

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

We hope that you are enjoying the balmy start to the summer. The highlights of another busy and productive three months include two more very well attended holiday programmes, two successful grant applications and nomination of the charity by Hounslow's Mayor Amy Croft. We continue to build attendances by young people with an increase of 14% during the first five months of the year. Our busiest time of year approaches and we look forward to delivering our flagship four-week Summer Holiday Programme in July and August.

PROJECT 2025 (Youth Programme 2025)

During the second quarter, our Youth Team delivered two holiday programmes in April (11 days) and May (3 days). During April offsite trips included rock climbing and golf, trampolining at Oxygen and an afternoon at Laser Tag. Naomi also created a new activity (Gardening Workshop) to teach young people about the environmental benefits of planting flowers and vegetables. During May offsite trips included Oxygen and indoor mini golf. Daily attendances peaked at over 60 young people during April and over 30 every day during the May holiday programme.

By the end of June our youth team had delivered 101 uninterrupted days of PROJECT 2025. In that six-month period 12 youth workers delivered over 3,250 hours of work, most of which was contact time with young people. As a result of constant adaptation which responds to feedback from the young people and greater outreach effort we continue to build attendances which increased 14% in the first five months of 2025 to just under 2,000. 53% of attendances were by young people who were aged over 13. This continues an encouraging trend to engage with more teenagers, especially those who may be struggling at school. In recent months, there has also been a significant increase in attendees on Tuesdays (Year 8 students) and Wednesdays (Year 9 and 10 students) to the *Get Off The Fence* project with Chiswick School wherein our youth workers act as valued mentors. We have also seen higher attendances by Seniors to our evening sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. If we can sustain this very positive momentum, we will reach our goal of 5,000 attendances in 2025.

Youth workers Chantelle, Chloe and Naomi started a series of sessions for young women on 14th May focusing initially on online safety for young people and

understanding the importance of positive relationships. We congratulate youth worker Billy Beatty who at the end of May started a full-time role on the Adolescent Support Team at Hounslow Council. It is great to see how youth work at the Hogarth Charitable Trust can help to evolve a career.

Various first aid training was completed during the second quarter. The Youth Team will also complete twilight training at the centre on 8th July. This will include safeguarding, on the spot risk assessment and youth work boundaries.

Our Core Programme continues to the end of the school term and is followed by our flagship Summer Holiday Programme. This will run for four weeks from 21st July. Using the proceeds of our successful fund raising, a cohort of 10 youth workers will take up to 35 young people (vs. 34 2024, 27 2023, 18 2022 and 12 2021) to a new residential venue, Grosvenor Hall in the heart of Kent, for four days in mid-August.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Revenue & Costs

Thus far this year we have licensed space to 40 different users. First half license fees are broadly unchanged on the first half of 2024 but should build in the remainder of the year having filled our only vacant space to Chiswick Microschool who help young people with special educational needs. The Charity's total operating costs for 2025 are tracking close to our budget of £260,000 which splits £160,000 for PROJECT 2025 and £100,000 to run the Centre. This represents a welcome year-on-year reduction of some 5%, primarily due to lower gas and electricity costs.

Grants & Other

Donations in the first six months were over £32,000 including Gift Aid and two grants totalled £7,735. We have applied for additional Holiday Activity Funding (HAF) grant support for our Summer Programme and Residential. We also hope to raise £10,000 from our annual wine tasting.

At the end of May, we were absolutely delighted to be one of two charities nominated by Hounslow's Mayor Amy Croft (Councillor for Chiswick Riverside) for 2025/26.

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20044/councillors meetings and minutes/1361/mayor_of_hounslow/4](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20044/councillors_meetings_and_minutes/1361/mayor_of_hounslow/4)

This accolade raises awareness of our work with young people and connect the charity with new supporters, the first of which has already connected. We are most grateful to BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Fellowship in West London for including our charity in their 10K Charity Challenge, taking place on Sunday 3rd August 2025 at Osterley Park.

We choose to operate a youth programme at the ambitious scale which we offer because there is a community need for it. As a result, every year we must cover a funding deficit with grants, sponsors, donors and a fundraising event. We set ourselves this challenge that relies on community support. If you would like to help by making a personal donation, either once or on a regular basis, please visit our website:

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

Summer wine tasting at the Centre

Our fourth wine tasting at the Centre will be held on the evening of Thursday, 10th July. We are expecting another full house with over 65 participants. Tim Syrad, our great friend and wine connoisseur, will repeat the popular format of 2024 with blind tastings and a quiz. A big thank you to all generous participants, our eight sponsors (Analytical People, Bown Design & Build, Cornel Lucas Collection, Helicon Health, La Trompette, The Pavillion School Kitchen – *check out their 80s disco night on 11th July - <https://www.schoolkitchen.com/event-list>*, Villa di Geggiano and Whitman & Co.) and many kind donors. On the night, we will also celebrate the charity's 25th anniversary and have asked participants to wear something silver to mark this special year. A big thank you to Team Hogarth whose hard work make it a very special evening and one that enables us to take up to 35 young people on a memorable four-day Summer Residential.

CHARITY MATTERS

In May two trustees completed an Advanced Safeguarding course. Following our accountant's examination, we will file our 2024 Report & Accounts with UK Companies House and the UK Charities Commission. Once again thank you to

our Accounts Manager, Jamilla Amra and Trustee - Finance Director, Jonathan Walker who lead the drafting of this important document.

The charity banks with HSBC. Following many protests the bank has finally reversed its decision to charge banking fees to charities which we welcome. We are agreeing the final amendments to our new lease with the Council and hope to sign later this summer.

We wish you all a happy and restful summer.

Thank you 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.