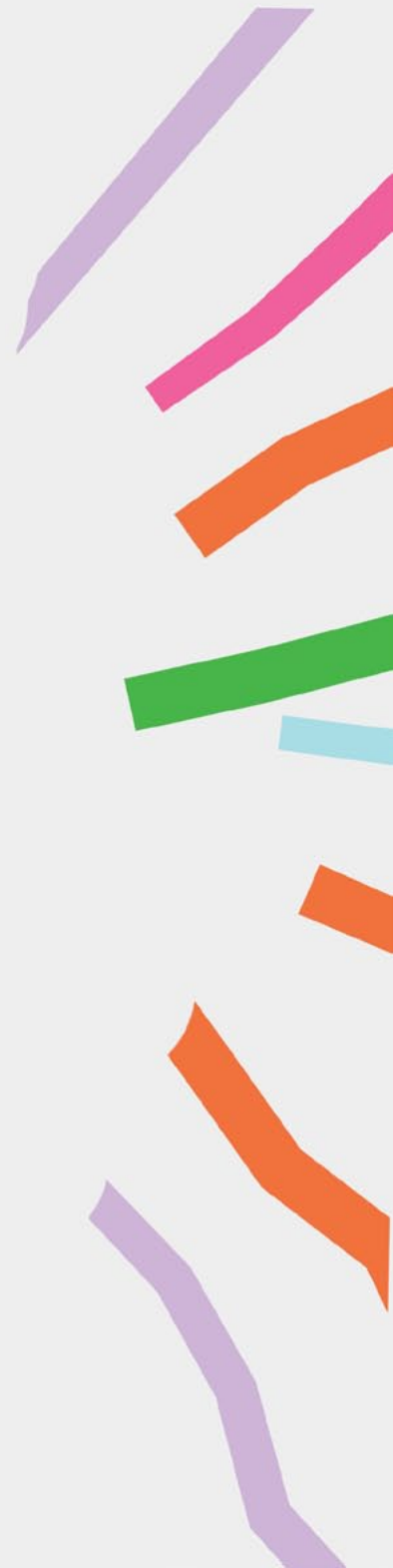
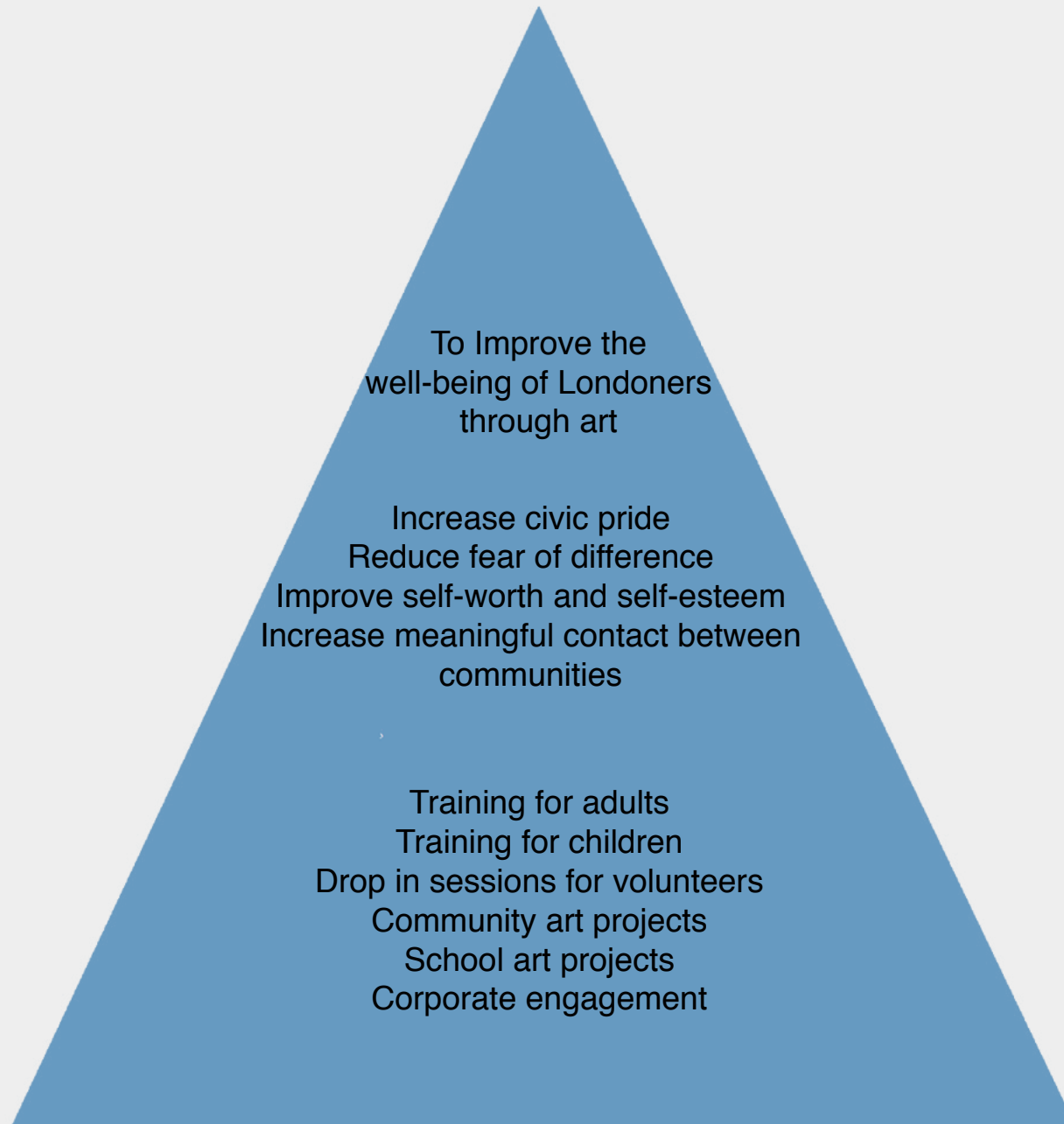




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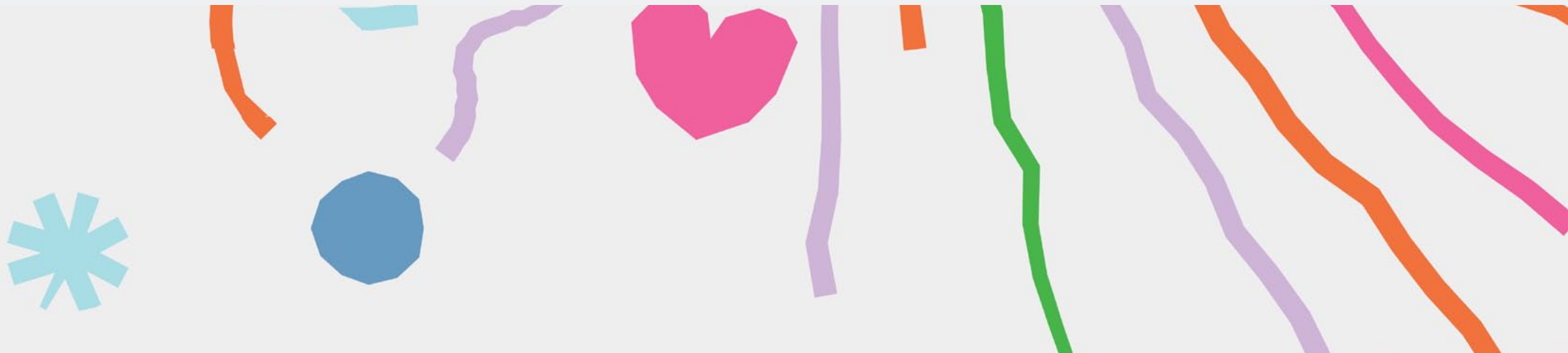
Mission statements

Visual art is at the centre of everything we do

We connect and enhance communities through art and inspire individuals through creativity

We are a local organisation with an international reach

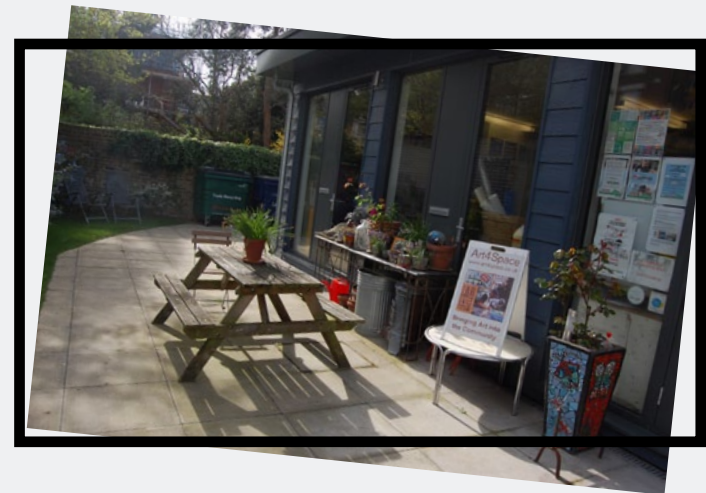
We work with organisations and individuals to deliver creative solutions



Who we are:

Art4Space is a female led award winning organisation set up in 1999. The founding members were driven by a passion to provide high quality creative experiences in schools and areas of disadvantage. Two of the founding members are still executive directors of Art4Space.

In the last four years Art4Space has secured a purpose built community centre, developed accredited training courses, gained a contract to deliver therapeutic creative sessions for Westminster adult social care and has been busy growing the team and capacity to support more vulnerable members of our local community through art.



Chairmans report



This last year has seen unprecedented events occur for us all. The last pandemic was 1918, so only the very few will be able to recall, first-hand, such a year. But for everyone it has been a year we will always remember. I became Chair in December 2019, just 3 months before Covid-19 hit our shores to the point of full lockdown. The team and directors managed the challenges the pandemic presented with calm stoicism and resolve. The service users in our local community were actively engaged with - never forgotten. Art in a Box was envisaged and launched during this time, in local schools to reach those children in most need of creativity in this time of emotional, as well as physical trial. Concerted efforts were made to apply and gain emergency funding to tide us over this global and local crisis. Art4Space developed a number of ways to engage and support their community, highlights of which are listed below. As Chair I have been impressed with the resilience, focus, hard work and dignity the team and executive directors have shown throughout 2020 to ensure that Art4space continues its commitment to maintaining creative capacity in our local community and aiding personal development for all our clients and stakeholders. Though I write this in a further lockdown I am confident we, at Art4space, have come to understand and indeed implement strategies required to keep on putting our stakeholders first with safety and security, so we are able to continue to connect, create and inspire.

I hope you enjoy reading our annual report for 2020.



Art4Space Community Arts Centre

This year has been a challenging year due to Covid restrictions and lockdowns. On March 23rd we had to close our doors and develop ways that we could support our community at home.

Through the summer we were able to re-open with covid secure restrictions in place and run sessions outside. We received funding from the national lottery to build a break out space in the garden which will help to support our community coming together after the lockdown restrictions.

Volunteer Programme

‘Creative Surgery’ our weekly volunteer service, provides volunteers the opportunity to get involved in community benefit projects, learn new creative skills and become a part of the Art4Space community. We closed this service through the lockdown. Since re-opening in the summer it has been busier than ever, highlighting the importance of this service providing a safe space where people can connect and engage in community benefit projects



Training Courses

We had to adapt our Why Art Matters course during lockdown and we developed Art in a Box which supported our vulnerable children during lockdown. We became a NOCN (National Open College Network) awarding centre and have been delivering a programme of accredited courses to women who are out of work, adults under 30 who are out of work and BAME 14-19 year olds. Our non-accredited sewing courses have been very popular again this year.

Classes

We stopped classes during both lockdowns but opened when restrictions lifted with covid safe measures in place.

Events

Due to Covid restrictions we have been unable to host any events this year

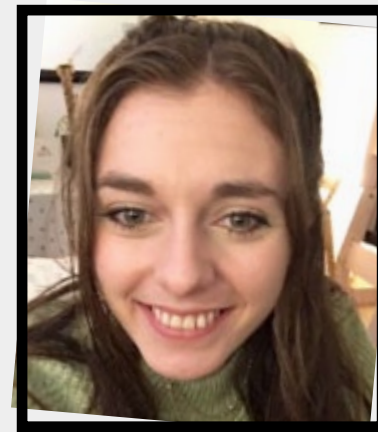


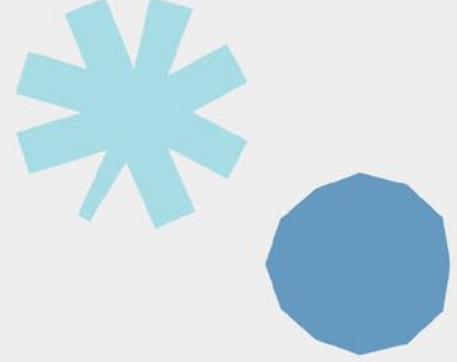
Staff

We welcome Amy Longrigg to the team, an expert fundraiser who helped us with grant applications through the lockdown. In 2021 she will be working with us one day per week.



We also welcome Ellie Buckingham to the team as a freelance tutor.





Visions for the future

To have a sustained programme of training courses delivered from the Centre – for disadvantaged adults and older people

To have a programme of courses and sessions for young people who are interested in a career in the arts

To widen the scope of our early intervention art courses for children aged 7-11 years

To provide creative mental health and wellbeing sessions as part of the social prescribing agenda and long-term mental health patients.

Strategic Objectives

Increase capacity within our staffing levels – create a senior team

Secure multi year funding for delivery of training courses

Capacity to measure impact to effect positive change



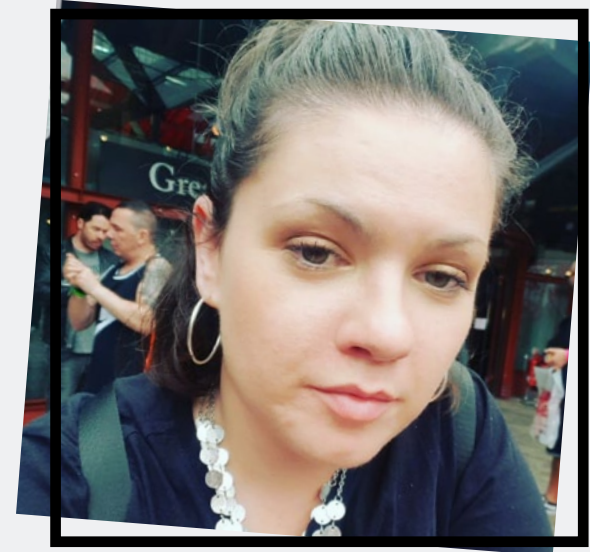
Case studies

This year Maria Chirambo joined our accredited training programme for women who are out of work.

“I have found being at Art4Space literally a life saver, being able to find the creativity within myself that I thought was lost forever after major illness a few years ago and the problems that have come from that. It has been for me the best thing that has happened in a very long time, I feel safe at Art4Space- I can immerse myself in whatever activity I am doing and forget the outside world for that time, being able to see people and talk to them is just the best, otherwise I am just alone. I have managed to be able to do some personal projects at home and now volunteer weekly at Art4Space, for me I feel supported and have some relief when I am there.”

Charlotte Lemar joined Art4Space through creative surgery in 2018 and sells her hugely popular mosaic birds in the Art4Space shop. She also freelances on mosaic projects.

“I love it at Art4Space, i love the people and what it’s about. Everybody is so supportive of one another and we all want each other to do well and be the best at what we do. It’s more than an art studio it’s a support system and feels like family. When I started, I suffered from anxiety and depression and I remember feeling so proud of myself for joining and feeling encouraged! You walk in the studios and all your worries are forgotten. It’s helped me grow confident and realise what I am capable of and its through the supportive and caring people who run and are part of Art4Apac. I’ll always be grateful to Art4Space. And I dont know where I’d be without it.”



Our impact in numbers this year

Delivered **179** Art in a Box

Delivered **nine** Creative Culture Club courses for children in school

Completed **three** school and community commissions – pics dominion/
stockwell/ clapham mano

Delivered **two** Community Champions for adults under 30

Delivered a programme of creative workshops **throughout the summer**
for Lambeth's children and young people

Delivered **six** online creativity classes

Delivered **weekly** mosaic evening classes

Delivered **weekly** creative and wellbeing sessions for adults

Reached out to more than **2500** direct beneficiaries in 2020!





Highlights

Developing Art in a Box

Developing Creative Culture Club to support our local schools

Developing Healing Communities to bring communities together during lockdown

Developing our virtual offer and link to Mosaic in a Box.

Securing Covid emergency funding to support the Art4Space team and community through lockdown

The Art4Space team responding to the Covid restrictions with resilience, innovation and determination.

Developing Creative Social Prescribing Vouchers to support our local community.

Becoming a NOCN awarding Centre



Capacity Building

Developed 2020 -2025 business plan

Advertised for new board members

Contracted an experienced fundraiser

Our staff received MHFA training



MHFA England



Our Finances

Year- end November 2020 income £245,389 outgoings £190,788

Year- end November 2019 income £161,521 outgoings £131,072

Art4Space has a policy of maintaining a reserve equivalent to three months running cost.



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Funders

Children in Need
CLIPS Lambeth Council
London Emergency Response Fund
National Lottery
Arts Council

Equip
SESF Social Enterprise Support Fund
Elevate
Youth UK Fund
Postcode Lottery Fund
LEAP Fund

Corporate Partners:

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Ardex
Henley Homes

Local partners/ forums:

Stockwell Partnership
Thriving Stockwell
Elevate
Lambeth families and young people



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