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The aspiration is that this Charter for Arts and Culture will inspire everyone involved in the delivery of 'arts and culture' with children and young people in Wiltshire, to consistently deliver, high quality opportunities which lead to high quality outcomes related to creativity, art work, culture, learning, personal, social and skill development.

This charter seeks to encourage and promote:

- The sharing of information from key organisations, in Wiltshire and nationally, about their approach to arts and cultural provision for children and young people and specifically their perspective of 'good quality' provision.
- Professional and organisational development through the sharing and analysis of practice by individuals and organisations to improve outcomes for children and young people engaging in arts and cultural activities.
- Sharing of information about sources of support for the development of arts and cultural work with young people.
- Reflection on practice against a common standard.
- Organisations engaging young people in arts and cultural experiences to work to a shared quality framework, which is dynamic and reviewed at regular intervals.
- Sharing examples of good quality 'Arts and Culture' work which have taken place with children and young people.
- Advocacy for the importance of 'arts and cultural activities' to children and young people based on evidence of the positive impact through 'case studies'.

Our values and commitments

1. We value **excellence and continual improvement**. We are committed to achieving shared descriptors for 'high quality arts and cultural opportunities', within a quality assurance framework, which inspire improvements and can be used to demonstrate the impact of arts and cultural experiences on children, young people and their communities
2. We value experiences that enable continual **learning and development** and recognise the importance of a **safe environment** and of fun to enable learning. We are committed to providing arts and cultural activities, which respond to the needs of individuals and positively impact on their learning, personal, social and skill development.
3. We value **creativity** and **inspirational experiences**, recognising their impact on the quality of peoples' lives. We are committed to supporting young peoples' engagement in experiences and with their feelings, that are inspirational and those that foster creativity.
4. We value **inclusion** and are committed to promoting equality of opportunity and valuing diversity in all aspects of the organisation; to engaging diverse children and young people with differing experiences and abilities, representative of all local communities, in arts and cultural opportunities that challenge, excite and inspire them.
5. We value children and young people and their experience. We are committed to the **voice and influence** of children and young people being visible in all aspects of the organisation and in all arts and cultural projects.
6. We value working in **partnerships** for the benefit of children and young people's engagement in arts and cultural opportunities. We are committed to developing and sustaining effective partnerships, which enable the sharing of skills, information and resources, to efficiently and effectively deliver best practice and provide high quality arts and cultural opportunities.
7. We value transparency and honesty. We are committed to **developing and sustaining relationships** based on **openness and trust** which enable us to understand the needs of others and to contribute to ensuring all children and young people can take part in high quality arts and cultural experiences.

Quality framework for children and young people's arts and cultural opportunities.

Values	Commitment to...
Striving for excellence	Commitment to shared descriptors for 'high quality arts and cultural opportunities', within a quality assurance framework, which inspire improvements and can be used to demonstrate the impact of arts and cultural experiences on children, young people and their communities.
Continual learning and development	Commitment to providing arts and cultural activities, which respond to the needs of individuals and positively impact on their learning, personal, social and skill development. We recognise the importance of a safe environment and of fun to enable learning.
Creativity and inspirational experiences	Commitment to supporting children and young peoples' engagement in experiences and with their feelings, that are inspirational and those that foster creativity.
Inclusion	Commitment to promoting equality of opportunity and valuing diversity in all aspects of the organisation; to engaging diverse children and young people with differing experiences and abilities, representative of all local communities, in arts and cultural opportunities that challenge, excite and inspire them.
Young people, children and their experience	Commitment to the voice and influence of children and young people being visible in all aspects of the organisation and in all arts and cultural projects.
Partnerships	Commitment to developing and sustaining partnerships which enable the sharing of skills, information and resources, to efficiently and effectively deliver best practice and provide high quality arts and cultural opportunities.
Transparency and honesty	Commitment to developing and sustaining relationships based on openness and trust which enable us to understand the needs of others and to contribute to ensuring all children and young people can take part in high quality arts and cultural experiences.