



## **SMALL WORLD CULTURAL ARTS COLLECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2023–2024**

Welcome to the Small World year from April 2023 to March 2024. We continue to provide services in Keighley for young people and families and to provide, in partnership with Keighley Arts Hub, gallery space & a makers shop to support local artists and creatives.

### **OUR AIMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25 IN KEIGHLEY**

Advancing their education and development by providing and promoting a broad range of sustained, participatory, creative arts activities;  
Promoting the arts in particular by the establishment and maintenance of a Community Arts and Music Centre;  
Developing their capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;  
and Promoting for their benefit the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life

Our main projects have been ArtyThings, BeArty, Breathing Space and Saturday Club offering activities to a wide range of ages and backgrounds across the year. Alongside this we run a young volunteer club for those wishing to gain valuable experience to move into employment.

### **ArtyThings**

This group is our youngest independent group although we do have a couple of carers who attend too. They are full of interesting ideas and will often explore the boxes of scrap to come up with amazing artwork and 3D work as well as using the many resources to do painting clay and textiles amongst other things. They are a wonderfully creative group who are a joy to work with.

### **BeArty**

This is a slightly older group and smaller numbers but this works well for the participants as they often need a bit more support. Still wonderfully imaginative and creative and also very musical.



### **Breathing Space**

A much bigger group of primarily over 16s who come and socialise and create both art and music or just unwind after a stressful week at school, college or work. They have the opportunity to let loose and have a bit of a play around with the scooters and despite the size of the group are all very respectful and a really nice bunch.

### **Young Volunteers**

This is a group funded by the Brelms Trust and has been great for supporting college placement students and other young people who came to help out in the gallery and shop gaining valuable skills and experience in a supportive setting and we have been able to provide references for those of them moving into employment. Into year 2 of the project and we have recruited a new bunch of volunteers from the Friday group who have been helping develop the space, tidying, cleaning, building and decorating, a real help and great fun to work with.

### **Saturday Club**

This was the original Small World club way back when we first had a building in 2005 and we revived it late in 2022 and it has grown to be our busiest session with parents and children attending the midday session and getting involved in a wide range of different art activities and again having a space to run around and play and make new friends. A very busy and energetic group but wonderful to be a part of.



## Funding -

**The Tudor Trust** - core organisational funding from the Tudor Trust

**The Brelms Trust** - Young volunteer support project

One exciting project which began just towards the end of the financial year in March was the opportunity to take on some meanwhile leases for empty shops in the centre where we are based. The centre was recently sold and the new owners, far from wanting their building back were very happy with the way it is being utilised as the Arts Hub and offered the additional units on a similar basis to the one we are in which is through East Street Arts. This not only gives us an exciting opportunity to re-engage with community groups and schools who we haven't worked with for a long time but will also provide a level of income generation to support the core costs of Small World. Exciting times indeed!



## Staff & Volunteers

I've kept these together as the commitment people make to Small World often goes above and beyond any financial incentive and as a result staff often give additional time as volunteers to support the sessions.

Sam Atkins – Coordinator and service delivery  
Oscar Manthorp – Breathing Space & Saturday Club support  
Jen Rhodes – ArtyThings Support  
Ellie Blakelock – BeArty Support  
Jane Howie – Gallery support & cover for sessions  
Fenton Medley – Gallery & cover support

## Trustees

We welcomed two new trustees this year, Pip & Alicia who were both know previously to Small World and and come with their children to access sessions here and they agreed to help with the overall organisation through a place on the committee. A huge thank you to them and the rest of the Trustees who continue to help keep Small World running.

Pip Chapman – Chairperson  
Flo Toch – Treasurer  
Anita Gregory  
Tansy Whitfield  
Beth Jones  
Alicia Carter

