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ANNUAL REPORT 2019/21

Brickworks Community Centre,
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Registered
Charity:288337

Our Aim

Hanley Crouch will:

Improve the lives of people in our local community and to promote community involvement and community cohesion through the delivery of services needed for children, young people and the elderly.

We are a multi-purpose Community Association operating in the Tollington Ward, in North Islington, London. Our Association was set up originally in 1972 by a group of local parents who needed somewhere for their children to play. We are a multi-cultural organisation that celebrates diversity and inclusion.

We aim to provide services to the whole community irrespective of age, gender, race, disability or sexual orientation. All are welcome to our centre.

Over the last forty odd years we have had and will continue to have a major influence for the good in our community, providing a stable base in a rapidly changing environment.

History

1972

The Association was set up by a group of local parents who needed somewhere for their children to play.

1986

The start of a much loved community transport project, that culminated in the purchase of a fully accessible double decker bus

2017

45 years later and we continue to have a major influence for good in our community, providing a stable base in a rapidly changing environment

Donations

Over the past 40 odd years Hanley Crouch Community Association has provided services and projects to the community. We rely upon grants and donations from generous organisations/businesses and individuals to continue our work.

If you wish to make a donation or would like more information, please contact us by (t) 0207 263 1067, (e) admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk or alternatively come in to the centre and speak to a member of staff.

If you wish to make a donation by cheque, please make it out to 'Hanley Crouch Community Association Ltd' and post it to Brickworks Community Centre, 42 Crouch Hill N4 4BY.

You can also donate online via PayPal on our website: <http://www.hanleycrouch.org.uk>, there is also information on the site about other ways you can help.

Every penny you can give will help support our services and all the people that use our community centre.

Our Funders

We would like to say a big thank you to all our funders over the year;

LBI Children Services

LBI Early Years

LBI Housing Needs & Strategy

Tesco's

East London Business Association (donation of over a 100 toys every year)

Finance Report

The financial performance of Hanley Crouch Community Association Limited for the 2019/20 financial year is a surplus of £7,668. The charity has total reserves as at the year-end of £58,954, of which £nil were restricted revenue funds.

The centre has strived to provide the highest possible level of services to meet the needs of the local community of one of London's most impoverished and disadvantaged areas (Tollington Ward) against a backdrop of reducing Council and grant funding.

The centre moved to its new Brickworks building in January 2018. This building has expanded the opportunities to provide services across the wider variety of community activities and to also increase income generation from hall and room hire. The level of hall and room hire income has continued to increase throughout 2019/20 and creates a solid foundation for the centre to be financially stable for 2020/21.

Allister Bannin (Treasurer)

Other Services at Brickworks:

Blythwood Nursery:

Mondays - Fridays: 8am – 6pm

For over 15 years, we have been providing a day care service that is dedicated to building a safe, loving and caring environment for children aged between 18 months and 4 years. Whatever cultural background your child is from and whatever their requirements may be, you can be sure that our nursery will give them all the love and support they need. For more information, please contact us on **020 7263 5070** or info@blythwoodcommunitynursery.co.uk

Special People:

24/7 support

Special People are a specialist service working with children and adults with special needs. The services they provide are short break service, overnight care, companionship, personal care, behavioural management, live in support, life skills teaching and physiotherapy.

For more information, please contact us on **020 7686 0253** or www.specialpeople.org.uk.

Palace for All:

Monday - Thursday. 12:30pm – 6pm (drop in all day)

Palace for All works with children with special needs and offers drop in play and a range of therapies including speech and language therapy, music therapy, reflexology, cranial osteopathy and social communication.

For more information, please contact us on **020 7561 1689** or www.palaceforall.org.uk

Centre 404:

Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm

Day Opportunities service in order to further promote a person centred vision to empower and enable individuals to lead a life that is truly their own. Each person has their own weekly timetable based on their goals and interests. Inclusion is at the heart of the service. We offer a mixture of community and centre based activities along with having Centre 404 transport available for local service users..

For more information contact, please contact us on **0207 607 8762** or general@centre404.org.uk



CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

We have had a great year at the centre as we look to expand and develop services and activities that are needed. We even won a design award for the building.

As you will see from the report our users and services have increased.

These are a few of the additional activities at the centre:

- Diabetes training
- Parenting Courses
- Bike Appeal
- Antenatal classes

As I write, we have started to become a food bank in response to COVID—19 which we fear will spread. It is a worrying time and it appears to be spreading at an alarming rate,

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fantastic board of trustees who help and support the centre in so many different ways from helping out in the food bank (Anjna) to running online quizzes (Natalie).

A special thanks to my chair (Sally) who goes above and beyond and my second in command Caroline who keeps going and has been fundamental to all our success.

Thank you all so much!!



CHAIR'S REPORT

It's been another amazing year in the life of Hanley Crouch Community Association!

Since we moved into and took on the running of Brickworks in 2018 we have continued to respond to the needs and aspirations of our community and strive to provide quality and affordable services to all our residents.

This year is no different. Our numbers and variety of activities and projects have increased, we continue to look at innovative ways to work with and help our community to not just survive, but to thrive.

Our After School and holiday provision is second to none, and this has been reflected in a marked increase in numbers and partnership work with local schools and other community groups .

Our health and wellbeing strategy is helping both the older members of our community and those new to the area to not only to lead healthier lifestyles but also to reduce isolation and be inclusive for all.

We encourage and support new ventures and initiatives in order to respond to the ever changing landscape of North Islington, providing a safe harbour for all our residents.

Food Poverty and insecurity is a major threat and to this end we help to support our residents by offering food and essentials via our partnerships with Fareshare and Felix Project to help provide much needed and ethically sourced food to our residents.

Digital Poverty is and Energy Poverty are also a concern and we offer practical help, advice and guidance in these areas.

With Post-Brexit and all that it entails looming we are working towards offering a completely inclusive environment and future proofing our residents from the uncertainties we all face.

All of our achievements would not be possible without the support from Islington Council, our stakeholders and our Sponsors and the tireless work of our Staff, Volunteers and Trustees, to whom we are eternally grateful and a special word of thanks to Colin Adams, our Centre Manager who holds it all together.

Sally Sturgeon

Chair of Trustees

Volunteering/Work Placement

As an organisation, without the support of our volunteers, we would not be able to provide a range of services that we currently deliver. So we would like to thank them all for their contribution in keeping our projects going. In the 2019/20 year there were volunteers offering an average of 30 hours per week of unpaid time which, if valued at the London living wage, demonstrates a total contribution of £16,770.

Hanley Crouch has a long tradition of working with volunteers and all the projects we currently run have volunteers working with them. They provide a vital service and many of our volunteers have gone onto full time employment within the project they have worked with or within similar settings.

We also aim to provide work placement students/ volunteers a rewarding and fulfilling experience within our organisation which should equip them with the necessary skills, behaviours and attitudes to progress within their chosen field.

However, I do want to stress that there are a number of different volunteering opportunities such as the Community Café, Afterschool Club and more.... We would meet prior to you starting to determine what you would like to get out of the opportunity and put you on any relevant training that is needed to develop your skills.

Please speak to any member of staff if you are interested in volunteering or email admin@hanleycrouch.org.uk.

Thank you to:

We have had change in staff in some of our services so we would like to thank Beverley McIntosh, Maxine Lewin, Jean Wilson, Nadia Corbin & Emma for all their hard work over the years. They will be truly missed.

Fitness Activities:

Boxercise:

We have a variety fitness activities in the centre.

Boxercise runs every Thursday the classes are based on training methods by boxers. The sessions are fun, challenging and a safe workout which is great for stress busting, accessible to all ages and fitness levels.

Circuit Training:

Classes: Tuesday 7pm and Thursday 7:45pm:

Fun session to improve circulation making your heart pump., improve your endurance, agility , strength and coordination while listening to music.

Postnatal Pilates:

Tuesdays 11am—12pm:

Join Olivia for Post Natal Pilates with your baby. Classes will release your achy back & shoulders, improve your posture and strengthen and tone your abdominal muscles and pelvic floor. Bring your baby and let them sleep, play or watch as you get some exercise and precious 'me time'.

Arsenal Double Club:

Saturdays 10am - 11:30am (Ages: 7yrs to 13 yrs)

Mirroring the two halves of a game of football, the programme combines a 45 minute classroom session, in which Arsenal related educational resources are used, with a 45 minute football coaching session after. The resources are aimed at reluctant learners and those in need of a boost to their studies.

Adamant FC:

Saturdays 9am—10am (Mixed Ages)

Adamant FC is Volunteer - Community based football Club. Was founded to close the gap between academy and grassroots, between rich and poor, between race.

Adamant FC provides quality coaching session, Safe, Fun, Psychological, Physical, tactically and technique, with qualified, experience and updated DBS's.

After School Club:

Mondays—Fridays: 3:30pm—6pm

£11 session £8 concessions (Daily Rate)

We continue to collect from five local schools, St Gildas & St Peters in Chains, Christ the King, Ashmount and Pooles Park.

We've had another busy year with some great workshops and amazing trips such as arts and craft workshops with a specialist volunteer with all the children taking part and having lots of messy fun.

Staff completed the e-safety training and was able to put an e-safety workshop together for the children where they were able to ask questions and give their own suggestions on how to keep safe. Children have enjoyed showing off their cooking skills, making their own pizzas with healthier options of toppings and of course some sweet treats thrown in for fun e.g. Cupcakes & brownies.

Our children's council is still going strong and we now have a junior helper system, this has helped our children address their behaviour and support others with theirs. It also gives them a voice, a voice to make changes and make choices, the children were able to choose their own snack menu and activities they enjoyed the most. The children made a list of golden rules, they thought were appropriate and reasonable to follow.



Holiday Play Scheme:

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 6pm (half terms 9 weeks during the year) £20 per day (additional fees may apply for certain trips & outings, trips and outings are subject to change depending on weather)

We have been lucky enough to be able to provide the children with much more exciting activities than usual while still enjoying the usual activities such as Swimming, Bowling, Kidzone, Iceskating etc... We were kindly donated discount vouchers to be able to offer trips out that were much more affordable for families, such as London Dungeons, Shrek World, quarium, Madame Tussaud's. You can find pictures of our great adventures on our website, you will also see the amazing opportunities our SEN children had to experience in the great outdoors, how wonderful to see their interest grow. We have had a few staff changes such as Emma and Nadia moving on, we thank them for their hard work and wish them all the best for the future. We would also like to thank our new chef Jean for her efforts in providing the menu the children choose and a big thank you to our junior volunteer Raymond who has shown amazing commitment and dedication to the after school club we wish you all the best in your exams.



Under 5's - Stay & Play

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 10am - 12pm

Stay and Play has taken on three new staff over this year, Co-ordinator and two play workers. Stay & Play welcomes parents/carers, child minders and their children with a friendly smile. Due to the closure of the Archway Stay & Play we have had an increase in numbers.

Stay & Play is a place for children to be stimulated and motivated to work and play with a range of activities and equipment's for their development and skills while encouraging them to play with other children.

Through indoor and outdoor play activities we cover:

- Language
- Communication
- Physical
- Personal
- Social
- Emotional

Over the year we have had a range of activities on hygiene - promoting teeth cleaning and oral hygiene. Islington Library have been attending sessions every two weeks to do story time with the children and families are able to take books home to encourage more reading.

Once a week we have a Family Engagement Officer who is offering advice and support to families on a variety of issues. We also provide lots of useful leaflets in breast feeding, hygiene and more.

Every year we arrange a Christmas party for families and their children. With the support of East London Business Alliance, we have been able to provide gifts which always puts a smile on the children's faces.



Older People's Services:

Lunch Group: 1pm – 2:30pm—Fridays

Zumba Gold: 11:30am – 12:30pm—Fridays

Arts & Crafts Group: 11am – 2pm—Fridays



On Fridays we run a lunch group for our over 50's group (Weekenders) which starts at 1pm—3pm. Rose and Jean make a delicious warm and healthy meal with, starter, main and fruit for dessert. Before Lunch if you want to get fit Natalie does an hour Zumba Gold class from 12pm—1pm.

We have been on many trips this year. The groups favourite trips were Tenpin Bowling at Finsbury Park, Reggae Brunch and Sadler's Wells. Not only do we go to see the performances, a lot of our members also take part in some of them too. So far they have learnt Bollywood dancing and Flamenco and have performed it at Sadler's Wells.

Jackson's Lane still continue to run their brunches on a Thursday and we have attended their Black History brunch, Travels of the World, and more. Women's Wise (Jackson's Lane) also provided a workshop which included circus skills, drama and self defence and they performed their new play Stretch which was women sharing stories on their daily life while going to their local community sports centre.



The Tranquil Health & Wellbeing workshops run once a month on a Saturday we have a mixture of activities such as music, dance, speakers on different topics like debt management, scams/ burglaries and health & wellbeing. Refreshments is also provided.



Our Arts & Crafts session has been postponed for the time being due to personal reasons but we would like to thank Carol Myers for her continued voluntary work.

If you would like any further details about this group, please contact Caroline on:

Caroline@hanleycrouch.org.uk

