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Annual Report

April 2022 - March 2023



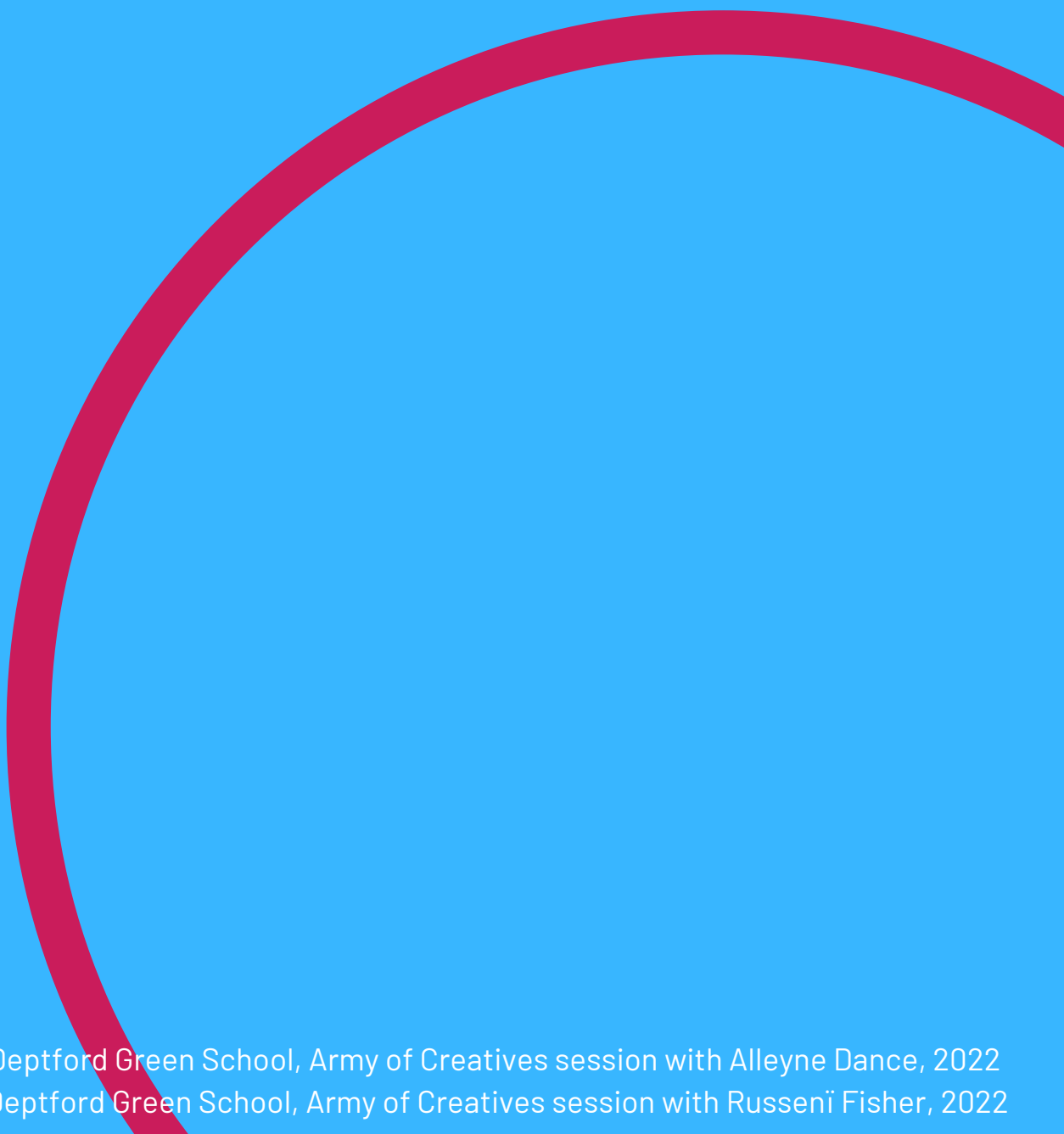
Lewisham Education Arts Network (LEAN)
is a support organisation for those involved in arts
education for children and young people in Lewisham.

**We provide guidance, consultancy, advocacy, brokerage,
information and networking opportunities, and work in partnership.**

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Lewisham Education Arts Network (LEAN)

Chair

Veronica Jobbins MBE

Secretary

Jak Berry (resigned 28 September 2022)

Treasurer

Robin Hughes (appointed 9th February 2023)

Trustees

Alice Chesterman (resigned 9th February 2023)

Bea Denton

Dearbhaile Nairn

Emma Webster

Holly Henry

Jak Berry

James Thomas

Julia Mirkin (appointed 9th February 2023)

Lucy Maycock

Maria Conyard

Robin Hughes (resigned 5th May 2023)

Veronica Sarmiento (appointed 9th February 2023)

Staff

Jane Hendrie : Director (retired April 2023)

Sharon Trotter: Director (appointed April 2023)

Natalie Clarke: Programme Manager

Julia Ravenscroft: Programme Engagement Officer

Cath Monks: Arts Fundraising Development Manager

Stephanie Chung: Finance & Admin Officer

Katherine Perry: Army of Creatives Coordinator

Alex Marshall : Lewisham Live Festival Intern

Volunteers

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Objectives and Activities

LEAN, established in 2000, has much to be proud of in achieving its primary ambition and purpose as an arts and cultural education support organisation, championing arts learning for children and young people across Lewisham through promoting the growth of creative partnership working.

Leading the local cultural education partnership, LEAN initiates alone, and frequently in partnership, an extensive range of projects, services and activities. These empower and inspire our members to collaborate through the development of active networks, brokered support and facilitating collaborative working.

LEAN AGM & Conference - Future Proofing, 9th February 2023

How can we sustain arts and cultural participation for children and young people?

LEAN's major annual event and AGM took place at the Horniman Museum and Gardens with the theme Future Funding and Sustainability.

Keynote Speakers:

- Joe Hallgarten (CEO The Centre for Education and Youth), Hope and Despair: Improving and Transforming Arts Learning in England.
- Jo Paton (Art Fund) spoke about their major project for the year The Wild Escape!
- Amaara Roze (Member of Mayors Cultural Leadership Board and Sounds Like Chaos) spoke about Creativity for Social Action and the Sounds Like Chaos cohort of young artists and change makers, working across a range of creative projects.

Workshops provided the opportunity to explore:

- How Objects and the Arts Provide Practical Ways to Support Arts Engagement (Lucy Maycock/Horniman Museum)
- Keeping the Arts Alive in Schools (Emma Thurston/Headteacher, Deptford Green School),
- Working with Sounds Like Chaos (Aleksa Asme, Indie Max, Amaarah Roze)
- Sustaining the Creative Careers Pipeline (Natalie Clarke/LEAN)

85 people registered to attend and although there was some drop out, the event was very successful with 93% stating that the talks were either relevant or very relevant. The workshops were also highly rated.

London Borough of Culture/ Education Partner

Throughout the year LEAN worked as part of the London Borough of Culture (LBOC) as Education Partner. A major programme was building a network of Cultural Connectors, recruited from 88% of Lewisham schools, early years professionals and child minders, to provide a vital link between the LBOC programme and young people. LEAN sent 29 newsletters to 167 Cultural Connectors during this period containing news and opportunities for schools in the borough to connect with arts projects and arts organisations in Lewisham.

Led by Natalie Clarke (Programme Manager), LEAN also ran a series of events for the Cultural Connectors including at the Migration Museum in May and in December, Looking Forward Looking. This promoted ongoing opportunities and resources available for school use. A meeting held at Catford Library to view new augmented reality equipment and resources; a legacy of their project with Story Trails and LEAN introduced schools to Creative Assembly; one of the leading games studios who run an outreach programme to inspire the next generation of developers.

Creative Careers Programme/Army of Creatives

Throughout April and May 2022, LEAN flooded secondary schools with creative professionals to introduce year 9 pupils to a breadth of creative industries and to celebrate Lewisham residents' contribution to the creative economy.

The 30 creatives involved hold jobs across the creative industries. Each had connections with Lewisham, most were from the Global Majority and together they had over 3000 interactions with young people in 12 secondary schools.

As part of the legacy of the project LEAN has built a selection of downloadable resources, videos and links which young people, families and educators can access highlighting the breadth of careers in the creative industries and the diversity of people who work in them.

They are available on the LEAN website alongside an evaluation of the project.



Workforce Support, Development and Sector Communication

LEAN has continued to support the arts and cultural workforce and those involved in providing creative experiences for children and young people by:

- Communication through our new website, monthly bulletins, targeted newsletters (to arts freelancers and teachers for example), events, meetings and training.
- Supporting 42 people through one to one/small group advice sessions (mostly online) providing bespoke support based on individual need.
- Hosting 10 Arts Freelancer Breakfast Clubs providing networking, support and information sharing for 83 artists and freelancers working with children and young people. These gradually moved from online and returned to in person sociable events as the year progressed. Breakfast Clubs were held at different venues across the borough throughout the year. The spring meeting was held at Lewisham Hospital's Healing Garden and focused on arts and health. The September meeting included a tour of Crofton Park Library's Art Encounters at the Library exhibition curated by Julia Ravenscroft and in November, we celebrated the end of the year at a Congee Pop Up organised in collaboration with F.A.T. Studio.
- In September, LEAN invited schools to hear about Artsmark at a training event organised by A New Direction (AND) and they were encouraged to attend a follow up 1:1 discussion to find out how they could best deliver Artsmark in their settings.
- LEAN has continued to support and keep up to date on current issues in the arts education sector through membership of Participatory Arts London and Lewisham Visual Arts Network which was developed by Deptford X, APT Gallery and Studios, Goldsmiths CCA and LEAN. Julia Ravenscroft (LEAN Programme Engagement Officer) was also a member of the Migration Museum's People's Panel.

Fundraising Successes April 2022 March 2023

We are very pleased to report that LEAN's funding from Lewisham Council's Main Grants Programme was secured for 2022-2025. This is a significant endorsement of the impact of LEAN within the borough.

LEAN has also been funded by Lewisham Council for 3 years to host a Fundraising and Development Manager (Arts) post as part of a new initiative to support the voluntary, sports and art sectors.

An important fundraising success has been an application to Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Teacher Development Fund for Moving Stories: embedding dance and drama in SEND teacher practice. LEAN brought together 2 creative arts organisations: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and Peoplescape Theatre, with 4 SEND schools; Watergate, Brent Knoll, Drumbeat and New Woodlands and the Resource Bases at Athenly and Tidemill Primary School.

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 March 2023

Income and Endowments from:

Donations and legacies	£61,505
Charitable activities	£2850
Investment income	£57
Total income:	£64,412

Expenditure on:

Charitable activities:	£101,995
Total Expenditure:	£101,995
Net Expenditure/Income	£37,583
Net Movement of Funds	£37,583

Reconciliation of Funds

Total funds brought forward from 2022:	£136,610
Total funds brought forward:	£99,027

Jane Hendrie (LEAN Director) Retirement

At the end of this year Jane Hendrie (LEAN Director) announced her retirement after over 20 years at LEAN. The new Director, Sharon Trotter started at the beginning of April 2023. Jane made an exceptional contribution to the organisation, so that it is now a highly respected part of the cultural and education landscape in Lewisham. Always tireless in championing arts, culture and creativity in Lewisham, Jane has supported organisations and many individual artists to provide children and young people with access to extraordinary arts and cultural opportunities.

Jane will be missed by us all. Her deep understanding of Lewisham's many communities, organisations and the arts education sector has been valued by all she has worked with, alongside her pragmatism, generosity and indefatigable sense of humour.

Thank you to our supporters and partners

LEAN would not have been able to deliver this ambitious and impactful programme of work without its partners and supporters: Arts Council England, Deptford Green School, GLA, Goldsmiths, University of London and London Borough of Lewisham.



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