

# Annual Report 2022



## Art4Space

Create. Connect. Inspire.

I would like to say a big thank you to those of you who have been part of Art4Space last year.

This annual report gives information about our activities and financial performance for 2022.

Art4Space projects and training prove to empower local organisations and individuals through coming together to cocreate for collaborative artworks displayed in the public realm. Our workshops using art and creativity to support wellbeing and positive placemaking giving a sense of pride and ownership, continue to be popular and appreciated.

This and so much more!

Thank you for reading.

**Julie Norburn, Founder and CEO**





**We use art  
and  
creativity  
as a catalyst  
for  
change**

Increase civic pride  
Reduce fear of difference  
Improve self-worth and  
self-esteem  
Increase meaningful contact  
between communities

Through  
Training courses, Community arts  
School projects, Corporate,  
Engagement, Volunteering, Classes  
Parties, Mental Health First Aid  
And much more!





# About us



## Mission Statement

Our mission is to deliver professional and innovative creative art workshops, projects and training to connect and empower communities.

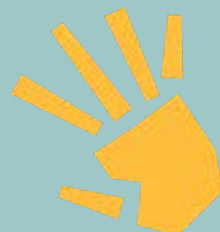
## Aims and Values

- Art4Space is a multi-award winning CIC founded in 1999 and run by a dedicated team with a wealth of experience in their respective fields
- We use art and creativity as a catalyst for change
- We empower our community to be diverse and inclusive

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.



# History

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. One of the founding members Julie, is still the executive director of Art4Space.

Nearly 10 years ago we secured our purpose-built community arts centre for a long lease thanks to our landlord Henley Homes. In the last 5 years we have been busy growing the team and capacity, to support and connect more people through art and wellbeing. We now have a team of 20 staff.



"Why Art Matters made me feel, happy, relaxed and calm."

# Chairman Report

This year has been a year of change, continuity and creativity for Art4Space. A major change was seeing one of our founding executive directors move on to pastures new in May this year. I and we, at the Art4Space community, wish all the best to Eli Seath and thank her for her unique contribution to the business over the last 20 years.

Through this change, I have been impressed and heartened to know how hard our team has been working closely together. I am impressed with the vigour the Art4Space team continue to offer core established services, as well as providing new innovative ones.

## **Some of my favorites for 2022:**

### **Training and projects this year:**

- Three successful Holiday Activity Programmes, reaching out to more than 120 vulnerable children in Lambeth.
- Climate change art workshops for Lambeth and Southwark, including 'recycle it' for Lambeth Country Show.
- Social Action Programme with Reaching Communities (6 courses in the year)
- Creative Culture Clubs and Why Art Matters with our partnership schools

### **New installations – this year has seen us work with both the statutory and corporate sectors:**

- Upton Cross Primary School on 3 mosaic commissions for their playground, entry wall and nursery wall.
- Allen Edwards Primary School entranceway Sunflowers mosaic and ceramics.
- NBC and their peacock upcycled art in their Tech Bar, plus a second commission called 'Like Ocean' which we are currently completing for January 2023.
- Leeds City Council and their hoardings around the city. Where we worked with local schools in Leeds, creating artwork focusing on 'Leeds as the "City of the Future".'
- Lambeth Children's Centres' completed 18 mosaic panels.

### **Selection of new Grants this year we have been successful and enabled us to provide:**

- Creative Pathways helping us support young people's progression into employability through Arts Award and NOCN qualifications
- Nature and Art workshops at Railton Road Parklet with Father Nature, funded by Mighty Hoopla Community Funding.
- Co-Create courses; where we ran 4 courses at local Children's Centre's with parents and carers, putting on events and gained a NOCN qualification.
- A Peer Support 'Crafty Club' started by volunteers Gemma and Maria, who have now progressed to formally establishing a successful Peer Support with Gemma as a staff member. Peer support will continue in 2023 with thanks from funding from Comic Relief.

### **New experiences in 2022:**

- Two inclusive and inspiring LGBTQ+ projects with John, our new LGBTQ+ lead
- Charlotte's vintage upcycled mosaic birds went to Glastonbury again and for the first time with Urban Art, Orleans House Gallery and Paxton Centre (Approx 150 sold in 2022!).
- We walked London's Pride March with NBC Universal with our colourful, celebratory textile banners created by John's volunteers and staff at NBC Universal.
- Isg Ltd funded our new workshops at refugee hotels and with support from their team volunteering
- Worked with 4 primary schools where pupils created 120 digital ceramic commemorative plates for the Queens Jubilee, including exhibitions.

### **Awards in 2022**

- We are proud to have won Lambeth Councils' Innovation with Co-Create, they support organisations to work with local people to develop initiatives that benefit families and children aged 0-3.

It has been such a busy year and with so many changes in 2022 - despite that we at Art4Space have risen to the challenges and continue to provide opportunities for transformative creativity for our community of stakeholders and beneficiaries.

I hope you enjoy reading our annual report for 2022.

**Giselle Corincigh**  
**Chair**

# Art4Space Community Arts Centre

It has been another busy year. The space is unique and it has provided our community with a safe space to get together, learn new skills and form new friendships. With our new LGBTQ+ lead, we have made sure the centre is inclusive for everyone and created a new logo to reflect this. This logo is now a mosaic outside the studio.

We invested in a new kiln and our corporate partner, Isg Ltd, kindly sponsored our new kitchen. It has made a massive difference to our operation and community.



"Made some lovely items with guidance and enjoyed all the plentiful resources to be found in the studio."

"Wonderful space,  
wonderful people,  
wonderful activities to do.  
Amazing place. Boys were really  
engaged through out the whole time  
and had lots of fun."



# Our impact in numbers this year



Delivered 9 accredited NOCN training courses reaching out to more than 90 adults for employability and wellbeing.

Delivered 3 holiday programmes during Easter, Summer and Christmas, reaching out to 128 local and SEND children.

Delivered 30 peer sessions to support 35 vulnerable adults with their mental health and wellbeing.

Delivered 45 volunteer sessions 'creative surgery' reaching out to more than 65 volunteers.

Worked in 14 schools for projects and programmes reaching out to more than 1800 pupils.

Worked in 18 children's centres for training courses and commissions with over 350 involved.

Delivered 49 therapeutic art sessions reaching out to more than 15 vulnerable adults.

Delivered 6 community art projects reaching out to more than 800 children and adults.

Delivered 3 creative courses for young people from Lambeth reaching out to 18 young people.

Delivered 110 'mosaic' and 'pinch pots' evening classes reaching out to more than 150 adults.

Delivered 8 Creative Culture Club courses reaching out to more than 80 vulnerable children.

Delivered 2 Why Art Matters courses reaching out to 24 referred children.

**Reached out to more than 3500 direct beneficiaries in 2022.**



# Highlights

- ★ Growing the Creative Learning Hub with the training courses.
- ★ Using our therapeutic breakout space, The Lodge, for smaller wellbeing sessions and showcasing.
- ★ Exhibitions, celebrations and installations in community gardens, libraries, women's spaces and more.
- ★ Selling collaborative products across many sites including Brockwell greenhouses, school fairs and several Lambeth events.
- ★ Open events including Drawing for Everyone - Weapons of Mass Creation, Wellbeing days and themed sessions.
- ★ Supporting 1:1 through our autism intervention in schools and Camhs.
- ★ Working with many teams for away days – giving back with a conscience.
- ★ Establishing Community Living Rooms working with our referral partners for connection and wellbeing.
- ★ Chosen for support from the Brixton Art Prize - thank you Adrian!
- ★ Working with our volunteers every Tuesday who make a huge difference.
- ★ Collaborative working with trainees, interns, Goldsmiths masters' students, plus school and college placements for our young people.
- ★ Accreditation for many in Arts Award's discover and explore, and NOCN's personal project, community arts and green sustainable units.



# Training Courses and Projects

Some of our services in more depth; Our accredited training courses (Creative Remedies, Creative Community Champions and Creative Enterprise) go from strength to strength. We have a fantastic group of tutors and the courses are providing a gateway for people to join the Art4Space community because we offer a number of progression routes. The five-year funding from Reaching Communities is in its second year and continues to grow and reach different groups in our community.

Creative Culture Club, our in-school intervention, has continued to help to support our local schools and pupils with Natti. This year we have returned with Why Art Matters with Julie. We have also continued the partnership with Lambeth LEAP to create further CoCreate course for parents, and we have continued the successful adult and youth mental health first aid courses with Laura from It's a Playground.



## Classes

Our mosaic evening classes are very popular and is now a monthly secure income for the business. We have recently created a Sew Social on Wednesdays for 2023 and Pinch A Pot hand building evening classes on Thursdays, and have scheduled 2023 for monthly weekend workshops with different art forms such as textile draft excluder, Van Gogh paintings, gleaming glazes and more! Watch out for artists talks supper clubs too.



## Events

We held our Christmas Open Studio at the beginning of December. This was a fantastic event and great opportunity for our local artists to showcase and sell their work. We had more than 80 visitors including local councillor, Joe Dharampal-Hornby, who reviled our new inclusive logo mosaic together with 6 of the artists and Julie.

The event brought the Art4Space community together to celebrate all the fantastic creativity from the year!



# Staff

We welcomed Lucy Bawden as our business development manager and Andrea Paltzer as our fundraising manager.



John McNair took on the role as our LGBTQ+ lead and has led projects to involve our diverse community and making sure our centre is LGBTQ+ friendly.

He is also our green and sustainability officer and the interim volunteer manager while Kim is on maternity leave.



Gemma Hunter joined us as the peer manager, and currently runs our successful mental health services with peer support twice a week and social prescribing sessions.

Esther Dennis also joined us as a freelance studio assistant, and we hired Josh Brown as our Internal inviligator for our NOCN accreditations.



In 2023 we will see the team flourish - helping us to continue our social impact.



## Eli Seath resigned after 22 years

Co-founder and director of Art4Space, Elinor Seath, resigned in March 2022. We want to thank her for the determination and hard graft she has shown over the years. Her support and care have contributed largely to the growth of Art4Space. For that reason we will always remain grateful. The whole of Art4Space team wish you the best!



# Feedback

"As soon as you enter Art4Space you feel like the world is alright again! The open space design of the workshop set in a tranquil beautifully kept little garden, together with the warm and welcoming attitude of Julie and her staff, make it an oasis of calm and creativity. It is a mosaic artists' dream as every material and tool that you could wish for is available, and Julie is always on hand to provide you with expert help and advice. Should you get an attack of the munchies, Julie will go out of her way to brew you a fresh cup of tea or coffee as well as providing you with a variety of snacks."



"Art4space is the most wonderful therapy for me and the best hours in my week."

# Continuing to support our community through the Living Cost Crisis

In autumn we conducted a survey to our database and asked what people are experiencing through the poverty and fuel crisis, We had 30 responses, thank you to those who took part. These are very helpful for us to measure need, plan and approach funders in 2023. By the end of 2022 we had already implemented the warm spaces initiative with Lambeth, surplus food deliveries from The Felix Project and approached our existing funders for 'top-up funding' helping delivery of services with increased costs and travel to help those most in need. The new kitchen now enables us to serve hot food and nutrition awareness for the Lambeth HAP scheme and others using a food-growing allotment. Our new membership with the Wandsworth Scrap scheme helps us run cost-effective workshops.

## The findings and results in summary were:

- We need to continue to offer services that support our community's mental health and wellbeing which reduce isolation.
- Our Social Action Programme training courses; Creative Remedies, Creative Community Champions and Creative Enterprise, are what our community enjoy the most, strongly followed by mosaic classes.
- Everyone reported being careful about their spending from sacrificing self-care, efficient shopping, conscious about fuel poverty, to really struggling to pay rent, bills, travel and food.

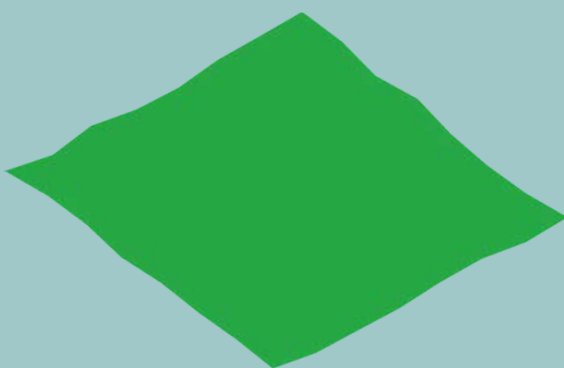
"Thank you for the wonderful classes you have provided my children, while allowing me to enjoy and involve myself on something creative and freeing. Everyone is always so welcoming and calming and I wish I could join in more"

"The sessions I've had have been fantastic. I've made invaluable friendships. My happiness has soared again. Art4Space feels like another home. Run by genuinely lovely people, good listeners too."

"We absolutely love Art4Space and all of the activities we have done there as well as your lovely teachers"

# Strategic Vision

- To continue and increase income from trading-develop new resources, shop products and sellable services such as events, talks and classes.
- To promote and be a part of the social prescribing agenda as an approach to health progression for both adults and young people through our peer support.
- Succession planning for executive director and leadership philosophy.
- Sustained corporate partnerships and sponsorships
- Placemaking with commercial and construction clients for social impact.
- Social value and Art4Space visioning: environmental, justice, respect, community, and responsibility.
- Expand our board of non-executive directors.
- Expand our patrons and supporters - Thank you to our current patrons Rich and Bhasker.
- Develop our Youth Social Hub and Young Art Ambassadors.
- Increase our social media following.
- More robust monitoring and evaluation with our new Lamplight platform.



# Our Finances



Year-end November 2021

income £222,515

outgoings £189,412

Year-end November 2022

income £289,376

outgoing £194,736

We have a reserves policy in place.

Full audited accounts are available at Companies House.

Overall there was a surplus for Art4Space, mostly in unrestricted reserves, however some of the surplus is for designated activity for 2022-2023.

This was a successful year for us, building on the strong performance in 2021 and further increasing our reserves to support the organisation's future – investing in infrastructure, covering core costs and assets, plus capacity building.



"I am very grateful to have been introduced to Art4Space and the world of mosaic making"



"The atmosphere is so good that it's always nice to be surrounded by other creative people"



Department  
for Education

**Lambeth**



## Funders

Lambeth Council  
Reaching Communities  
The Walcot Foundation

**KICKSTART**  
SCHEME



**COMMUNITY**  
FUND

Elevate  
LEAP

**WALCOT**  
FOUNDATION

**The London  
Community  
Foundation**



National Lottery  
Reaching Communities  
Kickstarter Scheme  
Comic Relief Community Grant  
Q Charitable Trust

**PURPOSE**



Mighty Hoopla Community Fund  
Purpose Foundation

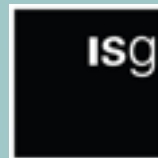


National Children's Bureau  
Art Council England Jubilee fund  
Department of Education -



Apprentices  
The London Community Foundation

Localgiving



Postcode Lottery  
Magic Little Grant

NBC **UNIVERSAL**

## Corporate Partners



NBC

Ardex

ISG Ltd.

Henley Homes



## Strong Local Partners

Lambeth Children and  
Young People Services  
Stockwell Partnership



Thriving Stockwell

Father Nature

It's A Playground

Social prescribing

It's a State Of Mind  
Mental Health Support



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