

The Performing Arts Club St Johns



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1.0 The Performing Arts Club St Johns

The Performing Arts Club St John's (PACS) was established in 2007. PACS is the only community group in Gainsborough that is 'all inclusive' providing performing arts activities to disadvantaged young people and adults. It is also the only community group that delivers "Arts Awards" qualification to young people in the area. Whilst also creating opportunities for members and volunteers to gain leadership qualifications through our mentoring programmes.

PACS Unique Selling Point (USP) is the provision of a fusion of various arts forms to deliver performing arts activities with and for young people to help them gain arts skills in music, dance, drama and stage craft, in one place.

2.0 The following are the mission and vision statements of PACS:

Mission statement

Performing Arts Club St Johns provides performing arts activities in the form of music, dance and drama, to disadvantaged young people, in Gainsborough and surrounding areas. This will help disadvantaged young people to access performing arts activities that they may not otherwise be able to access due to their economic and/or personal situation thereby improving their quality of life.

Vision statement

To provide performing arts activities with and for disadvantaged young people that will give them the opportunity to gain and share new skills and experiences, become more confident and meet new people through arts' participation.

3.0 Our Values

- We will treat people with dignity and respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age. At all times, people's feelings will be valued and respected.
- We value the contribution made by members, volunteers, staff, trustees, statutory and VCS partners. We will use their time and resources responsibly and efficiently.

4. Our Strategy

Through a process of self-review, discussion with statutory bodies, local organisations, club members, our community and our audiences, we have identified the following aims and strategies in pursuit of our mission, vision and values:

4.1 Financial Management

a. To maintain financial stability through an appropriate balance of income from hiring, social events and activities, fund raising, membership fees, show income and grants.

4.2 Working with Others

a. To work with other community providers on appropriate projects, linking our skills and facilities

b. To work with statutory authorities to help deliver core objectives, particularly the health and wellbeing of all local residents

Since we began we have established long lasting partnerships with many community and voluntary sector organisations, some of which are given below...



5.0 To achieve its mission and vision, PACS has the following **Aims and Objectives**:

- Develop artistic skills of beneficiaries whilst enabling them to appreciate all aspects of arts and culture.
- Build individual and community confidence/self-esteem.
- Encourage members of the communities to take part in the activities being offered.
- Provide inclusive access to services and an environment which is friendly, safe and warm.
- Maintain and extend the range of activities offered to the whole sections of the community
- Maintain financial stability for the organisation.
- Work in partnership with local providers to maximise use of limited resources and complement each other's services.
- Work with statutory authorities to help deliver their core objectives.
- Achieve greater effectiveness, efficiency and flexibility by ensuring there is sufficient capacity to deliver the services.

6.0 PACS is committed to providing the best service to the community by observing the following **ethos**:

- We will treat people with dignity and respect regardless of race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age. At all times, people's feelings will be valued and respected.
- We value the contribution made by volunteers, staff, trustees, statutory and VCS partners.
- We will use their time and resources responsibly and efficiently and will sustain trust by operating in an open and responsible manner.

7.0 Services and Activities

a) Performing Arts

PACS holds at least two big performances at a local venue each year - one in May and another in November. Since its inception, the group has produced shows such as Oliver, The Snowqueen, Narnia, Aladdin, Scrooge, Matilda, Enid Blyton's Winter Stories and our very own musical adaptation of 'The Nutcracker' along with many concerts that are always themed across different styles and genres of music, such as; Rock, Variety, Film and TV, Pop and Musicals.

b) Arts Awards qualification

"Arts Awards" is an accredited qualification aimed at developing the arts and media skills of children and young adults aged 13 or above. These are being offered in association with the PACS in-community learning initiative. There are four levels of awards.

Introductory level - Discover and Explore awards

Level 1 - Bronze

Level 2 - Silver

Level 3 - Gold

These courses are running throughout the year and across our locality. The Introductory level is for 8 to 11 years old. Levels 1 to 3 are aimed at anyone aged between 12 and 25 year old. PACS have been able to secure funding to deliver these courses free of charge to beneficiaries. However, the funding has ended and PACS is planning to charge this service from this year onwards.

Level 1, 2 and 3 Arts Leadership Skills is a new programme developed and designed by the Club offering Arts leadership and Creative Skills Courses throughout the year.

We are currently offering Expressive Arts (ASDAN) as part of the Arts Leadership programme, with participant developing their own skills through the provision of Group workshops, being able to lead sessions and understanding the importance of Expressive Arts Therapy techniques.

A Message to all from our Board of Directors

Our work, going forward...

The club continues to plan how our sessions and performances need to adapt, change and evolve as we move further forward and into the realm of our own scripted musicals and working with musicians to support our shows, whilst also ensuring we continue to support our community, our members and our leaders.

This year has been a particularly special year with lots of community. Youth clubs and school engagement through our Arts Award Programme. A growing membership of younger members and some very memorable moments to take away from our shows, performances and events this year.

As we move into 2025, there are plans for a 'Movie Madness' Concert, featuring big hits from big movies from across the years. We are also producing our very own original musical adaptation of 'Disney Villains' telling the stories of five Disney Villains, each one will chosen, produced and scripted by our leaders, with the stories being told through movement, dance and drama which we are very much looking forward to.

If you are interested in learning more about PACS and joining us check out our facebook page: @pacs2018, or simply drop us a direct message to find out more.

We wish everyone well, and look forward to seeing you all again, as we move into a new phase of our club, with growing numbers and some fantastic ideas to take forward.

Kind regards and Best wishes from:

The PACS Board of Directors on behalf of all of our members.

Some of our Board Members with Volunteers



Our Younger Club Members

