

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

We hope that you are enjoying Spring's brighter and warmer days. The start of the year is always a super busy time. We completed both our New Year and February Holiday Programmes and will next offer nine days of fun activities over the Easter Holidays. Our fund-raising efforts continue apace as do our negotiations with the council for a new lease. We have scheduled our sixth annual summer wine tasting at the Centre on **THURSDAY, 10th JULY** to support our Summer Residential, part of our flagship four-week Summer Holiday Programme. Please consider joining us with your friends and family for a great evening that enables us to take every young person who wants to attend.

PROJECT 2025 (Youth Programme 2025)

In the first quarter our Youth Team led by Denny, Naomi, Billy, Rochelle, Chantelle and nine other youth workers completed 51 days of uninterrupted service. This included two well-attended holiday programmes in January (2 days) and February (4 days).

Our partnerships with Cavendish School and Chiswick School continue to work well and the diverse range of activities provided by the Youth Team continue to attract a more diverse cohort of young people, measured by age and background. Our total attendances in the first three months of 2025 were 949 (52% under 13) which is level on the same period in 2024. The skew to male attendees (67%) is not unusual, but by offering sessions more targeted for females the youth team is working to achieve a better overall gender balance.

Youth worker Billy, who last year graduated with a 1st Class Honours Degree in Journalism, worked with the Dukes Meadows Trust to write some press releases and below is a link to one:

<https://www.chiswickw4.com/default.asp?section=info&page=dukesmeadowupdate038.htm>

On 28th March, Denny Anthony received a Recognition Award from the Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Karen Smith, for his outstanding work in the community – many congratulations to Denny and all of his team.

Our nine-day Easter Holiday Programme will run from 7th to 11th April and from 14th to 17th April inclusive. Covid left many adverse effects which include a shift by young people to socialise less and to spend even more time in the virtual

world. So, mobiles are put to one side on our holiday programmes which prioritise real world social interaction, a broad range of physical activities and the provision of healthy meals. Our forthcoming April programme includes art, basketball, cooking, DJ-ing and music, dance and drama, fitness and multi-sports, table tennis and four offsite trips to Laser Tag, Oxygen, Puttshack and Westway Rock Climbing: <https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/youth-programme/>

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Activities

Dani Karas (Centre Manager) continues to add new and diverse activities.. We have licensed space to 35 individuals and companies so far this year. We have one vacant room which would be ideal for a small, community orientated local activity. Please see the link below for further details:

<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/spaces-to-hire/available-space/>

We signed a new 13-month electricity supply contract starting 1st March with Scottish Power which will save us money and is also sourced 100% from renewable energy, underscoring the Charity's desire to minimize its carbon footprint.

We thank the representatives of the Sulgrave Club (Goldhawk Road), including Chair Trustee Angela Clarke MBE, Vice Chair Caroline Needham and Club Manager Nick Sazeides, for kindly hosting a visit to their youth club on 17th January by three trustees and our Centre Manager. It was great to share best practice with another successful youth club in our area. We hope to set up a friendly football match for the young people of both clubs.

As part of our continuing efforts to raise awareness of our work with young people and our need for funding support, during the quarter we also hosted several visits to the Centre for potential donors, several council officers, local councillors and MPs.

Donations, Grants & Sponsorships

We have received two material donations and are incredibly grateful to both private donors and our other recurrent donors. We also thank a local family whose two children attended our youth programme for their generous donation which was then trebled by their sponsoring company (Ares Management) using the Benevity platform. Please consider a donation via the Benevity platform

which can be matched by your employer who may be a participating company:
<https://benevity.com/about-us>

We also thank the Arts Society Chiswick for their generous donation to purchase new equipment for our art workshops with young people.

If you would like to make a personal donation, either once or on a regular basis, please visit our website:

<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/donate/>.

We have also enrolled the Charity on PayPal's Giving Fund UK. If you would like to donate via PayPal, please do so via this link so that your donation does not suffer any platform fees:

<https://www.paypal.com/uk/webapps/mpp/givingfund/home>

A Holiday Activity Funds (HAF) grant underpinned our free meals offering during both the January and February holiday programmes.

As you may know, the background for central and local government funding support for youth work is very challenging and deteriorating. We therefore 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.

Fundraising

Slightly later than usual, our sixth annual wine tasting will be held at the Centre on **THURSDAY, 10th JULY** at 19.15. Known to many of you, the Charity's great friend Tim Syrad (<https://timsyradwines.com/>) will showcase eight sumptuous wines, combining blind tastings, a quiz, a raffle and two blind auctions for fine dining experiences at two of Chiswick's top restaurants. As in prior years, the sole purpose of this event is to raise funds for our four-day Residential Trip in August. We will offer as many places as our fund-raising permits and hope to match if not exceed our 2024 record of 34 young people. We have already secured seven local sponsors and thank them all for their recurrent and generous support: ***Analytical People, Bown Design & Build, Cornel Lucas Collection, Helicon Health, La Trompette, Villa di Geggiano and Whitman & Co (Chiswick).***

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. A booking payment before the end of the current tax year on 5th April may also qualify you for personal tax relief.

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

CHARITY MATTERS

Jonathan Walker (Trustee – Finance) and Jamilla Amra (Accounts Manager) have started the process of preparing our 2024 report & accounts. If you are interested, all our historic filings are available to view and download on our website.

We thank Councillor Joanna Biddolph (Chiswick Gunnersbury) and Andy Slaughter MP (Hammersmith & Chiswick) for visiting the Centre on 30th January and helping to set up a meeting at the Centre on 10th March with Nick Ljustina, LBH's Director of Asset Strategy. Following this important meeting, we are hopeful that the outstanding issues can be resolved and we can progress to signing our new lease and also start a major capital refurbishment programme later this year.

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.