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Funding shortfall puts future of arts charity in jeopardy



Under threat: Despite doing work that benefits hundreds of people, the Community Focus team is facing a funding shortfall

By David Melsome
A long-established arts charity is facing a funding crisis and is launching a public appeal to help it continue its work in 2025.

Barnet-based Community Focus Inclusive Arts has been running for 47 years, providing arts and wellbeing workshops for hundreds of people with disabilities, autism and additional needs. But a regular source of funding has not materialised this year, meaning the charity is asking for donations, volunteers and expertise, particularly in fundraising, PR and marketing, to stay in operation.

Community Focus CEO John McCafferty said: "Our students gain more than just skills. They find confidence, friendships, and a sense of purpose. Losing this space would be a devastating blow to the community.

"Through creative programs and diverse arts and wellbeing workshops, Community Focus

inspires personal growth, builds confidence, and fosters lasting friendships. Its students describe it as a lifeline."

Make a donation

The charity's accessible studios are based in Friary Park, N20, where it runs short breaks, art workshops and in-house programmes for everyone above 10 years old. It also organises outreach programmes in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, colleges and a wide range of community groups.

To offer fundraising expertise and advice, you can visit their team at Friary House, Friary Road, N20 0NR. You can also contact them by email at jmccafferty@communityfocus.co.uk. To make a donation, scan the QR code below or visit www.communityfocus.co.uk/donate.



SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

LOCAL POLICE, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

How to report a crime

- Call **999** in an emergency when there is a danger to life or a crime is in progress
 - Call **101** for non-emergencies, if your property has been stolen or damaged, you wish to report drug dealing or a minor traffic accident, and for general police enquiries
 - Report crime to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by email: eastfinchley.snt@met.police.uk gardensuburb.snt@met.police.uk or fortisgreen.snt@met.police.uk
- Find full details for the local SNTs at www.iloven2.co.uk/local-government-and-policing
- Stay anonymous and report information to Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Help run a 'Warm Space'. Until March 2025, **Grange Big Local** is running a Warm Space at Tarling Road Community Centre in East Finchley with free hot drinks, biscuits and toys for children. There is a range of additional activities including arts and crafts, talks and gardening (weather permitting), and it's free and open to all. If you're looking to gain some work experience, build your confidence and meet new people, enthusiastic volunteers are essential to support the day-to-day running. Interested? Please email info@grangebiglocal.org or call 07719 105247.

Become a Proms volunteer! Could you give a few hours a month to help make next year's **Proms at St Jude's Festival** a success? The skills or experience they need include admin, IT, organisation and logistics, fundraising, and education. It's also a great opportunity to get involved in a local community project, gain experience and meet new people. For more information and to apply please look at www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/volunteering.

Could you spare an hour or so a week to chat to an older isolated person? **Age UK Barnet** is looking for befrienders to offer friendly chats, support and companionship. The charity also needs walking buddies to help older people to get out and about again after losing the confidence to leave their homes. Just a couple of hours a week of your time could make a big difference to an older person in East Finchley. Please contact Lisa on 020 8432 1422.

Reengage host monthly Sunday tea parties in and around Finchley for people aged 75 and over who are lonely, isolated or in need of companionship. Volunteer drivers are needed to collect older guests from their homes and take them to a tea party where between 10 and 15 older guests and volunteers share tea, cake, and companionship, and enjoy a change of scenery for an afternoon. At the end of the tea party the volunteer drivers take the older guests safely back home. If you would like to get involved as a driver or a coordinator please contact ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk. Find out more at <https://www.reengage.org.uk>

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please email news@the-archer.co.uk



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Grooming Services

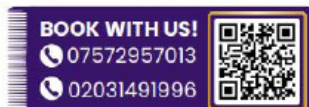
- Full Groom Short Haired breeds
- Full Groom Long Haired breeds
- Full Groom with Hand Stripping
- Puppy Wash, Fluff Dry & Tidy

Dog Walking Services

- Single Dog Walks
- Group Dog Walking

Day Care Services

- 1/2 Daycare (5/6 hours)
- Full Daycare (7/9 hours)



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

- 143 Abbots Gardens, N2**
Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and three front-facing roof lights
- 38 Sedgemere Avenue, N2**
Erection of timber-framed garden room
- 30 Lincoln Road, N2**
Single-storey side and rear extension and lowering of existing floor
- 11 - 59 High Road, N2**
Submission of details of condition 4 (Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan) pursuant to planning permission 24/1519/FUL dated 07/08/24
- 59 Chandos Road, N2**
Single-storey rear extension with a proposed depth of 3.5m, maximum

- height of 3.2m and eaves height of 3m. Following demolition of existing outrigger.
- 18 Deansway, N2**
Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and four front-facing roof lights
- 17 Bedford Road, N2**
Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front-facing roof lights
- 231 Creighton Avenue, N2**
Single-storey front, side and rear extension with three roof lights following demolition of the existing side extension and garage. Insertion of new garage doors and window to rear elevation. Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer windows with two Juliet balconies and three

- front-facing roof lights, following demolition of existing side dormer, rear dormer and chimney.
- Prospect Ring, N2**
Installation of one rooftop telecommunications base station, six antennas to be installed fixed to steelwork supports, one 300mm and one 600mm transmission dishes, and two cabinets and ancillary development
- Haringey**
- 1 Springcroft Avenue, N2**
Rear dormer conversion
- 18 Lauradale Road, N2**
Ground floor and loft extensions
- 85 Fortis Green, N2**
Changes to drainage or sewerage