

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

In a world characterised by increasing turmoil and uncertainty, our core mission and purpose is unchanged: we help as many young people in our local community as possible. We completed both our New Year and February Holiday Programmes and will next offer eight days of fun activities over the Easter Holidays. We have scheduled our seventh annual summer wine tasting at the Centre on **THURSDAY, 25th JUNE** to fund raise for our four-day Summer Residential, part of our flagship four-week Summer Holiday Programme. Please join us with your friends and family for a great evening so we may take as many as 35 young people away and give some respite to their parents and carers. We have made good progress securing more grants, growing Centre usage and have also appointed the Charity's first Patron, more details below.

PROJECT 2026 (Youth Programme 2026)

In the first quarter our Youth Team led by Denny, Naomi, Rochelle, Chantelle and Lennox and eight other youth workers completed 51 days of uninterrupted service. This included two well-attended holiday programmes in January (1 day) and February (4 days). More than forty young people attended each day of our February Half Term programme which included two excursions to Clip N Climb and Oxygen (trampolining).

To counteract the 'screen-demic' which so dominates the lives of young people, our work with young people purposefully focusses on real world interactions and activities. Our eight-day Easter Holiday Programme (30th March to 10th April) offers group sessions in art, jewellery making and cookery, drama, sports & fitness, a DJ workshop and four offsite trips. Attendees may pay only £1.50 daily for several hours of activities. Planning is already well underway for our four-day Summer Residential which this year will take place at the Norfolk Lakes Activity Centre in Norwich.

<https://www.manoradventure.com/locations/norfolk-lakes/>

Our reshaped partnership project with Chiswick School – ***Get Off The Fence*** – restarted in early February with one-to-one mentoring sessions during the week for students who require extra support navigating the demands of school life. Recent sessions have focussed on discipline, behaviour and the impact of individual actions. On 25th February, our Youth Officer, Denny Anthony, attended the council's **Make Youth A Priority Forum** at Chiswick School. We

hope that this leads to much needed additional funding support for youth work in the borough.

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Activities

Footfall at the Centre continues to rise reflecting the appeal of our facilities, its location and competitive room hire rates. Dani Karas, our Centre Manager, is successfully attracting more diverse users (36 in the first quarter) and has successfully grown license fees by 24% January to March. This creates a valuable buffer given inevitable disruption is expected when the Centre refurbishment works commence later this year.

The Board always seeks to mitigate controllable risks and cost exposures. Before the most recent escalation of military conflict in the Middle East, we therefore signed 3-year fixed price supply agreements with Scottish Power (100% sourced renewable electricity) and British Gas (gas). This protects the Charity from the recent very steep escalation in wholesale energy prices which may well persist for some time. At current prices, the same three-year gas supply contract alone would cost the Charity an additional £29,000.

As part of our continuing efforts to raise awareness of our work with young people and our need for funding support, Councillor Samir Chaudhary (Cabinet Member for Education, Children, Skills and Employment) visited the Centre in February with representatives from Hounslow Matters. We continue to work supportively with the council and its group of sub-contractors and very much hope that the Centre's external refurbishment will start before too long.

Donations, Grants & Sponsorships

During the first quarter we received three material donations and are most grateful to those private donors and our other recurrent donors. It is estimated that there are 950,000 young people in the UK who are not in education, training or employment, so called NEETs. We help many hundreds of young people during their school years to make better choices and so better prepare them for the life that follows. If helping young people in your community is on your 'care list' and you would like to make a personal donation, either once or on a regular basis, please visit our website. As a reminder, given our distinctive funding model, every £1 that you donate supports our youth work, there are zero funding or Charity expenses.

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

Every year we work on a very tight budget and must cure our annual funding deficit. Last year, we began our campaign to apply for multiple grants outside of the borough. Thus far we have been successful with three grants from the National Lottery Awards for all, the Garfield Weston Foundation and the 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust and have been declined by four other grant providers. A Holiday Activity Funds (HAF) grant also underpinned our free meals offering during the recent February half-term programme and we have applied for further HAF support for our Easter Holiday programme.

We are pleased to have been selected by Waitrose and Partners' Chiswick branch for its Community Matter's Green Token scheme from April - June 2026. If you shop there during this period, please request a green token at the till and vote by putting it in the Hogarth Charitable Trust box as you exit the store. The charity with the most votes wins £1,500.

Fundraising

Our seventh annual wine tasting will be held at the Centre on **THURSDAY, 25th JUNE** at 19.00. Known to many, the Charity's great friend and highly respected Master Sommelier, Tim Syrad (<https://timsyradwines.com/>), will showcase eight 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 fund our four-day Residential Trip in August. We have already secured many 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.***

If you would like to attend our wine event, please click on the link below for details and donation options. We can only accommodate 70 guests 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 more immediate personal tax relief. <https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/wine-tasting/>

We are also very grateful to local Indian restaurant ***Potli*** for hosting a separate fund-raising event on our behalf on the evening of **TUESDAY 28th APRIL** from 18:30, offering a super tasty three course set menu – please see the details attached.

CHARITY MATTERS

We are delighted to announce that Andy Slaughter MP has been appointed as the Charity's first Patron. Following boundary changes in 2024, the Centre is in Andy's constituency of Hammersmith and Chiswick. Andy has served continually as a Member of Parliament since 2005. Prior to his election to Parliament, Andy served as Leader of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Council. Andy is a keen supporter of youth work and will help the Charity to navigate related government policy, sign-posting funding opportunities and helping to expand our network of supporters.

<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/charity-patron/>

We are a Charity that recognises the importance of absolute transparency and full information disclosure. We therefore spend a lot of time preparing our annual report & accounts. Jonathan Walker (Trustee – Finance) and Jamilla Amra (Accounts Manager) have started the process of preparing our 2025 report & accounts. If you are interested, all our historic filings are available to view and download on our website.

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.