



# ARTISTS, ARTS ORGANISATIONS & ART THERAPISTS ABLE TO HELP GRENFELL

## WHO WE ARE

We are a large group of diverse artists, art therapists, arts organisations and youth art facilitators who are willing to volunteer over the summer to provide extra support to any summer school or community organisation running events for children and youth affected by Grenfell. We started as a group of artists convened by comedian Mark Thomas at the Bush Theatre in Shepherds Bush the first Sunday after the fire.

## WHAT WE CAN OFFER

We want to build on and complement any summer activities that are planned by local schools and community groups to ensure that every local child and youth in the affected area has free access to facilities throughout the summer, where they can be safe and have a stimulating, creative environment around them, discovering new creative / expressive skills and receiving psycho-social support when needed.

If you are running any provision for local children and youth affected by Grenfell we are happy to support you by providing a pool of artists, art therapists and art facilitators who can come to help you for a one-off session, a day or even a few days.

We have a growing pool of **volunteer artists**: writers and theatre practitioners, musicians, animators, painters and visual artists, radio and pod-cast producers, film makers, stand-up comedians, photographers and many more. The list is growing by the day.

We also have some **arts organisations** who are willing to open their doors – to host special workshops or events – to take children and young people out of their local environment for a day.

We also have links to a wide network of **art therapists** and mental health professionals who are willing to accompany the artists and support any children and young people who need help or for whom difficult experiences are triggered.

The list of offers is continually growing so this brochure outlines only what we have at the point of going to press. The Facebook page [facebook.com/grenfellsommerart/](https://www.facebook.com/grenfellsommerart/) is regularly updated and has a link to a longer document. Here you can get an update on offers of help and request help from artists, art therapists, arts organisations and others connected. We are asking all people involved to confirm they have DBS checks or to seek a DBS check immediately.

# SAMPLE OF ARTIST VOLUNTEERS



## **JAKE WALKER – MUSIC** - [jake@jakewalkermusic.com](mailto:jake@jakewalkermusic.com)

As a community member I volunteered in the immediate aftermath of the Grenfell Tower Fire. My personal background is in the classical music and film industries. I am linked to Grief Encounter, using Memory Making Materials, The Grief Encounter Grief Kits, Books, Toys, Painting, Play, Story Telling, Music Therapy. Possible links to the Royal Ballet, Royal Opera House, London Symphony Orchestra and to Secret Cinema and Luna Cinema.

## **NEIL GRIFFITHS – ARTS EMERGENCY** - [neil@arts-emergency.org](mailto:neil@arts-emergency.org) [www.arts-emergency.org](http://www.arts-emergency.org)

We're a network of nearly 5000 artists/academics/performers/activists and more, with infrastructure and processes for fulfilling requests from schools and young people. The Arts Emergency Service is a national network of volunteers coming together to create privilege for people without privilege. Our student members are all in Further Education, 16-19 years old, and come from diverse backgrounds.

## **TIERNAN DOUIEB + ISABELLE ADAM- COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS** -

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We do stand-up comedy for children aged 6+ and teach children's workshops in doing stand-up comedy. We have 12 years of running shows all over the UK & abroad working with venues such as Royal Albert Hall & Royal Festival Hall.

## **EMILY CRIPPS - JUSTICE AND HEALING FOR GRENFELL – ARTISTS** - [ylimesppirc@outlook.com](mailto:ylimesppirc@outlook.com)

A local resident / artist who has linked with other artists. Emily has two spaces over the summer (just off Crowthorne Rd) and would welcome support

## **SAMIA AHMED + LOCAL ARTISTS** - [samiamalik1000@gmail.com](mailto:samiamalik1000@gmail.com)

Active on the ground since day one as an artist - and with other local artists. Involved in work on murals. Keen for people to come down and engage / support and meet local residents. Needs help with free local printing.

## **MEG PATTERSON – BAC – VISUAL ARTS** - [meghanp@bac.org.uk](mailto:meghanp@bac.org.uk)

Trained in ceramics, photography and illustration, was a visual arts teacher in Chicago and Ghana.

## **WRITERS FOR GRENFELL** Robin Ince: [robin.ince@gmail.com](mailto:robin.ince@gmail.com) – A.L. Kennedy: [1949van@gmail.com](mailto:1949van@gmail.com)

Network of authors who are linked to the Society of Authors and the Royal Society of Literature and can offer readings/workshops with children and young adults.

## **MARK BROWN – ANIMATION** - [mrkbrwn@gmail.com](mailto:mrkbrwn@gmail.com)

I am a VFX Animation Supervisor based in Soho with 20 years' experience working in film and TV and can run an animation workshop / stop motion, possibly for 6/7 years and up. I could also run a story writing workshop. Worked on X Men, Fast and Furious, James Bond, Alien Covenant, Kingsman, Game of Thrones etc

## **POPPIE SKÖLD – FILM-MAKER** - [contact@poppieskold.com](mailto:contact@poppieskold.com) - [www.poppieskold.com](http://www.poppieskold.com)

Introduce moving-image as a form of expression / short film making. I am Filmmaker with 10 years experience working across broadcast TV, online digital and independent cinema. I shoot, edit, direct and produce my own short films and have also worked on projects with Saatchi & Saatchi, the British Fashion Council and Pulse Films.

**SAVANNA WHALEY – YOUTH THEATRE** - [savannahwhaley@gmail.com](mailto:savannahwhaley@gmail.com)

Youth theatre facilitator at the Arcola Theatre working with 11 - 17 year olds, assistant theatre tutor at Clean Break on their Young Women's Programme (working with women aged 17 - 25 who have experience of/been affected by the criminal justice system). Creative writing tutor for 7-11 year olds, Creative English teaching/tutoring with ages 5-18.

**ANNA MYERS – CREATIVE LEARNING / CHILDREN'S THEATRE** - [annamyers0@gmail.com](mailto:annamyers0@gmail.com)

I am a creative producer and project manager of young people's work. For 7 years I worked at the Tricycle Theatre as the Creative Learning Manager where I produced young people's performances, supported them to run the Takeover festival and set up & managed community projects. Producer for a children's theatre working in primary schools.

**JUWON OGUNGBE – MUSIC / SINGING** - [ogunjuvin@yahoo.com](mailto:ogunjuvin@yahoo.com) - [www.juwonogungbe.com](http://www.juwonogungbe.com)

I am a composer, singer, music director and creative learning facilitator. Workshops that could involve singing (I've led several youth choirs), singing theatre (I've worked as a musical director on many youth theatre summer schools) or composition workshops (if there is access to musical instruments for the young people in a school, Church etc.)

**AMANDA RICHARDSON – PHOTOGRAPHY** - [ama.richardson@gmail.com](mailto:ama.richardson@gmail.com)

I am a further education teacher specialising in photography. If you are in need of any supplies please let me know.

**AMANDA KIPLING – DRAMA** - [A.Kipling@gold.ac.uk](mailto:A.Kipling@gold.ac.uk)

I work with drama and healing, assisting young people to create their own theatre and find their own devising processes. I am PGCE Drama Programme Leader, Disability Officer at the Department of Educational Studies, Goldsmiths, a drama teacher with 15 years' experience in secondary school and 10 years in initial teacher education,

**LIZ DILLON AND CLARE O'LEARY – DRAMA, ART THERAPY, YOGA** - [lizdancing@hotmail.com](mailto:lizdancing@hotmail.com)

We both grew up in the area and went to two of the schools closest to Grenfell. Liz: drama and Movement Therapist and Yoga Teacher. Clare: Art Therapist and Artist – was resident art therapist at Oxford Gardens school and the Artistic Director of the carnival float at St Clements School. We offer drama and movement linked with art therapy.

**HASTI SARDASHTI – VISUAL ARTIST / CHILD PSYCHIATRIST** - [sardashti@hotmail.com](mailto:sardashti@hotmail.com)

I am a (mainly) self-taught visual artist and also a trained Child Psychiatrist (MA in Art Therapy at the University of Hertfordshire in 2010) happy to work with any age group either children or adolescents.

**RUBY KEARNEY - DRAMA AND SINGING** - [rbykearney@hotmail.com](mailto:rbykearney@hotmail.com)

I can offer to help run drama and singing workshops. I worked as an assistant performing arts workshop leader at Redbridge Drama Centre. I worked with ages 4 to 14 in my past job, however I have also assisted the year 11 and 12 classes in the run up to their drama exams at my school so have had some experience with 15 to 17 year olds.

**MIIA LAINE - SOAS RADIO - RADIO AND PODCAST PRODUCTION** - [info@soasradio.org](mailto:info@soasradio.org) - [www.soasradio.org](http://www.soasradio.org)

I would be happy to run a radio course and Podcast production workshop - maybe over a few days, participants (small group preferable, up to 8) can choose topics that they would want to make a radio piece about, then we practice making recordings and interviewing people, write a script together, go out and record with our recorders or in our recording studio and edit something together, can be published on the SOAS radio website and soundcloud.

**DR SYLVAN BAKER – DRAMA WORKSHOPS** - [sylvan.baker@cssd.ac.uk](mailto:sylvan.baker@cssd.ac.uk)

I can offer fun respite drama workshops. I am an applied Theatre practitioner and lecturer at Central School of Speech and drama.

**NATASHA CROOK – DRAMATHERAPIST** - [natashadramatherapy@gmail.com](mailto:natashadramatherapy@gmail.com)

I am a freelance HCPC registered drama-therapist with experience working with children who have experienced trauma and bereavement. I have an enhanced DBS

**SALLY BEADLE – CRAZY BANANAS CLOWN** - [crazybananas.clown@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crazybananas.clown@hotmail.co.uk)

My skills include Balloon twisting, Basic circus skills, Clowning, Crazy bikes. 12 years entertaining and volunteering

**EMMA SKINMORE – CRAFT ACTIVITIES** - [emma.skinmore@gmail.com](mailto:emma.skinmore@gmail.com)

I can run craft activities -crochet, soft toy making, clothing customisation, community quilt and blankets etc. I work with Hammersmith & Fulham Schools and Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood.

**KIDS ON THE GREEN** - Georgia Langley - [g.langley@rocketmail.com](mailto:g.langley@rocketmail.com)

Kids on the Green are working out of the Edward Woods Community Centre, delivering our activities a short walk away on a green where we currently have a small marquee. We have been running most days since the fire and provide food, drink, arts and crafts, circus skills, sports and a whole host of other weird and wonderful things depending on who decides to volunteer.

## ARTS ORGANISATIONS WHO CAN HOST VISITS

**BUSH THEATRE** - Amanda Castro - [amandacastro@bushtheatre.co.uk](mailto:amandacastro@bushtheatre.co.uk)

The Bush in Shepherds Bush has a week's worth of space available from 7th-12th August for organisations, therapists and artists working with affected families. If you want to find out more book space contact Amanda.

**BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE** - Meg Peterson - email: [meghanp@bac.org.uk](mailto:meghanp@bac.org.uk)

BAC have a Family Saturday event for young children and families every month along with other links to potential residentials outside of London (next one is July 29th – contact Meg for details)

**LYRIC THEATRE - HAMMERSMITH**

The Lyric Theatre will also be offering some spaces on their summer course for youth affected by Grenfell.

**NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE** - [Sophie.George-Moore@nyt.org.uk](mailto:Sophie.George-Moore@nyt.org.uk)

NYT is looking to organise visits / events for Grenfell children and youth over the summer. Further information soon.

## ART THERAPISTS

**GRENFELL HOPE PROJECT** - Spring Khalo and colleagues - [grenfellhopeproject@gmail.com](mailto:grenfellhopeproject@gmail.com)

Playing a leading role in the mental health response – with a large network of art therapists / mental health professionals on the ground around Grenfell who will be willing to help with artists supporting summer activities.

**GRENFELL COMMUNITY ART THERAPY TRUST** - Susan Rudnik - [s.rudnik@gold.ac.uk](mailto:s.rudnik@gold.ac.uk) or 07932 054 834

GCATT is a network of qualified art therapists lead by Susan Rudnik a local resident of the Henry Dickens Estate, art therapist and university lecturer. Referrals can be made directly by parents, careers, young people and professionals via the number or email below. Art Therapy Spaces have been set up around the borough and have been running since day one with consistent therapists. All the Art Therapists are qualified well known to the community and DBS checked. This service is community led and networked with other services to ensure safe and consistent delivery. Over summer – Henry Dickens 12 – 3 Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Al Manaar Saturdays 2 – 4, Venture Centre Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is space for individual or group work as needed times may vary.

**GRIEF ENCOUNTER** – network of therapists – lead contact is Hannah Abrahams – [hannahabrahamsep@gmail.com](mailto:hannahabrahamsep@gmail.com)

I am a teacher and an educational and Child Psychologist. I used to teach at St Clement and St James school in Kensington. I can offer support in terms of art and creative work and being mindful of the children current needs.

## KEY FACILITATORS OF THIS INITIATIVE

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