

Wac Arts program Info sheet

Buddying and Transitions

With their buddies this term young people will choose activities and trips to places including the London Eye, London Dungeon, Shard, Adapted Cycling events, Royal Airforce, Cinema, Madame Tussauds, Olympic Park and many other exciting places. On these trips young people will be supported in planning their day, including how to travel, how to spend their money and what times they want to start and go home, boosting their independence skills.

- **Sensory Room**

We have a state of the art Sensory Room, in-house. This gives our members access to a range of specialist sensory equipment and software that they can use to enhance their ability to communicate and develop creative ideas.

Equipped with Soundbeam, Vibrabed and Cyberlink, we use our new sensory room to offer students the chance for one to one support and some individual attention. They also have the opportunity to work with multimedia equipment that is especially designed to be used by people with disabilities. This enables them to experience music in a range of different, less conventional ways and to have some control over the music they make.

Through one to one and small group sessions the young people are assisted in developing communication skills and enhancing creativity. They use percussion and acoustic instruments in conjunction with the latest sensory technology like Soundbeam, Vibrabed and Cyberlink. We also provide training for Sensory Licenses for young people so that they can support Wonder WAC students and assist tutors in the delivery of sessions and classes.

- **Oasis Residentials**

Oasis Residentials are week long camping holidays and trips away for students who have learning difficulties from our WonderWAC project. They run throughout the summer holidays, and, in addition, we also run two weekend residential trips away.

These projects offer students with learning difficulties, a unique opportunity to combine outdoor pursuits with the performing arts. They can also develop their group work and independent living skills. These trips away also have the extra benefit of providing a much needed respite for parents, carers and their families.

All our Oasis members are encouraged to participate in one or more of the various citizenship schemes available to enable them to achieve accredited awards. These have included the Changemakers scheme, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme, Youth Bank and the Millennium Volunteers scheme.



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Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre

The Wac Arts Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre is both unique and fun, consistently operating at the forefront in performing arts training. The first of its kind in the UK, as well as offering traditional, classical and contemporary training, this [exciting programme](#) also includes African, Asian, South American, Eastern and European performance techniques. Preparing performers for the 21st century arts world, our graduates enjoy maximum [employability](#) in today's global industry; on stage, in television and on film.

Fully [accredited](#) by [Trinity College](#) London, this is a full time, degree equivalent qualification. It is unique in that it gives equal weight to its training in drama, dance and singing and actively promotes non-western art forms.

Students train with highly skilled [tutors](#) as well as successful artists from the dance, theatre and music industries. Teaching personnel at Wac Arts include industry professionals from the Lion King, Billy Elliot The Musical, The National and Globe Theatres, the BBC and more. Their work is challenging but exciting, exhausting but inspiring. It will push you to your absolute limits and beyond...

If you are over 16 with talent, enthusiasm and commitment, we want to hear from you!

Wac Arts Nites

Wac Arts Nites runs on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with sessions running between 5.00 – 8.30 pm. We offer a wide range of activities and training, including DJ-ing and mixing, drumming and trampolining. Our music nights and young bands night sessions provide access to rehearsal and state of the art recording facilities to help young bands progress their work.

The aim of this programme is to encourage young people to develop their independent skills. As well as experiencing the opportunity of working with and alongside professional artists, we hope they will enjoy each other's company and have fun.

Wac Arts Nites has also increased its support for young people with learning difficulties to socialise with their peers and to work on a range of integrated projects.

Junior Wac Arts

Junior Wac Arts is an exciting Saturday programme where children and young people of all abilities can come and take their first steps into the exciting world of performing arts, digital arts and media.



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An expansive introduction to the world of the arts. Junior Wac Arts offers a safe and supportive environment where talent can grow, young minds can be engaged and a strong foundation can be built onto which further skill and excellence can be achieved.

Provision 5-14 year olds:

- Ballet
- Drama
- Movement
- Music
- Percussion
- Singing
- Video Production
- Web Design
- Music Technology

Senior Wac Arts

Venture into the professional world of performing arts.

At Senior Wac Arts we've been helping young people bridge the gap from beginner into full time training and professional work for over 30 years. You will be taught by industry professionals in state of the art facilities.

It's an excellent opportunity for you to improve your performing arts skills and work on your talent in digital media. The programme runs every Sunday from September-April and caters for 14-26 year olds.

Dance | Drama | Music | Song | Multimedia | Aerials

Wonder Wac Arts

Wonder Wac Arts offers performing arts and media courses for young people with learning disabilities. The sessions provide the opportunity for members to develop their skills in various arts and media forms. They work creatively, build confidence and raise self-esteem.

The groups work throughout the year on various artwork projects. They also record live music tracks in the recording studio and there is a range of their own compositions available for them to listen to.

In this way, young people at Wonder WAC have the opportunity to explore social education issues and develop independent living skills. Although development of skills and process are given top priority, young people are also encouraged to perform live and to record their work and their achievements.



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We organise regular off-site visits to locations such as the South Bank, the London Aquarium, Hampstead Heath, the Fusion inclusive club night and the Beautiful Octopus Club which is run by people with learning difficulties.

- **Tuesday Evenings**

Young people will be transported around the world this term, visiting a new country each week, exploring its culture and diversity via music, art, dance and drama and sharing of knowledge. In the music technology room young people will use computers to create soundscapes inspired by music devising their own tracks. At the end of each session this work is shared between the young people.

- **Wednesday Afternoons**

The group have been working towards their AQA awards in drama and props, devising their own TV shows in smalls groups and learning routines to act out in front of the whole class. They will also make some of their own props and have to learn lines and cues relevant to the individual group segments. These will be filmed and presented as part of their accreditation.

- **Saturday Club**

Young people will learn about our solar system and create art, music and dance based around this theme. The finished art piece will be displayed in our atrium space and the dance will be filmed.

Wac Arts Interactive

We are looking for young people who want to learn new media and assistive technology expertise in weekly and holiday workshops here at Wac Arts.

- * Are you aged 12-18 with a mild to moderate/high functioning disability?
- * Do you have a passion for new technology?
- * Do you want to meet new like-minded friends and have fun?
- * Do you want to train other young people to use technology effectively, developing your communication, social and independence skills?

The areas will include Radio production, Television production, Animation, Music Technology, DJ/VJ, Film Making, 3D Printing, App/Game development, and many more to help you stay at the cutting edge of technical innovation.

Over the next three years we plan to go on many trips across the UK to share the knowledge you learn with students and staff at different organisations, creating an online network of empowered disabled young people and professionals, sharing ideas and nationwide events, enabling fun and friendship opportunities for all involved.

Over the course of the year we will be running outreach workshops at youth organisations and schools to build on our social interactions.

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