

# Annual Report 2023



## Art4Space

Create. Connect. Inspire.

We are thrilled to present to you the annual report of Art4Space for the year 2023. The report provides a detailed account of our successful activities and excellent financial performance over the year. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who have been a part of the Art4Space community during this period.

In 2023, Art4Space completed several community arts projects with an unwavering focus on empowering local organisations and individuals through collaborative artworks displayed in public spaces. Our Social Action Program training was fully booked, and we developed and delivered a new course called Creative Health; enabling participants to contribute to meaningful and impactful outcomes.

Our busy timetable of varied master classes was a remarkable success, and we are proud to see the continued popularity and appreciation for these workshops and classes for 2024.

Apart from our core activities, Art4Space took up various other projects that had a positive impact on our community, such as expanding our premises and creating upcycled art panels. These achievements were made possible through the dedication and hard work of our team, the support and collaboration of our valued partners and beneficiaries.

Moving forward, Art4Space remains committed to using art as a catalyst for positive change and supporting mental health through the arts in a creative community. We are confident in our ability to continue delivering impactful and innovative projects.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all those who have read this report and supported Art4Space throughout the year. Your continued support and belief in our vision are invaluable to our success. Thank you.

**Julie Norburn, Founder and CEO**





# About us



**We use art and creativity as a catalyst for bringing about positive change.**

**CONNECT. CREATE. SUSTAIN. CHANGE**  
**Together we create sustainable change**

**TO CONNECT:** Art4Space is about unity and belonging; connecting individuals and communities through art; to share learning, awareness, and collective action

**TO CREATE:** Art4Space embraces innovation and design, to create transformative solutions that enhance individual, community, and environmental well-being.

**TO SUSTAIN:** Art4Space is committed to a holistic approach to sustainability, enabling everyone to shape their way of living and become active in their community and their own environmental, economic, and social stewardship.

**TO CHANGE:** Art4Space is committed to making a tangible impact, taking decisive steps to drive positive change for the individual, the community, and the planet through arts and culture.





We offer a unique combination of design thinking and mental health support, which helps individuals develop their creative skills, problem-solving abilities, and resilience.

We communicate with authenticity, empathy, and a commitment to help belonging, focussing on:

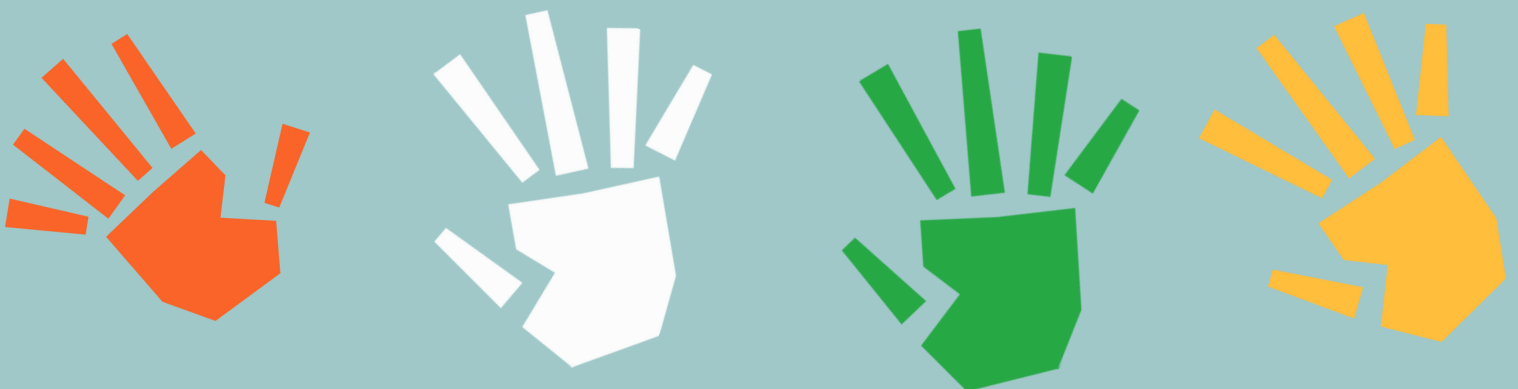
- Encouraging self-expression.
- Promoting mental health and well-being.
- Highlighting the transformational power of art and design.
- Celebrating the community we've built.

We accomplish this through:

- Offering design-centric arts provision.
- Incorporating design thinking into our programs.
- Providing mental health support in a creative context.
- Creating a non-judgmental space for emotional expression.
- Empowering individuals to develop resilience and coping skills.

Our messaging speaks directly to individuals seeking:

- Creative growth and excellence.
- Enhanced mental health and well-being.
- Personal development and self-discovery.
- A supportive community where they belong.





# History

Art4Space is an award-winning non-profit CIC that was established in 1999 and is led by women. The founding members were driven by a passion to provide high-quality creative experiences in schools and disadvantaged areas. Julie, one of the founding members, still holds the position of CEO at Art4Space.

Ten years ago, Art4Space secured a purpose-built community arts centre for a long lease, thanks to their landlord, Henley Homes, which we are in the process of renewing for a further ten years and extending into some new units. We continue to grow our team and capacity, which now consists of 13 staff members and 2 new interns joining us in January 2024.



"Wonderful location, wonderful teacher  
(the best) and incredible course"

# Art4Space Community Art Centre

It has been another busy year. The space is unique and it has provided our community with a place to learn, share and create change. The staff have been attending a LGBTQ+ Pride in Practice training and we're looking forward to receiving our accreditation in January 2024. We also received trauma-informed training this year and our centre is now accredited as a dementia-friendly venue.

This year, Louise project-led our new sensory garden thanks to funding from both Thames Water Microgrant and Co-Operative's Big Green Week. It is enjoyed by our community and looked after by our volunteers. The vegetables growing in the garden beds have been great to have as part of our holiday programmes with local children and to give locally grown vegetables to our community.

More products were added to our shop with Lucie's new mosaic boards; adding tote bags, manifesto poster and cards.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be acquiring 3 adjacent studio units in January 2024. This exciting development will allow us to expand our services and provide a dedicated space for sustainable craft projects especially textiles. We aim for sustainable change, learning invaluable crafts for a better future. We will provide a platform for people to explore their talents while promoting environmental consciousness through ancient and new skills, traditional crafts and classical arts.



# Chair's Report

As ever, this has been a busy and productive year for us, at Art4Space. I would like to thank every member of our Art4Space family, for their unique contribution, whether they have stayed, left for new pastures, or arrived for shared adventures with us.

In 2023 we have seen Louise and Charlotte leave Art4Space. Good luck and best wishes to them both. We hired two new studio assistants; Rosie and Sian. On our Board, we have recruited 2 new Non-Executive Directors – Erin and Richy, both with valued strategic expertise. A warm welcome to all new A4S members!

This year- 2023 - has been a year where we have been firmly out of a post lock-down scenario and back to "business as usual". But business and the world we, Art4Space, occupy has changed, therefore it a "new usual". There are less grants available and funding is more limited and more competitive than ever before.

Strategically, we have been aware for some years, that the percentage of our income that would be grant-funded would decrease as our sector's funding landscape changed. To that end, in 2023, the operational team has worked tremendously hard to deliver both, our restricted funded projects to meet our high-quality standards we set ourselves, as well as provide new, diversified services to widen and increase our unrestricted income streams.

## Highlights of 2023 which I'm especially proud that our A4S team has achieved:

### New Services in 2023

We have delivered over 130 new evening and weekend classes. Since June 2023 this has included our new Kintsugi classes, generating £38424.00. They have been a huge success and always been sold out.

Our first year of our Community Living Rooms contract with Thriving Stockwell has been a huge success. Weekly drop-ins with 4 groups on Monday and 1 on Tuesdays. We look forward to continuing our second year in 2024.

We received funding from Lambeth Council to provide Warmer Spaces, so our community could come to our studio, do some craft, have warm food & drink together, as the Cost of Living Crisis continues.

### Exciting Experiences in 2023

Our "sensory garden" was established and has given our community vegetables, grown in the studio garden. Especially thanks to Louise for setting this up and our volunteer Nigel who keeps maintaining it to flourish.

### New Art Installations in 2023

Natti's young people at Rathbone Society completed a mosaic with emojis of what the young people cared about for their community space in West Norwood.

We donated a mandala mosaic to one of Solace Women's Aid's women's centres, which was made by one of our Reaching Communities groups with Natti in March.

Lavender Hope received a new mosaic with butterflies, flowers, lemons and other bugs for their community garden, which we created together with NBC and Dentsu on their team away days.

We installed a new mosaic at Oasis's Bolton Crescent branch, which we created together with Tapestry on their team away day.

Seaton House school received a wildlife mosaic for their playground, which includes a tree, owl, badger, rabbit, bugs and a squirrel.



Allen Edwards gained a mosaic for their new reading shed, which was made by one of our Creative Living Room groups.

Installed a playground mosaic for Purley Primary School.

A hoarding project in Camden was started, involving the local community and a local primary school.

### **New, Exciting Opportunities in 2023**

Our Executive Director, Julie, was chosen to be one of 11 Lambeth Executive Director's to take part in the prestigious and demanding, Future Connected programme.

We were involved in establishing Lambeth's "First 5" consortium, to help improve activity programmes, to create a stronger start for families.

We offered our first two "Artist Palate's" events, with an artist talk and supper. Candida Powell-Williams and Harumi Tanaka were are first 2 artists. Chefs Vizzy Sagar and Craig Bird provided delicious food. We will continuing this evening event into 2024.

### **Corporate Services Delivered in 2023**

We've worked with 17 companies, this year, delivering their team away days at our studio and out in the community.

### **Continuing to Deliver Existing Services in 2023**

We have successfully delivered 3 Holiday Activity Programmes giving children who need it the most a creative space and a warm lunch

We continue to deliver our Creative Surgeries (volunteering drop in sessions), Social Prescribing/Personal Budgets (for Westminster) and Peer Support sessions (Social prescribing for Lambeth). I am extremely proud we have provided these services throughout this year to our community and will continue into 2024

Our Weekly Mosaic evening classes continue, since 2010, and are always very popular.

### **Seasonal Events in 2023**

This summer we transformed our lodge into an 'Under the sea' sensory space. A huge thanks to Gemma, Louise and Maria for installing this.

We had our Summer Fete at the studio on the 1st of July, with a range of upcycling activities, food and market stalls from us and the local community.

We took part in the Lambeth Country Show again this year with family workshops.

We walked in Pride for the second year in a row with NBCU with the textile banners created by John and made by our talented team.

Natti completed autumn fabric streamers in Merchants Way at New Covent Garden Market

Natti completed a huge horse head commission as part of Tooting's Day of the Dead parade.



We had our annual Christmas Open Studio on December the 6th. We sold our products and provided stalls for our community to sell their wares. We made £206.

**Education, Training and Accreditation in 2023**

We can now provide accredited training, with Green NOCN, in Environmental Awareness And Sustainability

We received the Social Enterprise Mark for the 10th year in a row.

Strategically and operationally 2023 has been a growth year for us at Art4Space. It has been a year where we have planted new seeds and nurtured established growth, As we enter 2024, we are confident we can ensure the delivery of high quality services both established and budding, to all our community who engage in our creative endeavours and find art a catalyst for constructive change.

**Giselle Corincigh**  
**Chair**



# Our impact in numbers this year



We delivered 6 accredited Social Action training courses where 32 adults received NOCN accreditation.

We organised 3 holiday programmes during Easter, Summer, and Christmas which reached out to 380 local SEND children.

We provided 200 Community Living Rooms for local Stockwell groups with 45 attendees per week.

We conducted 54 personal budget sessions for 6 adults for mental health support.

We offered 90 peer support/social prescribing sessions to support 48 people with their mental health.

We conducted 49 volunteer Creative Surgery afternoons that reached out to more than 72 volunteers.

We worked with 12 schools for projects and services, reaching out to more than 1500 pupils.

We delivered 6 community art projects, reaching out to more than 800 children and adults.

We conducted 3 creative and sustainability courses for 8 young people from Lambeth.

We organised 130 regular evening classes that reached out to more than 1500 adults.

We conducted 15 projects and events for 850 people.

We organised 30 Away Days for over 600 people.

We conducted 4 Creative Culture Club courses for 40 referred children.

We conducted 2 Why Art Matters courses that reached out to 24 referred children.

We co-created 8 public and community artworks

We hosted 8 Mental Health First Aid training for 71 people

**Reached out to more than 3600 direct beneficiaries in 2023.**





# Highlights in pictures





# Training Courses

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 third 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 had busy Mondays and Tuesdays with Creative Living Room together with Thriving Stockwell. We started Lambeth First 5 which will give a good start for the early years and their families in Lambeth, and we have continued the successful adult and youth mental health first aid courses with Laura from It's a Playground.



# Classes

This year Art4Space has reached the mark of £50k on bookings through ClassBento alone! We have been expanding the range of evening classes that we offer to include; mosaic, hand-building clay and now Kintsugi. We are also in the process of adding tile painting and incorporating more sustainable sewing classes.

The mosaic classes are mainly full and require no additional marketing however hand-building clay, the new gleaming glazes and tile painting will require further promotion online and we expect them to increase with popularity throughout 2024. Gleaming Glazes has produced some beautiful work. We ran our first tile painting workshop and have been inspired by what was produced. We are excited to see more of the tile painting work, inspired by the Azulejos tiles of Portugal for 2024.

The Kintsugi classes are a big hit on the booking platforms with both the general public and corporate events. So much so, that we added more to our regular timetable during the week and at the weekends.

We have been continually adding to and developing the range of classes that we offer to include weekend workshops alongside our weeknight classes. Everyone who steps onto the premises is in awe at the beauty of our stunning studio and garden and taken aback that there is such a hidden gem in the depths of Stockwell.



# Commissions and Projects

We completed and installed a second recycled artwork with NBC, this time focusing on Oceans using old DVDs and their cases to make an impactful piece of art for their office. This work has made us reflect on where art sits in the ecological debate and how we can use art as a platform for change. Here at Art4Space we use art to impact social change, but can we also reflect on ecology, and open conversation and debate around human impact on the planet?

We had several successful Away Days where companies were able to work with us and give back to the community by creating mosaics for local spaces. For one of our larger projects, we worked with NBC and Dentsu to transform the garden at Lavender Hope CIC in Tulse Hill, creating beautiful butterflies and a row of daisies.

In another we worked with Tapestry and the children at Oasis Play to make a fabulous entrance to their new adventure playground at Bolton Crescent.



Among the other projects we also delivered a beautiful piece, designed and made with children at Seaton House and another wonderful school piece working with children and staff at Purley Oaks Primary School.

Natti completed autumn fabric streamers in Merchants Way at New Covent Garden Market and she also did a huge horse head commission as part of Tooting's Day of the Dead parade.





# Events

We started with our two first Artist Palate's events this year with artist talk and supper club. Thank you to our two first artists Candida Powell-Williams and Harumi Tanaka and the two chefs Vizzy Sagar and Craig Bird for being part of this. We look forward to continuing this evening series in 2024.

In the summer, we hosted a Summer Craft Fair to celebrate our new corner garden, local artists had stalls and we did upcycled workshops in our garden.

We held our annual 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 90 visitors. The event brought the Art4Space community together to celebrate all the fantastic creativity from the year with stalls from Creative Enterprise and the young people from Walcot's Creative Endeavours. We also hosted our Forum in October 2023 for feedback and conversations about what we can offer for our community. We look forward to our next Forum in March 2024.



## Creative Surgery

Creative surgery is a volunteering session where participants get to work on our mosaic and ceramic projects and help with general studio up-keep. The session continues to grow in popularity with new volunteers that have become regular attendees. Recently the sessions have been running at the same time with the Pain Management (PEACS) group during the first hour. Participants from this group enjoy their time at the studio that they stay and join the volunteering session. We've also had new volunteers who originally came to Art4Space for a workshop or course and vice versa.

We often have 10 volunteers at a time sometimes more during Creative Surgery. When volunteers get familiar with our projects and how the studio operates, they become involved in other projects eg the garden, installations and assisting at workshops and events. Many volunteers continue on with the creative skills they've learnt at Art4Space and are able to produce mosaic, clay and textile work outside the studio which they have then showcased their artwork at our fetes and event stalls and sold to the wider public. So not only do volunteers come and support us, but they grow as individuals, improve their quality of life, learn creative and transferable skills and realise their potential. To continue to show our appreciation we organised special events for our volunteers including a guided wild herbal walk with wild food sampling at a local park this summer and the Crafty Christmas party in December.



# Staff

Andrea has continued as our fundraising manager but also taken on the business development role after Lucy left early in 2023.

We have welcomed Sian and Rosie as our two new studio assistants, supporting the team on different projects and events, and helping Leah and Lucie on commissions.

In 2024 we will see the team flourish - helping us to continue our social impact.



## Long term staff left this year

It was with regret to say that Louise and Charlotte left us this year for new pastures new.

Louise left after 7 years with us, and the dedication, skill and passion she has given, results in the growth and impact for Art4Space.

She developed our Corner Sensory Garden this year, which is blooming and looks beautiful.

Charlotte left after 6 years with us. Her talent in creating and selling more than 200 mosaic birds (and further shop initiatives) has brought joy and beauty to our surroundings. Leaving a legacy in the shop!





# Art4Space's

## Non-Executive Directors

This year we are happy to welcome Erin McFadyen and Richy Walker to the board. We appreciate your significant contributions since joining in 2023.

A heartfelt thanks to all board members for their continued service.



Paul Hague



Nina Knight



Giselle Corincigh



Erin McFadyen



Richy Walker

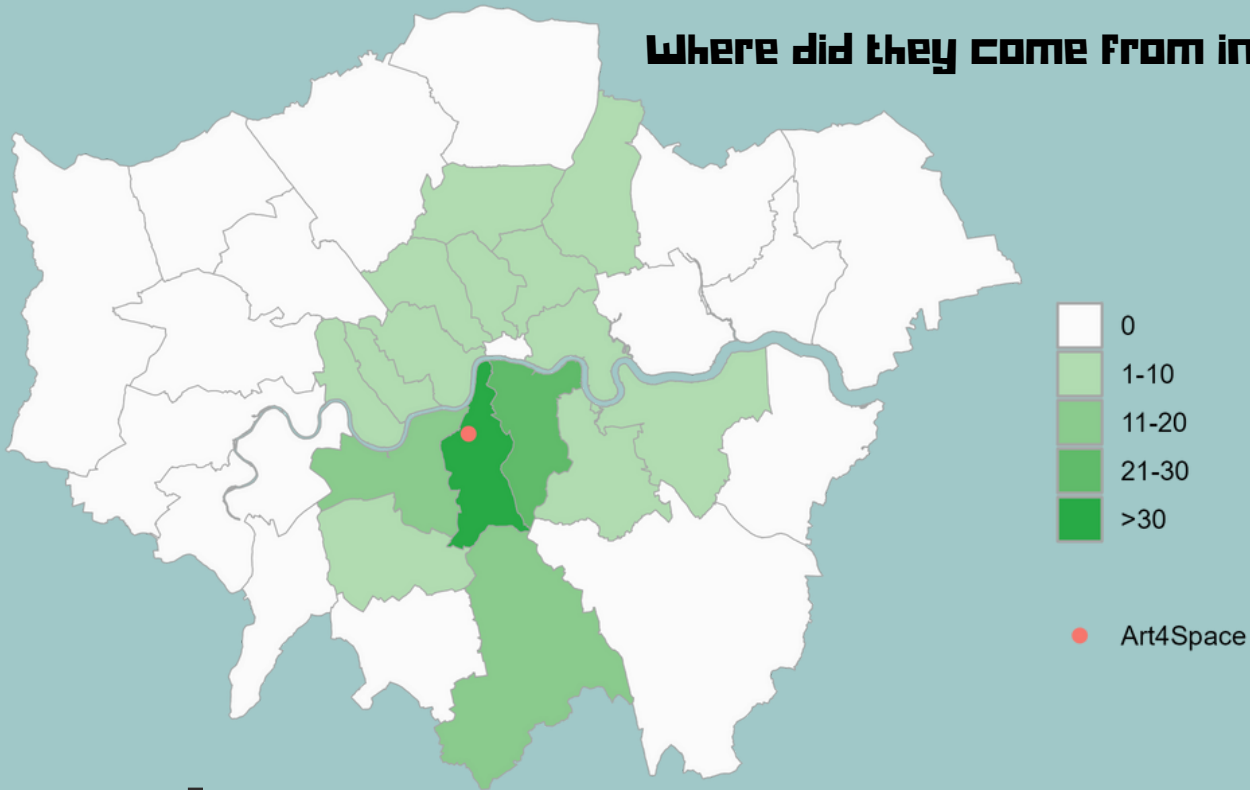
### **The role of the NED has the following key elements:**

- Strategy – should constructively challenge and help develop proposals on strategy.
- Performance – should scrutinise the performance of management in meeting agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.
- Risk – should satisfy themselves on the integrity of financial information and that financial controls and systems of risk management are robust and defensible.
- People – are responsible for determining appropriate levels of remuneration of executive directors, and have a prime role in appointing, and where necessary removing, executive directors and in succession planning.

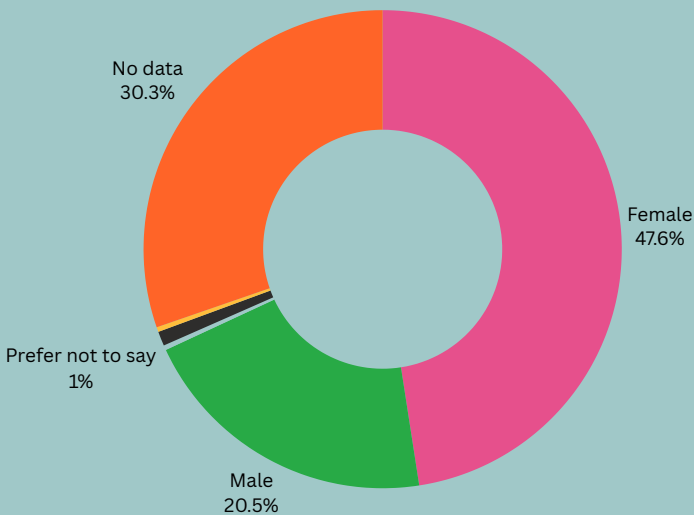


# Our community in 2023

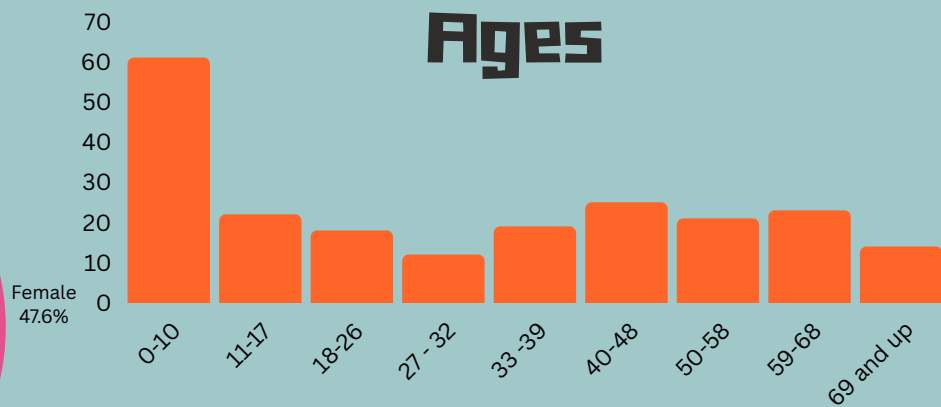
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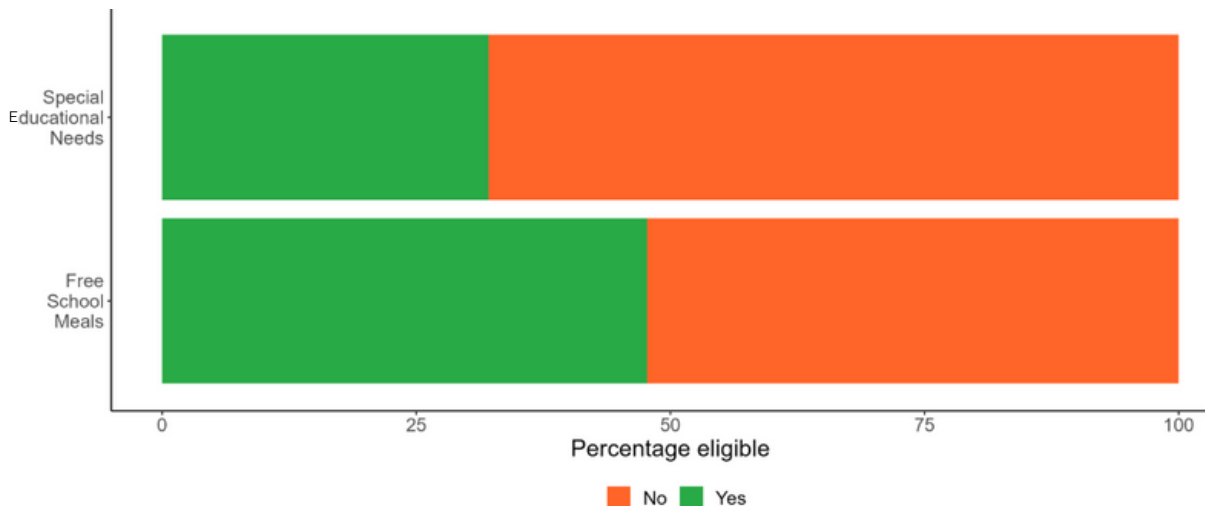


## Ages



**32.90% is 26 and under in age.**

**AROUND HALF (48%) OF OUR HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND 32% HAD SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

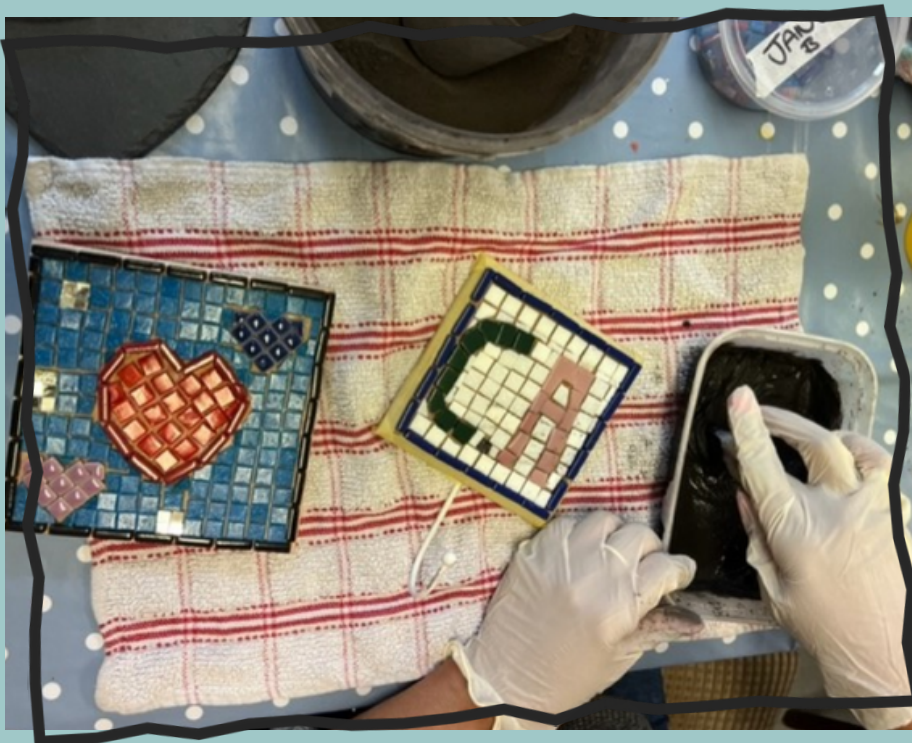


# Feedback

"I thank Art4Space for giving me the confidence to start as a textile artist"



"The Peer Sessions continue to be integral to both my personal and creative development. The tutors are always sensitive to individual needs, and skillfully differentiates for every kind of learner. With their support and flexibility, I've been able to produce work far beyond my expectations, igniting a new creative fire in me. I have learned and developed new artistic skills and have been continually supported with new opportunities to advance my practice. I am very grateful to have been introduced to Art4Space and the world of mosaic making"



"Such a supportive and calming environment."

# Case Study

38-year-old female attended sessions with Art4Space from January 2023. She is a lone parent has four sons, three of which have ADHD. She has recently been diagnosed with depression and anxiety. She is employed; however, her anxiety has meant that she has had to be signed off by her GP. She is taking regular prescribed medication for her depression and anxiety, but hopes that in the long term she can find non medicated coping mechanism. She has weekly been attending Art4Space's social prescribing sessions, Peer Support, despite having challenges. She has really enjoyed the creative free space and it's been beneficial that it's not therapy focused as it has given her the opportunity to focus on herself for the two hours that she is here. Towards the end of her 10 weeks, she was able to sit down with her children and encourage them to try art, using the creative skills she has learnt, which she said was a great success. Over the time she has grown in confidence and regularly attends Art4Space's Creative Surgery, where she can take a bit of time for herself whilst gaining confidence in mixing with others.



"Art4Space has lovely people and lovely tutors as well. I am sad to be leaving but I am more glad I took the steps to attend."

"Being at Art4Space with kind folks who understand, who are patient and encouraging has made a big difference. I have been learning how to be calm and at peace with myself. I have also learned that there is a creativity within me that I never knew I had, and it has helped me to be free and confident with myself."



# Strategic Vision



For the last 5 months we have been building a new business plan for Art4Space to focus on expanding our activities, programmes and outreach to become South London's foremost arts centre for mental health support.

For 25 years, Art4Space has championed mental health and social inclusion through art. Our award-winning community programs, including innovative interventions like our creative health programmes for social prescribing support, have reached 40,000 vulnerable individuals with mental health needs in Lambeth.

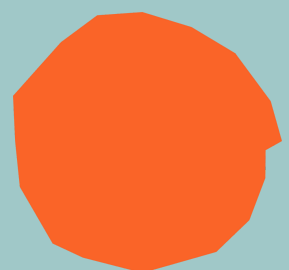
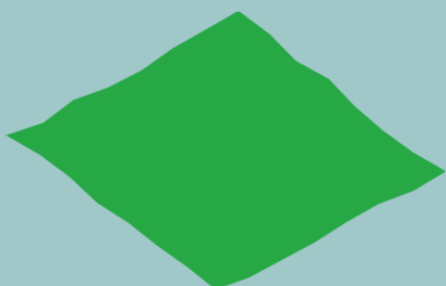
However, we know the need for Art4Space's services is substantial. In Lambeth, 22.5% of adults grapple with common mental health issues, and 5.44% face severe mental illnesses. One in five children and young people are experiencing mental health problems.

So as we embark on our next 10 year chapter we are focusing on expanding our community outreach to become South London's foremost arts centre for mental health support. Art4Space is investing in the following key areas:

- Business Development
- Community Strengthening
- Communications and Marketing
- Team Development

As part of our community strengthening we have also refined our focused on fundraising for the next 5 years to prioritise our social prescribing support program, develop our youth offering, under a Creative Pathways programme aimed at supporting young people under-30s in particular those with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) to develop the skills and confidence to pursue creative careers, and revitalising Why Art Matters.

This more strategic focus on our community courses and programmes aligns with the core needs of our community that we have seen and worked to build solutions to for 25 years. Streamlining the approach internally and externally will enable us to best serve participants and partners, increasing our reach and impact. We're not just providing services; we aim to become an indispensable part of our community's support network.





# Our Finances



Year-end November 2022

income £289,376

outgoing £194,736

Year-end November 2023

income £293,539

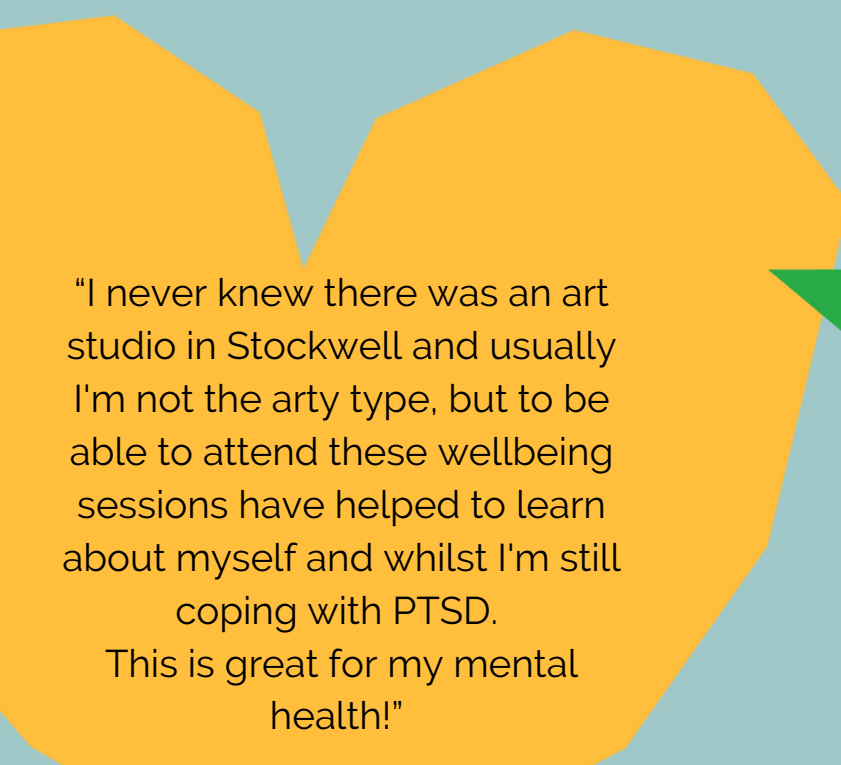
outgoing £286,979

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 2023-2024.

This was a successful year for us, building on the strong performance in 2023 and further increasing our reserves to support the organisation's future – investing in infrastructure, covering core costs and assets, plus capacity building.

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"I never knew there was an art studio in Stockwell and usually I'm not the arty type, but to be able to attend these wellbeing sessions have helped to learn about myself and whilst I'm still coping with PTSD.

This is great for my mental health!"

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"The session was amazing because it was peaceful"



# Lambeth

## Funders

Lambeth Council  
Reaching Communities  
The Walcot Foundation  
Elevate  
National Lottery  
Reaching Communities  
Comic Relief Community Grant  
National Children's Bureau  
Thames Water Micogrant  
Co-Operative Green Week  
Stockwell Strong Fund

**WALCOT**  
FOUNDATION



**COMMUNITY**  
FUND



**ELEVATE.**  
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Local Community Fund



## Corporate Partners

NBCU  
Ardex  
ISG Ltd.  
Henley Homes



## Strong Local Partners

Lambeth Children and  
Young People Services  
First 5 Lambeth  
Stockwell Partnership  
Thriving Stockwell  
It's A Playground  
Social Prescribing



It's a State Of Mind  
Mental Physical Social





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