

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

2024 began with a buzz. Our first New Year Holiday Programme ran from 2nd to 5th January and in that month we set a new record for attendances. Our fundraising efforts continue apace. We are planning our fifth annual summer wine tasting at the Centre on **Thursday, 27th June** to support our flagship Summer Holiday Programme. Please consider joining us with your friends and family for a great evening to enable us to expand and enrich our holiday offering which will include a residential trip to the Isle of Wight for 35 young people.

PROJECT 2024 (Youth Programme 2024)

In the first quarter our Youth Team comprising Denny, Naomi, Billy, Rochelle and 10 other part-time youth workers completed 52 days of service. This included two very well-attended four-day holiday programmes in January and February. The February programme provided very popular trips to Westway Climbing for 18 Juniors and to Oxygen Trampolining for 15 Seniors. Our partnerships with Cavendish School and Duke Meadows Trust continue to work very well and the diverse range of activities provided by the Youth Team are attracting more young people. Our total attendances in both months of 729 increased 41% on the combined two months in 2023.

Our ***Get Off The Fence*** Project with Chiswick School has built participation since it began at the end of September. The youth team has raised the confidence of the group of attendees, using the *Outcome Star* (a family of evidence-based tools for measuring and supporting change when working with people) as the tool to provide a high level of one-to-one support.

In November, Ruth Cadbury MP did a Q&A session with the young people. On 26th February Billy Beatty, who attended the youth programme as a child and is now a sessional youth worker, plus two teachers took 16 young people to the Palace of Westminster where Ruth kindly gave a guided tour of Parliament. In December Superintendent Anil Puri from the Safer Neighbourhood Team visited the centre with five other police officers. They also did a Q&A session with the young people. This was a refreshingly powerful engagement strategy to build more trusting relationships.

Our seven-day Easter Holiday Programme is running from 2nd to 11th April. It is jam-packed with fun activities including art, drama, dance and music workshops, boxing and cooking. Offsite excursions will include tenpin bowling, roller skating, and a trip to Bubble Planet!

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Activities

As our local profile strengthens, activities at the Community Centre continue to grow and diversify with 35 individuals and companies licensing space so far this year. License fees remain on track to reach the target of £165,000 in 2024. Given a Centre 2024 operating budget of just over £100,000, we are targeting £65,000 to part-fund PROJECT 2025 (Youth Programme 2025).

We are thankfully starting to benefit from a lower gas tariff. Our gas costs in January and February were 24% lower than the same two months in 2023. We also started a lower cost electricity tariff on 1st April. Maintenance in the first quarter included essential repairs to our central heating system just as the cold weather returned, an upgrade to our CCTV system and various health & safety improvements to our two halls. Our website upgrade is underway and should be completed in early May. This will allow us to share approved photographs of our Youth Programme in action in future newsletters.

Donations, Grants & Sponsorships

We have received two material donations and are incredibly grateful to both private donors and our other recurrent donors. If you would like to donate, either once or on a regular basis, please visit our website: <https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/donate/>

A Holiday Activity Funds (HAF) grant underpinned our free meals offering during the January holiday programme. We also received the final tranche of the Thriving Communities Revenue grant to support our project work with Chiswick School. We continue to look for local sponsors to support our early intervention work with young people, ideally via a multi-year sponsorship arrangement. If you think of a suitable sponsor please put them in touch with us.

Fund Raising

To raise awareness of our work with young people, we profiled the Charity in the Philanthropy Issue of the March edition of the *Mayfair Times Magazine*. Please see the link below and scroll to Page 139. This magazine has a very broad digital circulation of more than 20,000.

<https://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/html5/reader/production/default.aspx?pnun=1&edid=5685ecd9-c9ed-432d-bcd7-560a74edbe13&isshared=true>

Our fifth annual wine tasting will be held at the Centre on **Thursday, 27th June** at 19.15. The Charity's great friend and Master Sommelier Tim Syrad will showcase eight eclectic wines. As in prior years, this event will raise funds for our 18-day Summer Holiday Programme which this year will include a four-day Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight. We will offer a record number of places to 35 young people which compares to 27 attendees in 2023 and 18 in 2022. We have secured the generous support of eight local sponsors and thank them all: ***Analytical People, Bown Design & Build, Cornel Lucas Collection, Helicon Health, King's Tennis Centre, La Trompette, Villa di Geggiano*** and ***Whitman & Co.***

If you would like to attend this event, please click on the link below for further details and donation options. We have limited places so please book early and invite your family and friends for a super fun evening!

<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/wine-tasting/>

CHARITY MATTERS

We registered with the Living Wage Foundation in early January. We are committed to pay our staff at least the London Living Wage which is currently set at £13.15 per hour. Our negotiations with the council to renew our lease continue. This is important for so many reasons, not least our ability to apply for grants which require the security of a long-term lease. We thank the council for their continued support so that we may sign a new lease as soon as possible.

Thank you so much for your continued support
The Trustees, Youth Team, Centre Staff
and our many hundreds of young participants

We would very much like to retain your contact details so that we can update you on our progress and events. If you do not wish to be updated, please respond to this e-mail with the word **UNSUBSCRIBE** and we will remove you from our records, in line with data protection (GDPR) requirements.