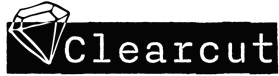




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Impact report: A Space To Call Home - Artist Development

Funder: Arts Council England

Date : December 2023 - August 2024

Summary of project

Our Artist Development Scheme is an initiative driven by the core value of true inclusivity. It is designed to address the needs of under-represented artists by providing tailored support in various aspects of dance creation. We offer artists the essential resources of space, time, guidance, and sharing opportunities. This project is funded by Arts Council England, delivered by Marina Studios Foundation in partnership with DanceHub.

Project objectives

- To empower under-represented artists by providing them with the necessary resources and support to create dance works.
- To facilitate the development of new creative and cultural works through collaborative efforts, such as co-creation with participants.
- To enhance the skills and capabilities of individual artists through focused training, development, and mentoring.
- Provide dedicated studio space artists to work on their projects.
- Pair artists with experienced mentors.
- Foster a supportive environment that encourages artistic exploration and risk-taking.
- Facilitate networking opportunities and collaborations with fellow artists to enhance collective creativity.
- Provide training workshops, masterclasses, and skill-building sessions to support artists in refining their technical and artistic abilities.

Output table

Engaged with the project since recruitment:

- Age range = 18 - 64 yrs
- Gender = 6 Female, 2 Male, 1 Non-Binary
- Ethnicity = White British - 6
- White/Other - 2
- Another Race - 1
- Neurodivergent - 3

Applied = 11 Artists

Recruited = 3 Artists

Disabled Artists = 2

LGBTQ+ Artists = 2

Digital Audience Engaged = 4000

Live Audience Engaged = 120

Partnerships/collabs = 3

organisations and 20 other

freelance artists

Impacts and outcomes

The project has been extremely rewarding, engaging numerous individuals and creating a profoundly positive impact, especially for the artists who now use this experience as a springboard into their professional careers. With all the necessary tools and ongoing resources provided by Marina Studios and partners, these artists are well-equipped to continue their professional journeys. Serving as a crucial incubator and community hub, we have empowered these artists to create meaningful and powerful dance works that resonate within the community. At the start of the project, the team's confidence in creating dance works averaged 71%. Now, at the project's conclusion, this confidence has soared to an impressive 92%. Mentors have recognised the unique and special qualities each artist has which they can carry into the real world. The project has been described by participants with words such as rewarding, incredible, inclusive, supported, educational, inspiring, and creative, proving the transformative experience it has provided.

Feedback from the Artists

"Learning about producing and marketing my own work and taking the finished product to a venue for it to be performed was a highlight. I really wanted to explore topics that are personal to myself and what I'm going through at this stage in my life which I have managed to do."

"Seeing the project develop from the initial idea to the final product was my biggest highlight. Filming day was particularly exciting because I got to work with a professional videographer and learned so much! I feel very supported by my mentors and the Marina team. I really enjoy collaborating with dancers and appreciate having other artists on the project so we can communicate and get advice from each other!"

"I have become part of the local dance community and was able to capture and represent the stories of my life through my piece. I created a piece of work that I am really proud of.. This programme is so supported that it has given me the confidence to create my first 'full-length' work. As someone with a complex disability, I often face multiple barriers within the opportunities I am welcomed into, however, Marina Studios have made me feel valued and respected from the very beginning, and any access needs have always been managed sensitively."

