



Wac Arts Press Release – 5TH June 2017

Wac Arts receives funding news to support its future as a thriving arts organisation for young people

Wac Arts mission is to empower young people to change their world through performing arts and media.

Wac Arts is building a sustainable and vibrant future. To do this the organisation is on the vital journey to secure support for its deliver diverse and inclusive arts training for those young people in Camden (and surrounding areas) who need it most. Wac Arts believes an arts education and arts enrichment is fundamental for building confidence, developing talent, learning life skills, finding focus and motivation and for developing friendships.

We are delighted to announce that Spring has bought with it some fantastic news to allow Wac Arts to build on this vision and mission for the young people and community it serves.

Wac Arts is delighted to announce that they have been awarded £60,000, over two years from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund to support core organisational development. This funding will enable Wac Arts to become more financially robust and therefore allow the organisation to underpin the important work with young people with disabilities, such as the new Reach programme (www.wacarts.co.uk/Reach)

“At PHF we believe in a society where everyone can reach their potential and that value underpins our Youth Fund. Providing core funding, for a Director of Finance and Operations, means Wac Arts can focus on income generation and sustainability. This will allow them to grow and use the power of the arts to improve the lives of even more young people facing challenging circumstances.”

Régis Cochfert, Director of Grants and Programmes at Paul Hamlyn Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation have awarded £100,000 to enable the delivery of artistic programmes and Arts Council England have awarded a Grants for the Arts Award of £46,000 over two years towards the costs of Supporting Diversity in the Arts Programmes to deliver projects in line with the ambition to raise profile, build partnerships and offer more performance opportunities for young people.

“All three grants are important beyond their funding because they see us engage with organisations who have real commitment to the type of work we deliver and who have expressed a desire to invest in a long term relationship with us. They are endorsing the brilliant work we have been doing and showing a belief in our vision for the future and we would like to say a very big thank you from all of us at Wac Arts for this amazing support”

Karen Napier, Wac Arts Chief Executive

About Wac Arts:

Wac Arts is a vibrant charity which transforms the lives of thousands of young people through its broad range of programmes in performing arts and media. From its inception in 1978, Wac Arts has been supporting young people aged 5-26, who are experiencing exceptional hardship, by providing outstanding levels of arts training, with a focus on innovation and excellence. We believe every individual has a talent and it's our job to help them find it and go on to achieve their potential in life.

To find out more please go to: www.wacarts.co.uk