

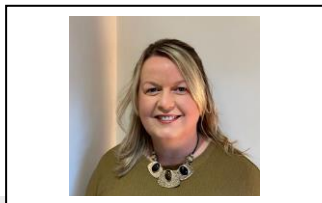


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# Annual Report 2023

Nurturing Creativity CIC

## WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED



### Letter from the Chair – Anne Keighley

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our annual report for 2023. It has been a year of growth and development for Nurturing Creativity.

We are pleased to see our holiday clubs continue to go from strength to strength and feedback from the local authority audits have identified us as a first-class provision. We have recently heard that our provision has been nominated by the Calderdale Healthy Holidays team for a DfE HAF award to acknowledge outstanding HAF providers. We should hear mid April if we have been shortlisted for a regional or national award and could be invited to an awards ceremony in May.

Working with Northern Arts Factory on their first Dancefest project which was funded by TPP funding has inspired us to work towards placing our largest bid yet with Arts Council to replicate the project to be delivered in Halifax. We have already been successful with a smaller grant of £4,000 from Calderdale's Community Foundation for Calderdale's Kathleen Mary Denham Legacy to part fund this exciting opportunity.

There is lots of other work going on behind the scenes to make 2023 a great year for all involved and open up more opportunities for children, young people and adults.

### Healthy Holidays Clubs

**We were awarded £45,200 funding from both Calderdale and Kirklees local authorities to deliver holiday clubs for children accessing free school meals following the government guidance Holiday, Activity and Food Programme.**

In Calderdale we have delivered clubs at St Malachy's Catholic Primary School throughout Easter, Summer, October, December 22 and February 23. In December 22 we opened a second provision by request of the local authority at Whitehill Academy. At these clubs we have 40 funded places for children aged 5-11 years and offer a wide range of enriching activities such as performing arts sessions, arts and craft, sports, forest school and nutrition education. We have hosted mini performing arts shows, sports days, media courses, mindful arts sessions and a festival. In December 22 we were able to transport all 80 children to the Halifax Victoria Theatre to watch Sleeping Beauty.

In August 22 we were approached by Calderdale HAF team to run another 2 holiday clubs in October half term 22 and February half term 23. We were awarded a further £8,000 to enable us to extend our provision. We offered another 40 places at each club on both weeks.

In February 23 we were asked by the local authority if we could support the delivery of Calderdale's bikeability sessions for children. We trialled it in our February holiday club and due the overwhelming success of this we now be working in partnership with the bikeability team to offer this activity at both our clubs throughout 2023.

We have also been awarded funding to continue to run our holiday clubs in Easter and Summer 2023 in both St Malachy's and Whitehill.

In Kirklees we delivered holiday clubs at Birkby Infant and Nursery School at Easter 22 for 30 children aged 5-11 years. In summer we offered 4 weeks of funded provision in St Cuthbert's Church, Birkby. We offered

## Dancefest 2022



In November 2023 Nurturing Creativity supported Northern Arts Factory in the delivery of their first Dancefest.

This project included 6 schools in Leeds with 120 children to have funded after school dance sessions to learn dance skills. All of these schools and children came together at Yeadon Town Hall to showcase what they had been learning to their families, teachers and the other children.

It was an inspirational event in which children had the most amazing opportunity to enjoy a day in the theatre, a technical rehearsal, experience backstage – hair and make up and perform on stage to a large audience of over 300 people.

Ticket sales and TPP funding have enabled us to start a fund to run this as an annual event with a small contribution from schools.



20 places for children aged 7-12 years. Children enjoyed performing arts sessions, circus skills, trips to the park, arts and craft and nutritional education sessions. At this club we worked with The Welcome Centre to support Ukraine families to attend.

At both sessions children enjoyed breakfast snacks, a hot cooked meal, fresh fruit and yoghurts.

Across the course of the year we have supported 1880 places for children to –

- eat healthily over the school holidays,
- be active during the school holidays,
- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment,
- be safe and not to be socially isolated,
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition,
- be more engaged with school and other local services.

### Strictly, Come Dine With Us!

A grant from Never Go Hungry Again Calderdale Community Foundation allowed us to open up an opportunity for 40 children to attend an after school session in performing arts in partnership with St Malachy's Primary School.

The school identified children that they felt would benefit from this provision. Children enjoyed accessing weekly sessions from September to December 22. They learnt new skills, a variety of different dance styles and were introduced to different types of music. Through this project we could see that children's confidence, self esteem and communication was developing. Within each session the children took part in a 'What's In The Bag?' activity. This entailed each child being gifted a meal bag for them and their families to take home and cook as a family activity. Through this activity children learnt about healthy meals, about food groups, nutrition, snack swaps and simple cooking methods. It also ensured that they had a healthy, hot meal one evening.

### Our exciting plans for 2023

The beginning of 2023 has been a busy time preparing and submitting grant applications for projects to be delivered within the rest of the year in Calderdale and Leeds.

To date we have submitted and have been successful with – Calderdale HAF application to run holiday clubs during 2023 and have been awarded a grant from the Kathleen Mary Denham Legacy to underpin a performing arts show in Halifax.

We are also now awaiting the outcomes of - Awards for All, to offer a 12 week menopause support programme in Cleckheaton, the Play Enabling Grant, which will help us to open up provision and opportunity in Seacroft, Leeds, Spar Community Cash back scheme, to continue to underpin delivery of holiday/after school sessions to children.

We are also close to submitting our bid to the Arts Council to deliver a Show in Halifax and we are working on a Sport England bid too.

Work is continuing behind the scenes on the development of our website and we are looking to rebrand with an updated logo.

We also have a timetable of other available grants and will be looking into placing further bids throughout the year.

Lastly, we hope to be celebrating if we are shortlisted in the regional or national outstanding providers awards.



We believe that taking part in dance, drama, music, sport and the arts can change the way people feel about themselves, building confidence and enhancing well-being....

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