



# TEN

TEN YEARS AT THE OLD LIBRARY  
*twenty years of county youth arts*

Twenty years as a team and 10  
years at The Old Library

Vision and manifesto for the future

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**County Youth Arts, originally part of Nottinghamshire County Council's Youth Service, has developed a unique approach to delivering projects, putting young people at the heart of their work. Now part of Inspire – Culture, Learning and Libraries, CYA continues to grow and adapt to exciting new creative challenges.**

### **CYA Vision**

- Become a leading arts and disability team.
- Make digital arts a key strand of delivery.
- Develop a sustainable dance strategy.
- Continue to be a leading delivery partner for Nottinghamshire Music Hub.
- Develop as a leading regional youth arts hub.
- Promote and share good practice with arts, education and health sectors.
- Attract funding and commissions to deliver more great work.

**"Can all young people make great art?"**

*We think so!*

**"**County Youth Arts is central to our mission to inspire people to read, learn and enjoy culture. With twenty years of great work, we look forward to inspiring the next generation of Nottinghamshire's young people to create and enjoy great art and culture.**"**

**PETER GAW, Chief Executive, Inspire**

**"**During our 20 years we have been privileged enough to work with talented young people who have now become professional artists in their own right.**"**

**ANDY DAWSON, CYA Manager**



## CYA Manifesto

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### **We believe that all young people should have the opportunity to**

- Access high quality arts.
- Explore their own capabilities, strengths and unlock their full potential.
- To make the unimaginable happen.

### **We will:**

- Experiment with and explore new ideas and art forms.

- Set achievable goals with young people and offer routes for progression.
- Provide resources and a safe, positive place with opportunities to develop young people's learning.
- Build self-esteem in young people and challenge stereotypes.
- Adapt and innovate to meet the individual needs of young people involved.



# The Story so far...

In 20 years County Youth Arts has

Worked with over  
**30,000**  
young people



Delivered  
**3,500**  
projects



**50,000**  
people have  
experienced  
our **2,000**  
performances



Employed  
**400**  
artists



raised through  
grants, funds and  
commissions

Won multiple awards  
for work with children  
and young people



Developed numerous  
specialist projects with  
disabled young people.



The Able  
Orchestra  
performed  
live to  
**6,000**  
people at the  
BBC Proms.

In **10 years** the Old  
Library has developed  
into a unique Arts and  
Media Centre offering  
**100's** of projects and  
performance events  
annually.

**We have**

100 seat  
Theatre



Recording  
Studio



Media Suite



Café



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