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MINISTRY OF LIFE EDUCATION CIC

# OUTREACH REPORT



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**B**elow is a description of our activities from the beginning of April 2023 to the end of September 2023 incorporating our core delivery and our Summer Outreach Programme. Core activities include our weekly Monday drop in sessions for health, wellbeing and artist development and our standard provision of full time music and media courses from Tuesday to Friday. During this time we have also been continuing the Levels Up Artist Development Programme in conjunction with Youth Music.

Each academic year we deliver 2 x BTEC Level 1 Diplomas in music and media and 1x BTEC Level 2 in Music Industry Skills. These 3 courses are delivered from our classrooms in Eastmoors Youth Centre, Splott. We also deliver 1x BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Gaming and Youtube Content Creation from Butetown Pavilion, Cardiff. All these courses are full time with over 596 guided learning hours.

In the academic year 2022/2023 we successfully delivered 48 BTEC level 1 and level 2 qualifications and, in addition, delivered 36 City and Guilds Essential Skills qualifications alongside them. We had a 95% progression rate for learners into further education, work or training.

This September, we have started two of our 4 full time courses for the 2023/2024 academic year and have enrolled 32 young people, which is above target and an increase on this time last year.



**Milestones from Core Delivery for the period April - September 2023**

- BTEC Level 2 - Diploma in Music Industry Skills - **16 completions**
- BTEC Level 1 - Introductory Diploma in Vocational Studies - **13 completions**
- BTEC Level 1 - Music and Video - **9 completions**
- BTEC Level 1 - Gaming and Content Creation - **10 completions**
- City and Guilds Essential Skills Qualifications - **36 completions**
- Levelz Up Artist Development Programme - 4 participants completed - **£17,000** of grants, support and tuition delivered to young aspiring artists.

- Wellbeing and Artist Development sessions - **215 attendances, 64 different young people** (6 month snapshot), up 32% from the last 6 month period.
- Continuation of in house occupational therapy service in partnership with Family Pathway.
- Self delivery of mandatory essential skills sessions for all students on role.
- Continuation of Food Fridays and Breakfast Club Projects, helping to feed and teach young people about healthy eating, budgeting and food preparation.



- Board Meeting - We organised our 6 monthly board meeting and met with our board members to update them on the progress, successes and challenges that we have faced over the last 6 months. The meeting was very up beat and productive and we have taken on board the members advice for future projects and ideas that they had for future development.



- We have accepted delivery of our shipping container to Eastmoors Youth Centre. We will turn this into a state of the art music studio. Construction has already begun involving 15 young volunteers. Deadline for completion is Christmas 2023.
- Eastmoors Party x2 - Last Days of Term - To celebrate the end of the academic year we organised two parties at Eastmoors Youth Centre where our young people performed to each other, their families and friends. We all ate together and everyone had a great time. It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the year.

We would like to thank our sponsors and our partners, namely, Cardiff and Vale College, The National Lottery Community Fund, Youth Music, WCVA, Ministry Of Life Youth Services CIC, Cardiff Youth Service and Cardiff Council for their support.

**Summary of activities and Summer outreach for the period April to September 2023.**



- **CMC** - We led the organisation of a large event called Cardiff Music Conference, which had 50 performers and 50 volunteers and took place in St Davids Hall here in Cardiff. The project was a great success and was attended by 385 people. Many of our third sector partners were included in the delivery of the project.
- **YMCA Community Fun Day** - We were invited to the YMCA Community Fun Day, which was attended by over 100 people. Along with a crew of volunteers we delivered DJ workshops and engaged with the community. We managed to recruit one of the attendees to join our full time gaming and content creator course.
- **Careers Wales - Your Career Your Future Event** - The event was very successful with 80 young people attending and in addition, a mixture of youth workers, teachers, and parents. Total callers were 102.

- **Yamaha School Of Music Site Visit** - We arranged and attended a site visit of the Yamaha School Of Music in Cardiff with a view to purchase the building and turn it into a music and media college. The visit was successful, however after further discussion with the local councillors we have decided that this is not a viable option moving forward.
- **CAVDAS Drug and Alcohol Service Community Fun Day, Barry** - We were invited to the CAVDAS Launch event in Barry and brought volunteers with us to provide music and workshops to community members. The event was successful and was attended by an estimated 250 people across the day.
- **Pride Festival 2x Days** - We were invited to Pride Cymru Festival for 2 days and, together with a handful of volunteers, provided music and workshop services to the young people in the Youth Zone. The event was extremely successful and our provision was extremely popular, servicing hundreds of people over the 2 days.





- **Music Managers Forum Meeting at Atrium** - We were invited to the event for music managers forum at University Of South Wales Atrium in which we attended an industry talk and met with partner organisations, including Anthem and also artist managers from the Cardiff music scene.
- **First post-16 YAG meeting at Insole Court** - The event was successful and discussed how to help and service young people who are not in education and are struggling for post 16 destinations after leaving school. We agreed to meet on a regular basis and we offered our support for any young people seeking places for September. We struck up a partnership with Bright Start, which is a service for care experienced young people.





- **Llanrumney Hall Workshops x2** - Over Easter we delivered two music workshops at Llanrumney Hall to 16 young people. The project was a great success and we have been invited back to deliver more workshops in the future.
- **Post CMC Evaluation Meeting and Planning for Next Year** - We met with representatives from New Era, Arts Active and Ministry Of Life Youth Services to evaluate the success of Cardiff Music Conference. We discussed what we would do differently next year and made some plans for delivery in 2024.
- **Consultation Meeting for Hands Of Hope** - Grant application submitted to Big Ideas. Two of our students learnt how to print T-shirts on their BTEC Level 1 in Vocational Studies. They have decided to set up their own community organisation teaching others how to print T-shirts. We have offered them consultation and support with equipment, funding and business administration.
- **Junior Apprentice Disco** - Each year Cardiff and Vale College book us to support their Junior Apprentice Programme that offers education to pre 16 learners who have struggled in mainstream statutory education. At the end of each year they

have a big party to give out student awards and celebrate the achievements of the young people who have passed the course. We provide the music for the disco afterwards and brought along one of our students to do a performance, for which they were paid.



- **Wales Millennium Centre - Youth Work Week** - We were invited to the Youth Work Week celebrations in the Millennium Centre and took all our students with us. 2 of our young people performed to a large audience. The performance was amazing and was enthusiastically received with applause and celebration. The artists also received payment for this performance.
- **Porters Gig Support** - Our staff members facilitated a gig in Porters Nightclub that was organised by one of our students as a showcase of her musical portfolio. We provided transport, equipment, session musicians and sound engineering support. The gig was a huge success.



- **Vale Youth Service Summer Events x5** - Over the summer we were booked for 5 summer events in Llantwit Major, Dinas Powys, Penarth and Barry to provide music and workshops using our Portable Party Bus. We took our young DJ apprentices along for work experience and paid them for their participation in this series of successful Summer gigs. This gave us the opportunity to engage with hundreds of young people from outside Cardiff and solidified our partnership with Vale Of Glamorgan Youth Service.
- **CAVC Eastern Community Campus Event** - We brought volunteers and equipment to provide a DJ workshop for an engagement event at Eastern Community Campus as part of CAVC's push to introduce more youth provision and education to East Cardiff. The event was well attended and the workshop was incredibly popular with the young participants.
- **Bright Sparks Awards Ceremony** - We were booked to provide music and entertainment in the form of a DJ workshop for care experienced young people at their annual awards ceremony to celebrate them completing their work placements. The event was great and it was lovely to see lots of the young people that we have

worked with in the past, and others we are currently working with, receive their awards. We also took our DJ apprentice along with us and he was paid for his help in setting up the equipment and DJing.

- **Llanrumney Summer Fete** - We booked to provide music and performance opportunities at the annual Llanrumney Community Hall Summer Fete. The fete was attended by over 3000 people and was a huge success.



- **Additional Learning Needs Conference Speech** - One of our directors, Tim Buckley, was invited to deliver a speech at the University Of South Wales Additional Learning Needs Conference. We attended the event and got to deliver a talk showcasing how we engage with young people with additional needs and how our approach has worked, sharing best practice and networking.
- **Work Experience Placements for Cantonian High School** - We gave opportunities to four year 13 girls from Cantonian High School for work experience placements

facilitated by Cardiff Commitment. They learned from us and we learned from them. They were really happy with the placement and now all want to be teachers!



- **Bright Sparks Work Placements** - 2 of our young people who are care experienced were given work placements through the Bright Starts scheme, in which they were able to be paid £75 per week to come in on their days off from college and help to mentor the other students on the Level 1 course who are less experienced than them. It was an excellent team building and confidence building exercise and they got a lot out of it having support from the staff as well as the staff from their hostels. The project is still ongoing and we are planning to offer more work placements in the near future.
- **Central Library Into Work Event** - We invited to the Into Work Service Careers Day event in Central Library in town and provided a DJ workshop and also provided music for the event to encourage young people to look for work and to sign up for educational courses. As usual, we brought our volunteers with us.



- **Caerphilly Youth Service Summer Event** - We took the MOL Party Bus to Caerphilly for an engagement event and provided music and entertainment to young people. The event was a success and strengthened our links with Caerphilly youth Service and the young people in that area.
- **Cardiff City Foundation - National Lottery Consultation** - Our National Lottery Assessor asked us to provide consultation to The Cardiff City Foundation as they were in the process of applying for a People and Places large grant. We were chosen as an example of how to do things well. The meeting went really well and we provided them with the best advice we could. The meeting has strengthened

our connections with the Cardiff City Foundation and we are hoping that that leads to more collaboration in the future.



- **Llanrumney Hall Workshops x3** - Over the Summer we delivered 3 music and video workshops to Llanrumney residents in partnership with Llanrumney Hall and Cardiff and Vale College. The workshops were well attended and the young people ended up making a series of songs and videos.
- **Northlands Hostel Workshop** - We were invited to Northlands Hostel as part of our summer engagement project to engage with the young people that live there and to encourage them to engage in employment, education or training. We provided music and DJ Workshops for the residents.
- **CAVC City Centre and Barry Freshers Events** - We were booked to DJ and provide performance opportunities for young people starting their further education journeys. The events were attended by over 4500 people and a fantastic time was

had by all, These were effective ice breaking events helping young people ease into their new learning environments.



- **Meeting with Cardiff Metropolitan University** - A representative from Cardiff Metropolitan University came to visit us as they would like to encourage people from more diverse and underprivileged backgrounds into university. We have agreed for them to come in and run workshops with our students to break down the barriers for people who do not have the aspirations or confidence to aim for higher education.
- **Youth Action Group Meeting - STAR Cluster** - We were invited to the relaunch of the STAR cluster Youth Action Group meeting, which was very well attended and we networked with other third sector organisations, making some very valuable and interesting partnerships and contacts.





- **Meeting Councillor Sarah Merry Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Education** - Ourselves and a representative from Family Pathway, who are our in house occupational therapy workers, attended a meeting to support one of our service users who is going through a very difficult and saddening situation. The problems are very severe and have been going on for a long time. It has been difficult to gain any support from Adult Services so we had a meeting with Sarah Merry, who has escalated the problem and the young person and their family have now begun to receive the help that they needed.
- **Cathays Community Centre Adult Learning Wales Youth Work Training Meeting** - We have developed a great working relationship with Cathys Community Centre and together with them and Adult Education Wales we have facilitated and funded a youth work Level 3 qualification to be delivered to some of our former service users who want to become youth workers. 2 of our former students have joined the course and will be doing their work placements with us. We will be their assessors.
- **Meeting with Family Pathway Director** - Our partnership with Family Pathway has blossomed over this first year. So many amazing outcomes have been achieved for

our young people. Through weekly counselling and occupational therapy sessions, a case load of approx 35 students at any one time have been able to access the service. We met with the managing director of the organisation to discuss and confirm our intention to continue the extremely valuable partnership into the next academic year and beyond. We are very lucky to have them on board with us.



- **PAC Cymru Conference at Senedd** - We attended the PAC Cymru Conference at the Senedd as we were invited by one of our partnership organisations, Media Academy Cardiff. It was an extremely interesting and powerful presentation and a valuable networking event.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

MOL Education CIC were very pleased to secure 4 years worth of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to support its educational activities starting from April 2022. We have also strengthened our partnership with Cardiff and Vale College who are one of our biggest and longest partners and sponsors. We also have core



funding for 3 years by Youth Music, who have also funded our artist development programme.

We have the highest number of staff, most amount of up to date equipment, most courses, most outreach projects and most students enrolled on courses than we have ever had. Having the financial backing of the lottery has revolutionised the business. We look forward to the next 2.5 years and an ongoing relationship so that we can help more and more young people in Cardiff as the business grows.

Our aim is to build our own college. This will allow us to double our capacity and have a home for the organisation in which we can implement our own style and ideas and invest in our own facilities and projects. We are still on the hunt and have been viewing and bidding on buildings and going for tenders. We have been in touch with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and are currently in the process of identifying a viable target so that we can build our school and finally find a permanent home for our organisations and for the projects we run.

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We have applied to the Shared Prosperity Fund to secure more funding for the renovation of Eastmoors Youth Centre and to fund extra provision within the centre. We have begun our shipping container studio build project which is going very well. We look forward to having the grand opening later on in the year, introducing a new facility to be used by the community long into the future.

We will keep striving for excellence, growth, achievement and innovation to help the young people of Cardiff through the medium of diverse vocational education.

