

Partner Projects

Feathers Futures Partners with Central School of Speech & Drama Students for an Inspiring Community Theatre Project



Project Overview

In July 2024, Feathers Futures continued its incredible partnership with PrimeYarc and the Central School of Speech and Drama (CSSD) through the Collaborative Outreach (CollOut) module. This ongoing project has been a wonderful opportunity to bring creativity, community spirit, and personal growth to the women involved. Together with CSSD students, ladies from Feathers Futures have participated in transformative theatre workshops designed to uplift, empower, and celebrate women in our community.

The CollOut module is a unique program where second-year CSSD students design and deliver theatre projects in community settings. For the past two years, these students have worked with Feathers Futures to create workshops and performances tailored to the needs of those we support.

Aim

This year's project aimed to celebrate individuality and inclusivity, using creativity for personal expression and growth.

Inspired by Sue Hewlett's "TV Dinners" exhibition, the students created a warm and welcoming space where women could share their stories through songs, drawings, words, and pictures. The project ended with a beautiful performance of friendship, creativity, and a sense of belonging within the Feathers Futures community.

Those Involved

Kindly hosted at PrimeYarc, CSSD students, Feathers Futures staff, participants, and volunteers worked together to make this project successful. The students shared their enthusiasm and passion for theatre, while the women of Feathers Futures brought their stories, creativity, and courage to the workshops.

Outcomes & Impact

This project has made a lasting impact on everyone involved. For the women at Feathers Futures, it provided a safe and encouraging space to express themselves creatively and build confidence. Many participants stepped out of their comfort zones, learning new skills, and feeling a sense of accomplishment by being part of a supportive community.

For the CSSD students, it was a chance to apply their skills in a real-world setting, helping to bring out the best in each participant. The workshops and final performance showcased the power of creativity to connect people and celebrate the diverse stories of women in our community.

Through partnerships like this, Feathers Futures is able to offer even more opportunities for the women we support, and we look forward to continuing this inspiring work in the future.



Here's what some of the CSSD students had to say about their experience:

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"I have had such a wonderful experience working with such an amazing group of women. It has been such a great few weeks, and I can't wait to work with Feathers again soon!" – Fran

"Feathers is a family celebrating women, and I am so honoured to have worked alongside the charity. Jo and the team are kind and inspiring people who have changed so many lives for the better. Thank you for having us; I will be forever grateful." – Annie

"I was so inspired and in awe of the wonderful work that Feathers does for the community. A very clear and wholesome family has been built, which is truly a blessing." – Shae

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with the amazing women at Feathers. I have loved getting to know everyone and seeing the incredible impact that Feathers has within the community. Thank you so much for making us feel so welcome and for being so open to everything we did. It was an amazing experience which I will never forget." – Josie

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Participants and Volunteers also shared their reflections:

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"I really enjoyed doing the CSSD workshops. I learned to open up, put it on paper, but most of all I came out of my comfort zone and read aloud. I'm looking forward to next year and I will do it all over again." – Emma, Feathers Futures participant

"The students brought warmth and encouragement to everything they did. Their enthusiasm was infectious and they got the best out of everyone." – Sara, volunteer with Feathers Futures

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