

Pollyanna Training Theatre

Project Name: Musical Theatre & Performance Arts Course

Project Theme:

Theme 1 - Children, Young People and Families

Grant Amount: £27,999.00

Type of Organisation:

Registered Charity

Area Based:

St Katherine's and Wapping

Organisation's Aims & Objectives

To advance the education and development of children and young people up to the age of eighteen by providing and assisting in the provision of tuition in drama and the performing arts

Project Details

No. of paid Staff:

3

Acting , Dancing, Singing and Performance Skills for ages 12-16yrs. Create and devise performances, learn new skills, make friends, gain confidence. Work with industry professionals to achieve excellence.

No. of Volunteers:

Outcomes

Area of Benefit:

Bethnal Green

1. Increased social confidence helping to overcome anxiety in new situations and the ability to express one self.
2. Finding your voice - exploring ways to ask for what you need and want in a positive manner achieves far more rewards than a defensive outlook.
3. Exploration of the arts, discovering their creativity and talents and attributes they may not have realised they had.
4. Team participation working together to achieve excellence.
5. Ownership of the project - caring about the success of the project.
6. Commitment - learning that by committing time, devotion and effort new skills can be successfully learnt and self-development achieved.

Quarter Performance – July – September 2017

Progress

The project continues to progress successfully - students feel they are gaining in all aspects. They are discovering different playwrights and exploring their styles. We have been working considerably on speech and pronunciation. It is important for participants to feel their voice is clear and understandable - this helps in all aspects of life. From feedback we have received we nearly all participants are committed to the new term starting late Sept/Oct and from our outreach work we also have a number of new starters. We have worked extensively to obtain new participants and we are hoping that all of those who have shown interest attend and commit.

Outputs

Output	Forecast	Actual
Number of users accessing drama and performance arts	0	31
Number of users accessing services for the first time	0	0
Number of residents referred to other organisations	0	0
To provide tuition in drama and performance arts	0	0

Grant Officer's Comment

Decision from 9 May 2017 Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee:

a) in view of the ongoing work relating to premises issues and ongoing review of arrangements of Pollyanna Training Theatre, no payments be made and the project be Red rated until the satisfactory outcome of the review (including premises arrangements).

b) in the event that the review is concluded satisfactorily and in light of underperformance in respect of the project beneficiaries discussed at Grants Spotlight Review Panel on 28th April 2017, performance then be Amber rated.

Project has been under-performing on targets for recruiting new beneficiaries. Its recruitment of beneficiaries from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities has been lower than originally estimated. It has become involved in outreach sessions to attract new beneficiaries, particularly from BAME communities. The Theatre has put forward a significant variation request to reduce targets for new starts and the percentage of beneficiaries from BAME communities. It now regards its initial estimates of what the project could achieve in these areas to be unrealistic.

Recommendation

That in recognition of Pollyanna Training Theatre's willingness to enter into a property agreement with the Council, payment be released to the organisation subject to satisfactory performance.