

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

Summer is always our busiest time. The many highlights of the past three months include delivery of our flagship Summer Programme and four-day residential to Grosvenor Hall in Kent for 34 young people, two successful grant applications, completion of our new long-term lease, a website upgrade to facilitate donations and multiple engagements with key stakeholders.

PROJECT 2025 (Youth Programme 2025)

Our Summer Programme ran for four weeks from 21st July to 14th August. Led by Denny Anthony, this required a team of fifteen youth workers: Billy, Chantelle, Chloe, Desmond, Harrison, Jesse, Lalandra, Lennox, Maria, Naomi, Rochelle, Sanitta, Shelliann and Tasharne. We thank them all for their unfailing energy, commitment, teamwork and professionalism. There are many long days and challenging situations that they deal with, demonstrating professionalism, understanding and kindness throughout.

Planning for the Summer Programme starts in January to ensure staff availability and involves polling all regular attendees to collate their preferred activities. The full details of the programme must then be submitted to the council's HAF team in early June to be approved and then advertised. New activities for seniors included a UV resin workshop which proved very popular. Offsite trips included Action Arena in Chiswick House and Gardens, Babylon Park, Bubble Planet, Coral Reef and Gripped. More than 50 young people participated in the annual Carol Heap Cup (football) and more than 20 competed in the Tony Heap Cup (basketball). Both tournaments honour two youth workers who dedicated much of their lives to help young people.

We concluded the Summer Programme with a residential trip, for the first time to the Grosvenor Hall residential centre located in the heart of Kent. Thirty-four young people (seventeen boys and seventeen girls) enjoyed four days away from home. This required ten youth workers and three minibuses with one driver doing a double trip to deliver the luggage. Activities included archery, bushcraft, fencing, Jacob's Ladder, Laser Quest, a Mini Olympics and nightline. On the third night, forty-four people enjoyed a dinner together at Pizza Express in Ashford town centre. We thank all our generous sponsors and donors for making such an ambitious trip possible for so many people.

In all, our Summer Programme served over 250 young people who attended 1,253 times. Total attendances in July and August increased 7% compared to the same two months in 2024 with an average daily attendance of 42 young people. Fresh records were also set for monthly attendees (250) and attendances (800) in July – both the highest in any month since our detailed records of the youth programme began in 2017. More than 100 young people and their families attended our Community Day on 8th August.

By the end of September, Denny and his team have delivered 149 days of uninterrupted youth service comprising over 5,500 hours of working for and with young people. There are 46 days remaining in PROJECT 2025 which will include our sixth holiday programme at the end of October. This four-day programme has been generously sponsored by a local business, **Plane Saver Credit Union** (<https://www.planesavercu.co.uk/>).

It is encouraging that in the first eight months of 2025 our number of attendances is 13% higher than the comparable period in 2024 with the age profile balanced 50:50 between those aged under and over thirteen. This builds on the impressive attendance growth in 2024 of 35%. As previously flagged, the only limit to the scale and reach of our youth work is funding - **so please consider supporting us as either an individual donor or business sponsor.**

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Revenue & Costs

The Centre continues to attract a very diverse range of community orientated activities. Thus far this year our Centre Manager Dani Karas has licensed space to 50 users and is on course to generate a new record for license fees of just over £180,000. This will enable a material transfer of the Centre's annual cash surplus to our Youth Programme in 2026 (PROJECT 2026) which should fund 45% of its anticipated costs.

Following some very welcome feedback from a few kind donors, we have upgraded the Charity's **DONATE** website page to make it more user friendly and to enable donations via both debit and credit cards. Please consider a donation and encourage your friends to join you (<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/donate/>).

We are very sad to report the death of Peter Hoile. For many decades Peter and a small team of volunteers ran a very well attended Friday evening session at the Centre for adults with cognitive disabilities. The so-called Gateway Project ended earlier this year. Peter's enormous personal contribution was nothing short of extraordinary and he will be missed.

Summer wine tasting at the Centre

Our fourth annual wine tasting at the Centre took place on a hot evening on Thursday, 10th July. Seventy-two guests, a record and a maximum for this event, enjoyed eight fine wines from France, Italy, Slovenia, South Africa and Spain - all paired with delightful cheeses. Once again a super big **THANK YOU** to **Tim Syrad** for making it such a memorable and fun evening and to all participants, our sponsors (**Analytical People, Bown Design & Build, Cornel Lucas Collection, Helicon Health, La Trompette, The Pavillion School Kitchen, Villa di Geggiano, Wheelers and Whitman & Co.**), many kind donors, including those who provided an assortment of raffle prizes, and master violinist Jeremy Morris. We raised £11,279 after costs, thus exceeding our fund-raising target of £10,000. This underpinned our ability to take so many young people on our four-day Summer Residential trip.

Grants & Sponsorships

HAF grants enable us to provide hot and nutritious food to all our Holiday Programme attendees. Once again youth worker Rochelle Manswell-Sterling did a first-class job processing the details of all recipients and liaising with the council. As a direct result our total HAF grants for the Summer Programme increased to £27,938 which reflects a much higher number of targeted individual beneficiaries.

As flagged in our Summer Newsletter, in May we were delighted to be one of two charities nominated by Hounslow's Mayor Amy Croft (Councillor for Chiswick Riverside) for 2025/26. As a result, on 3rd August, Trustee Tony Bowden attended the 10K Charity Challenge organised by the BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Fellowship in West London at Osterley Park. Please consider a fund-raising event of your own, small or large, to support our charity.

We welcomed the Mayor and her team to the Centre on 8th September. A group from the Charity then attended the Mayor's inaugural dinner on 26th September which was a great networking opportunity. Please encourage any of your friends and colleagues who can influence company sponsorship to support our work with young people.

CHARITY MATTERS

In early September the Board of Trustees signed a new long-term lease with the London Borough of Hounslow. The lease was then completed by the council on 17th September. This concludes a major workstream which has consumed considerable trustee resource for more than five years. We thank our honorary solicitor, Jonathan Walsh, for his perseverance and guidance throughout. The council's confidence in our ability to sustain our important work with young people and the community is very welcome. A new lease provides the Charity with long term security, a much needed positive for all staff and licensees, and will enable us to start applying for multi-year grants and sponsorships. We have therefore just started a new project to target potential grant opportunities outside of the borough. We continue to work with the council to schedule much needed and overdue repairs to the exterior of the building to include new windows.

In September our Accounts Manager, Jamilla Amra, filed our 2024 Report & Accounts with UK Companies House and the UK Charities Commission following their examination by our accountant, Colin Airey of George Hay. Our recent Report & Accounts are all available on our website.

Thank you for your continued support

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



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