries;
- **Improve children & young people's mental health and wellbeing** through strategic **creative** projects;
- **Involve young people in regeneration and decisions about their area**, increasing pride of place;
- **Target support towards vulnerable children & young people**
- **Build the infrastructure**, supporting local cultural and youth organisations to become more robust, sustainable and high quality.

Key achievements:

- LOVE Local Arts High Street cultural regeneration programme launched in Littlehampton, shortlisted for the National Campaign for the Arts Best Project. 'What a fantastic idea! It has shown how creativity and re-imagining can cut across all sectors and all generations.' Deborah Meaden, Awards Judge and TV Dragon
- Working with ADC to develop a new corporate Public Arts Strategy and build links between developers with schools for better consultation and integration of local children and young people in public realm planning.
- 8 commissions of new projects supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing in partnership with Active Sussex and with youth and community organisations supporting more than 130 young people over the past 12 months.
- Creation of a new resource to support local organisations to win funding for future work supporting CYP mental health



Key Achievements:

- Creative Careers EXPO events held at every secondary school in the District, each bringing more than 30 creative professionals in to invest in local social capital and supporting more than 1500 local Year 8 and 9 students.

- Commission of new artist-led digital resource for Looked After Children in Arun.

- Support and planning with and for Arun Youth Board.

- Free training support and networking events for more than 25 local arts and community organisations.
- Work placing artists in all 8 local schools in Littlehampton and supporting young people at Barnham Primary, Aldingbourne Primary, The Angmering School, Ormiston Six Villages Academy and Felpham Academy to be empowered in local decision making.



Making It Better

A web toolkit for planning children & young people's arts mental health projects

Over the last 30 years, there has been growing recognition for the impact arts and cultural projects can have on the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (if you're wondering WHY this work is important, [see below](#)). Yet there is often a skills and experience gap between artists' and organisations' confidence in the impacts of their work and their ability to evidence this effectively to funders and partners.

Plans for 2022 – 26 :

From October 2022, 3.5 years of project planning, building on our successes and experiences to bring the programme into alignment with Artwork's core funding from Arts Council England

- Strand One: Youth voice and leadership in place-based public realm development
- Strand Two: Cultural-led town centre regeneration
- Strand Three: Young peoples' mental health and wellbeing
- Strand Four: Creative skills, routes into employment, CPD and capacity building

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Outcomes:

- Meaningful, community-focused deployment of S106 and CIL funding across the period, to create highly visible, locally focused projects that showcase young people's creativity and embed them in their communities;
- Effective integration of the vision and leadership of local young people through Arun Youth Council with a range of corporate objectives including anti-social behaviour initiatives, regeneration plans and health outcomes;
- Supporting innovative, creative approaches to Improving Mental health and wellbeing outcomes for local children;
- Support and development for a range of youth and arts organisations across the District;
- Integrating the high-quality creativity of local children and young people in regeneration and the recovery of town and parish centres through a range of creative events and projects;
- High quality support for primary and secondary schools across the District with a focus on employability, creative skills and the creative curriculum.

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