

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

The highlights of another exciting and busy quarter include extended outreach work as part of our evolving youth programme, our well attended June wine tasting which raised more than £9,000, a successful grant application and some very welcome progress on our new lease. We look forward to delivering our flagship four-week Summer Holiday Youth Programme.

PROJECT 2023 (Youth Programme 2023)

By the end of June our youth team had delivered 99 uninterrupted days of PROJECT 2023. Our seven-day Easter Holiday Programme comprised various sports, offsite excursions (bowling and roller skating) and workshops including cooking, jewellery-making, dance and drama. One of the Centre's licensees, Leon who runs *Fitnessology*, taught some young people boxing skills which proved popular! Twelve young people also attended a drug awareness session at the centre which was hosted by LBH. Our three-day May Half Term programme was well attended and included some new activities including stone masonry.

In April Denny Anthony participated in several workshops at LBH's Serious Violence Conference which aims to reduce violence in the borough.

We continue to strengthen our partnership with Chiswick House & Gardens. The young people made two visits and in May they completed their art project which forms part of the Black Chiswick through History 2023 project:

<https://chiswickhouseandgardens.org.uk/2023/05/22/black-chiswick-through-history-2023-news/>

A welcome initiative of Sally Chacatte (*W4 Youth Hub*), in May we hosted the first meeting of representatives from other youth clubs in the area to encourage sharing of best practice and information on the various programmes offered.

Building on our outreach efforts and continuing to work with the Dukes Meadows Trust, our youth team will soon start a Saturday morning football session.

Our Core Programme continues to the end of term in late July and is followed by our Summer Holiday Programme. This will run for four weeks from 24th July to 17th August. As always it will include a residential trip. Using the proceeds of

our fund raising efforts, a cohort of youth workers will take 24 young people (vs. 18 2022 and 12 2021) in three mini buses to the Isle of Wight.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Revenue & Costs

Our Centre Manager Dani Karas continues to do a super job safely building our license fees which are 13% higher than the first half of 2022 and remain on track to reach a new record of £160,000 in 2023. Our total operating costs for the year remain close to budget of £230,000, leaving a £(70,000) annual cash deficit. We are hopefully passing through the peak of utility costs this year and will benefit from lower gas and electricity costs in 2024 and beyond, but elevated inflation remains a challenge for us as it does for everyone.

Grants & Other

We were nominated by Tesco for their Community Grants Scheme which will run from the beginning of July to the end of September. During this period, if you make a purchase at the Tesco Express on Chiswick High Road please collect a token and nominate the Hogarth Charitable Trust Company Ltd. The project with the highest (second and third highest) number of votes will receive £1,500 (£1,000 and £500). Please encourage all your friends and family to vote for the Hogarth!

In May we submitted a material grant application to LBH's Thriving Communities Fund Revenue Round One. If successful, this will part-fund a 24-week targeted intervention programme to prevent exploitation, serious youth violence, criminality, gang activity and anti-social behaviour. If successful, our youth team will work in partnership with Years 7, 8 and 9 at Chiswick School from the beginning of September 2023 through to the end of March 2024. Again working with Chiswick School, we continue to develop the idea of a 6th Form Jobs Connect platform to help this cohort of pupils find paid work in Chiswick.

We are also progressing our London Youth Award and have been asked to migrate from Silver to Bronze and then apply for Gold later this year.

Summer wine tasting at the Centre

Our second wine tasting at the Centre on 13th June was enjoyed by a record number of 55 participants comprising mainly local residents. We were again blessed by lovely weather which enabled us to gather outside where Jane Oliver, a virtuoso cellist, performed brilliantly (thank you again!) and welcoming speeches were made. Our A* oenologist and top host Tim Syrad changed the

format this year by introducing some blind tastings which include a complex red from Greece and a wine related quiz. One question asked the approximate number of bottles of champagne consumed by Winston Churchill – the answer an impressive 42,000 according to the archives of Pol Roger! Tim's thoughtful cheese pairings accentuated everyone's appreciation of the eight splendid wines we tasted.

Sales of raffle tickets (100) plus the proceeds from our blind auction of a VIP dinner for four at La Trompette helped lift the total to over £9,000 including anticipated Gift Aid. This fantastic outcome underpins our ability to deliver a first class Summer Holiday programme. We thank all 55 participants and our generous sponsors, six of whom are repeat sponsors (*Analytical People, Bown Design & Build, Cornel Lucas Collection, Helicon Health, King's Tennis Centre, La Trompette and Whitman & Co.*) and many kind donors including those who provided the prizes for our raffle (*Robert Boca, Tony Bowden, John Casson MBE, Jeannetta Orton and Jonathan Walker*). Thanks also to Team Hogarth for all the effort organising such a memorable and fun evening.

CHARITY MATTERS

In April we were delighted to welcome a fourth trustee, Jeannetta Orton. Jeannetta is a local resident with experience of working in the charity space and a career background in commercial property law.

In April all Trustees and the Centre Manager successfully completed the NSPCC's Safeguarding Training Course.

We will soon file our 2022 Report & Accounts with UK Companies House and the UK Charities Commission. Our Accounts Manager, Jamilla Amra and Trustee - Finance Director, Jonathan Walker spend many hours on this important document which is used for grant and other important funding applications.

We are now progressing our lease renewal with the Council. We are very grateful to the council for their support in this matter. A new long-term lease will provide much needed security to all our staff and licensees. It will encourage corporate sponsors and donors who prize sustainability and it will also facilitate grant applications.

Thank you for your continued support

**The Trustees, Youth Team, Centre Staff
and our many hundreds of young participants**



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