

NEW DIRECTIONS

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY
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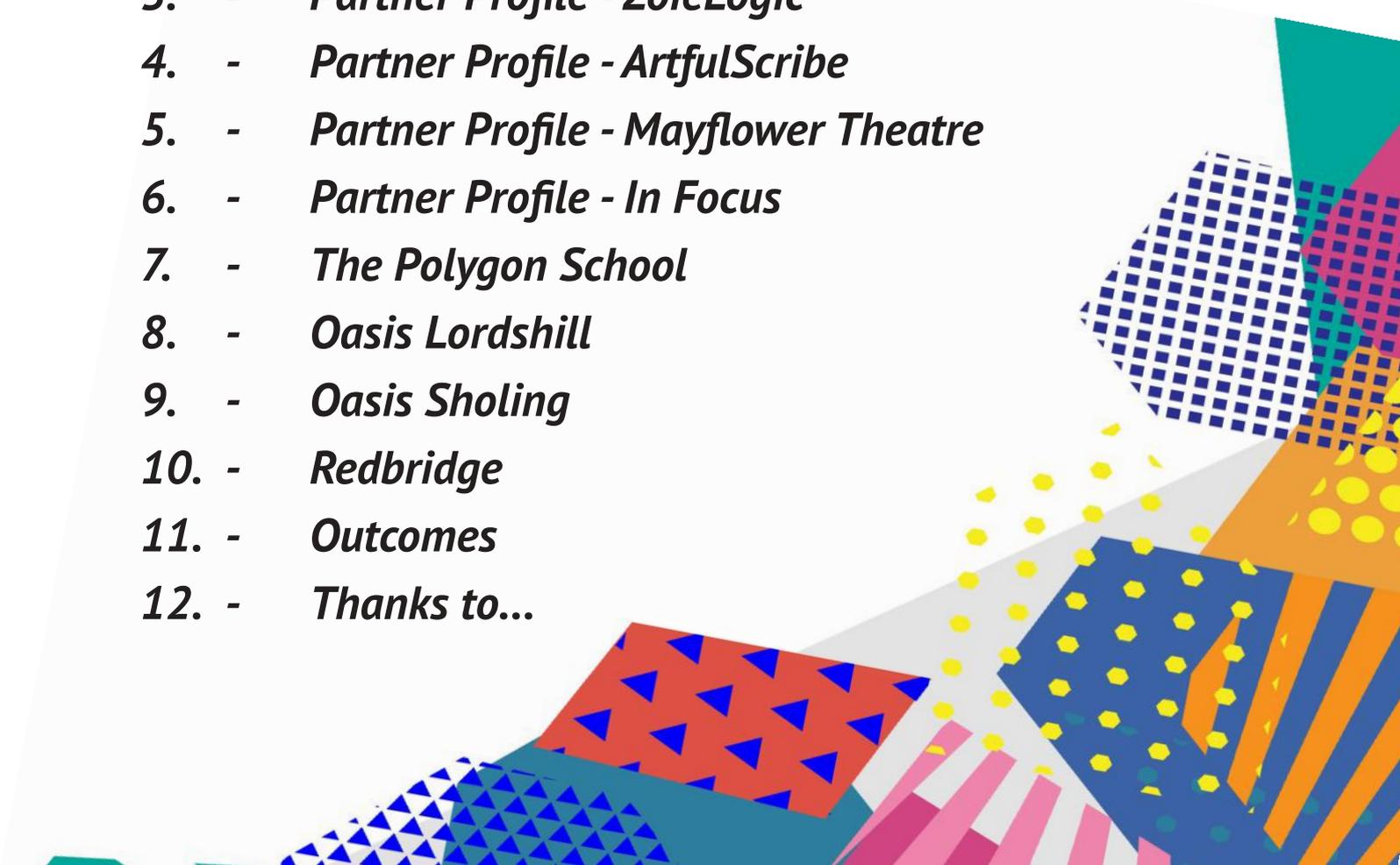
The New Directions project is supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight through the Safer Communities Fund. The Police and Crime Commissioner, through the Commissioning and Partnerships Team, aims to reduce offending and support victims, enabling people to avoid being drawn into the Criminal Justice System.



The Project

New Directions is a project that brings together arts organisations and schools in Southampton to provide inspirational experiences for young people. Developed by SoCo Music Project, it provides a unique opportunity for pupils at four of the city's schools to try out new creative activities, bringing together some of Southampton's most active and engaging creative practitioners - providing a range of arts interventions - building towards an exciting showcase at MAST Mayflower Studios, the city's newest and most community focused arts venue.

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The Event

We are delighted to be welcoming you to MAST Mayflower Studios for this special celebration of music, theatre, poetry and dance as we showcase the work of the young people who took part in the New Directions Project during the 21/22 academic year.

Included in the performances - we'll see pupils from Oasis Lordshill who have written some personal and socially-conscious pieces of poetry that are really powerful and moving. We've brought together some of the pieces into small group sets and worked with Mayflower Engage to dramatically enhance their pieces with chorus elements and performance dynamics.

Oasis Sholing have prepared readings of their image-driven and formal experiments to be shared accompanying their filmic compositions.

Redbridge will be bringing the stage to life by sharing and performing some of the songs they have written and created.

We'll have a special screening of work created by young people from The Polygon School.

ENJOY!

SoCo Music Project

SoCo Music Project has been delivering engaging and inspirational music making activities since 2008.

We believe everyone has the right to take part in music making, no matter what your ability, age, background or circumstances. Music is powerful, it has a place in everyones life, whether it's a song that is close to your heart, a process that helps you through challenging times or way to celebrate your talents.

At SoCo we are passionate about changing lives through music. Our positive and creative opportunities help people discover something new and nurture their creative potential. We develop projects and create spaces that inspire, captivate and entertain.

We're serious about what we do: supporting the sector to improve lives through training and networking; understanding how we can make the case for better investment in music and arts; reaching out to organisations outside of our field to develop new partnerships; and working strategically to enhance the offer locally and regionally.





ZoieLogic



ZoieLogic Dance Theatre challenges the perceptions of dance, who it's for, where and how it is shown.

We want as many people to experience dance as possible; to see it, be in it and help make it.

We make shows and projects for you and create unforgettable experiences with you.

We're on a mission to get more people involved in dance, especially men and boys and those less likely to see or take part in the arts.

We make this happen by creating and touring professional dance theatre shows, and through our outreach, engagement, and talent development programmes.

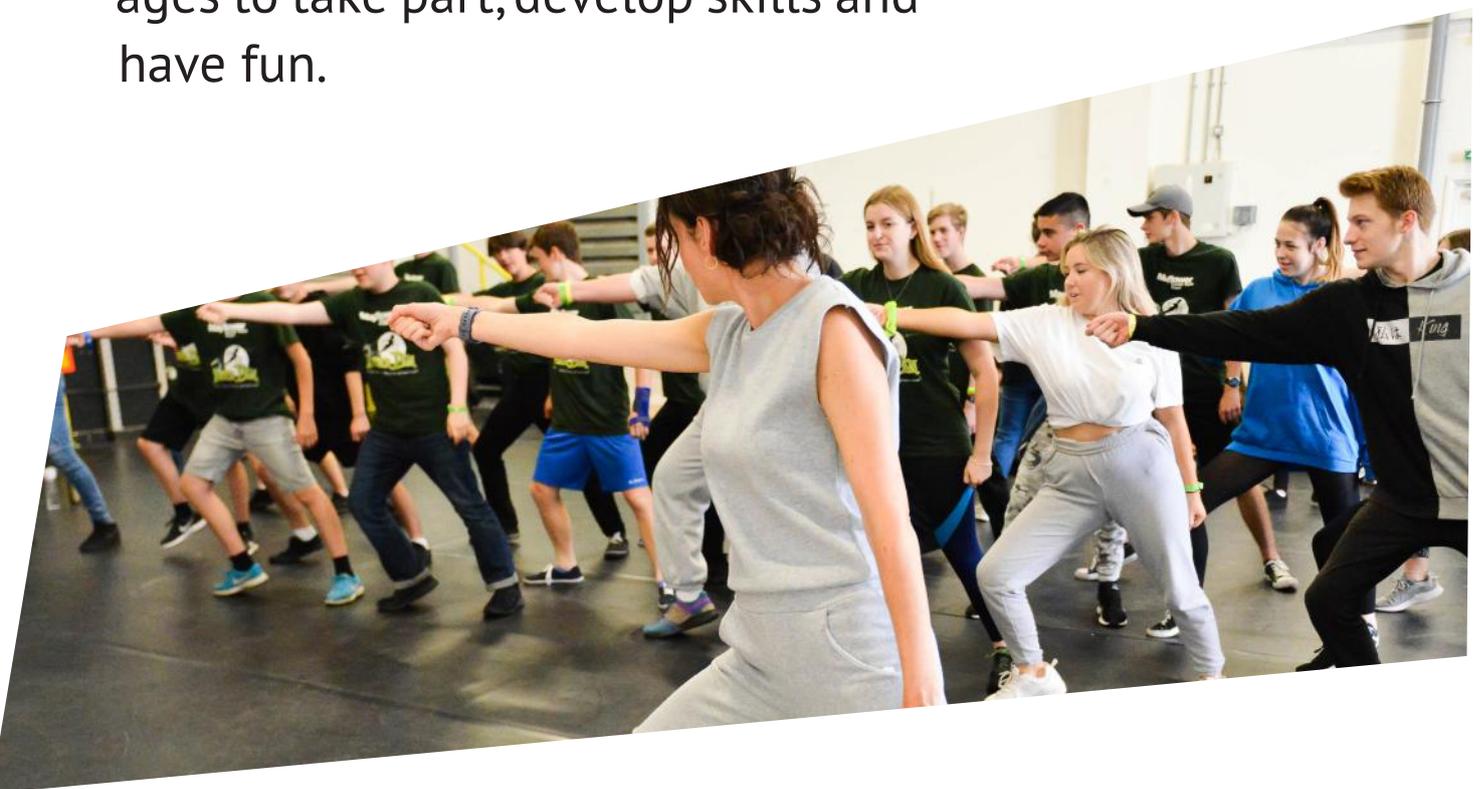
ArtfulScribe

ArtfulScribe is a not-for-profit writer development agency based in Southampton. We support emerging and continuing writers in Hampshire, Dorset, and the Solent region to create new work and develop skills through writing workshops, live events and career-development opportunities. We work with all ages and levels of ability, from primary years through to life's later stages. Our work includes collaboration with schools, businesses and organisations, embedding writing into everyday activities through residencies, creative programmes and individual events that celebrate both spoken and written word.



Mayflower Theatre

Mayflower Theatre is an independent not-for-profit charity with participation at its heart. Providing inspiring experiences, Mayflower Theatre is the largest theatre on the south coast bringing a diverse range of shows to Southampton from musicals (many direct from the West End), to dance, drama, ballet and comedy. Mayflower Engage is the learning and community department of Mayflower Theatre & MAST Mayflower Studios, who engage with young people, communities and families through workshops, events, projects and performances. Mayflower Engage believe that engagement in the Arts can be life changing and endeavour to give opportunities for people of all ages to take part, develop skills and have fun.



In Focus

We support individual well-being through innovative educational services and personal development.

In Focus Education & development CiC is a Community Interest Company that's run by passionate artist educators.

We provide high quality arts based learning, mainly (but not limited) to the public sector – specialising in photography.

We have been set up to provide the South of England with much needed extra-curricular arts-based learning to at-risk and vulnerable young people. We work with local authorities to implement projects that support, amongst other things, crime prevention, restorative justice, youth diversion and pro-social behaviour models.

We work across a range of sectors, including Youth Justice settings, Pupil Referral Units, Schools, Youth Groups (in heritage settings), Charities and the National Citizenship Service.



The Polygon School

The Polygon School is a place where children will feel happy, supported and empowered to make good life choices, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect; where everyone feels a sense of belonging to the school community so that every person can become more confident and ambitious about their personal aspirations.

“New directions has been invaluable in creating opportunities for our young people that they otherwise would not have had. I have watched some of our pupils growing confidence as a result of participating in the dance workshop and seen a better engagement in the lessons as a result. I wholeheartedly recommend a New directions project to every other school in Southampton.” – Anne Hendon-John

Pupils comments

‘We couldn’t stop laughing; it was so much fun.’

‘I enjoyed working with other people. I made new friends.’

‘My favourite memory was the sound we made all together.’



Oasis Lordshill

Oasis Academy Lord's Hill is a Secondary school, serving children aged 11-16 in the Lord's Hill and surrounding communities of Southampton. We are dedicated to developing proud, determined and kind students who are the best versions of themselves. These are tremendously exciting times for the Academy, and we are delighted to be working in partnership with our students, their families and the wider community to release their enormous potential.

Our values.

- A passion to include everyone
- A desire to treat everyone equally
- A commitment to healthy open relationships
- A deep sense of hope, that things can change and be transformed
- A sense of perseverance to keep going for the long haul

Assistant Principal for Personal Development and the LiFe Curriculum - Liz Lea

Oasis Regional Director of Ethos and Hub - Paul Woodman

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We are delighted with the progress made, and the dedication of our wonderful Year 10 students. Their high engagement and willingness to step out of their comfort zone has been commendable and exemplary. Thank you to all external providers for their contribution”

Oasis Sholing

Oasis Academy Sholing is a large secondary school based in Middle Road, Sholing, with over 1000 students on roll. The school is part of the Oasis Community Learning, an organization with empathy, opportunity and inclusion at its core. The academy places a big focus on ensuring all students are given opportunities to succeed and has a wide and varied selection of extra curricular and personal development opportunities. OAS have recently been awarded the Music Mark and School of Sanctuary awards, and we are an ambassador school for Southampton's bid to become recognised as a Child Friendly City. We are excited to be working with the New Directions project this year and can already see the impact it has had on the students involved.

“It was great to develop relationships with all of the young people involved in the project. Seeing them come out of their comfort zones was amazing to watch. All the staff were great and worked so hard to boost the young people's confidence. I'm sure the results will be fantastic!”

- Mrs Wareham

Redbridge

Redbridge Community School is situated in one of the top 10% socially deprived areas of the country. There are 50.7% of students who are pupil premium. Redbridge prides itself on its inclusive culture in which all students are offered the opportunity to succeed. The arts is a large part of this and students are encouraged to participate in the multiple extra-curricular opportunities provided.

“The students have developed their confidence and resilience and it has been wonderful to see them progress. Watching them rehearse their final piece today reflects the impact this project has had” - Teacher



Outcomes



Quotes from Young People, School Staff and Creative Practitioners:

“The students have more confidence performing in front of their peers. They’ve used humour to explore their own personal ambitions for both inside and outside of school life, they’ve learnt to work with one another despite not doing school, and their arts outlook has been broadened significantly working together with the different artistic companies.”

“I think the project was great! It was nice to see the boys doing something different and working together. The New Directions team were very understanding and supportive throughout the course of the project.”

“It was good to experience different sort of stuff that people do at the theatre.”

“It was fun and interesting. My favourite part was the poetry.”

“I’ve enjoyed it so much.”

“I really enjoyed watching the young people take part. Especially in the poetry sessions.”

“Really good to see our pupils doing things out of their comfort zone. Brilliant to see they had the courage and confidence to take part.”

“I’ve absolutely loved experiencing the creativity and surprise of each student’s writing on this project, stepping out of their comfort zones and tackling each writing challenge with consideration and respect. It has been transformative.”





Thanks to...

A huge thank you to all of the schools and delivery partners involved in the New Directions project, we hope that these partnerships will continue long into the future.

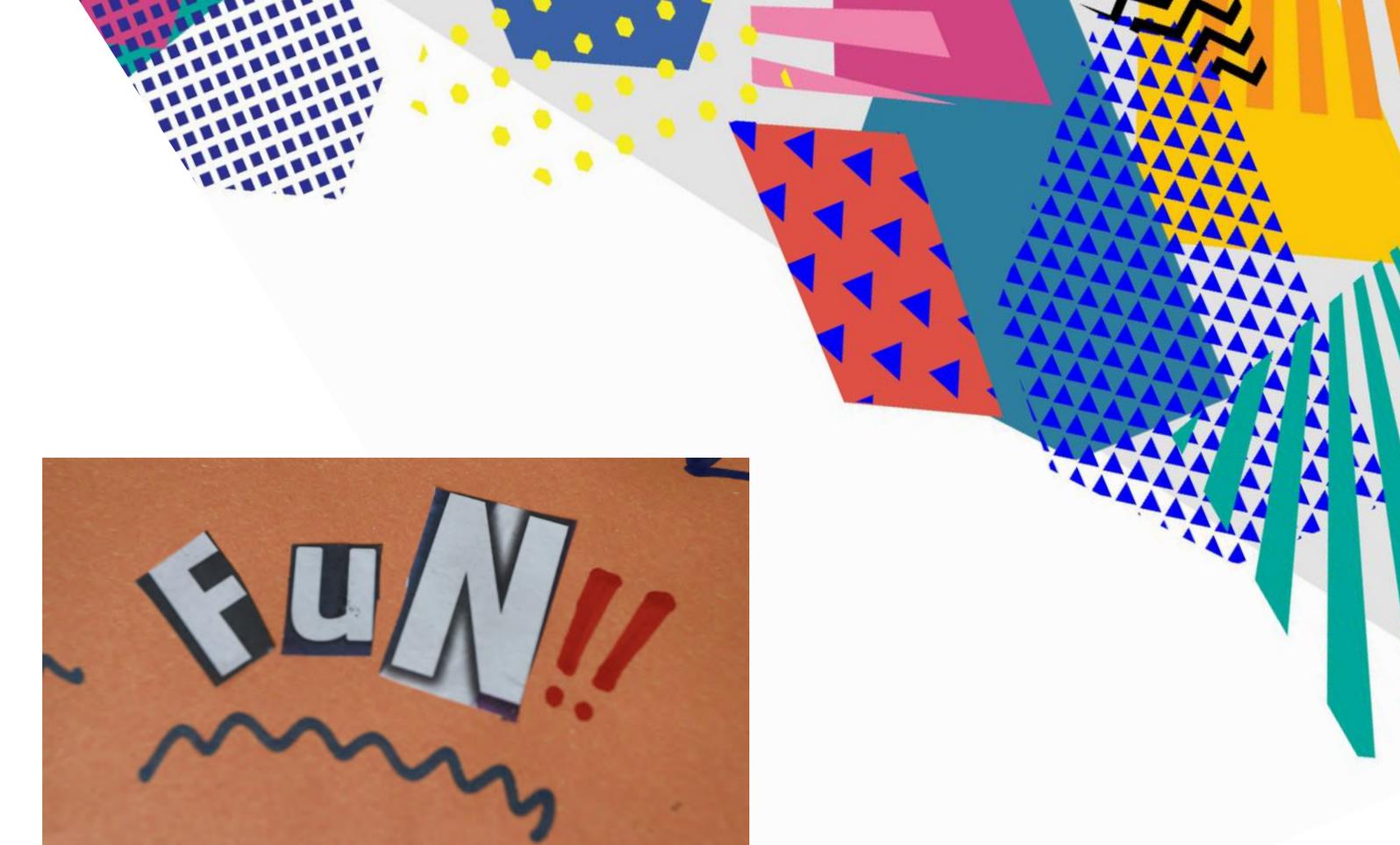
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A special thanks to Nicola Peacock for managing a project that was full of complexities!

Most of all, thank you to the young people who have taken risks, challenged themselves, and put so much into this project - you've been an inspiration.





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