



**Wac Arts**

Empowering young people  
to change their world

**Press Release: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

- **Wac Arts is Thornton Budgens's Charity of the Year**
- **Working together for the local community**
- **Give Local #LoveWacArts**
- **Join us on the launch night- 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Wac Arts is Thornton Budgens's Charity of the Year. This is the first time Budgens has created a yearlong partnership with a charity, but not the first time they have made a donation to the arts organisation that are based in The Old Town Hall (The 2013 'Love Local' campaign raised money for Wac Arts disabilities programme, allowing for more equipment to support the students.) The relationship between the organisations has blossomed over the last year with Budgens owner Andrew Thornton being an advocate for Wac Arts and Wac Arts' place in the community.

From next Wednesday, you can find out more in store and make a donation to Wac Arts at the tills. Your gift means contributing to the vital work that happens inside the Old Town Hall. There will be a launch event on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Wac Arts' Over-18s group, Urban Motivation, will share their devised, musical, promenade performance leading from Budgens to inside the Wac Arts building. Throughout the year, Wac Arts will continue to work with Budgens putting on events, from January Jogs to Busk-A-Thons. Showcasing and celebrating the amazing work created inside the Town Hall and ultimately giving back to the local community through the arts.

A huge thank you to Andrew Thornton and the team at Thornton's Budgens for supporting Wac Arts.

It's been an inspiring week for Wac Arts. This Sunday is the fourth annual fundraiser and will see the young people joined by artists who trained at Wac Arts and now work as professional performers as well as the organisations Patrons. The show Dare to Dream has been curated by the Tricycle's Artistic Director and Wac Arts friend, Indhu Rubasingham.

### **About Thornton's Budgens**



Not satisfied with being just a independently owned supermarket, Thornton's Budgens prides itself on being the community supermarket that really cares. As stated on their website; *we are passionate about food, people and planet, and a more sustainable future for our communities.* They thrive in stretching the boundaries of a 'supermarket', in trying to help every person within the local Belsize Park community. Wac Arts supports the local supermarket's mission and vision and looks forward to a year long journey together building positive and connected relationships in the community.

## About Wac Arts

Wac Arts is an arts organisation for young people based in the Old Town Hall in Belsize Park. They offer innovative, inclusive and cutting edge performing arts and media programmes to young people aged 4-26. The programmes offer fun and engaging creative activities to empower young people to change their world. Donations and sponsorship enables Wac Arts to continue to provide inclusive arts programmes for the community.

## About Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is an annual event, asking you 'to do good stuff for charity'. Whether it's making a donation, volunteering your time or just shouting out about the charity on your Facebook page, it all helps support your chosen charity in achieving their aims. If you would like to make a donation to Wac Arts, please visit our [JustGiving](#) page – or head on down to Thornton's Budgens and make a donation at the check out!

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**You are cordially invited to our launch of becoming  
Thornton's Budgen's Charity of the Year  
with an outdoor, promenade performance of 2069 by Urban Motivation.**

Thorntons Budgens have chosen Wac Arts to be their charity of the year  
and we will be celebrating with a promenade performance by Urban Motivation.

**Wednesday 29 November - outside Budgens**

**6.30pm:** Gather at Thorntons Budgens for refreshments - 199–205 Haverstock Hill, NW3

**7.00pm–7.45pm:** 2069 - starts outside Thornton's Budgens, moving towards Wac Arts.

**7.45pm–8.30pm:** Refreshments and a chance to meet young people at Wac Arts.

Please dress for the weather, the launch and show will take place outdoors.

Urban Motivation is a youth-led performance group made up of young adults  
aged 18+ with mild to moderate learning disabilities.

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