

# ARTS EMERGENCY

## Our mission

We open doors by connecting underrepresented young people to each other and to creative professionals within communities of care based on shared values, interests, and practice. Through the transformative power of this mutual support, young people access and thrive in creativity and culture.

## Our unique approach

- We build solidarity for young people from diverse artforms, disciplines, and identities, who are experiencing common challenges
- We meet young people where they are and address their intersecting needs
- We are committed to supporting young people over the long haul
- Young people's voices are at the heart of what we do and how we work
- We are a grassroots movement powered by a spirit of mutual aid

### Connect

Young people build connections to support their creative ambitions

- Stronger connections with like-minded peers
- Stronger connections with creative professionals who can open doors
- Greater sense of belonging as part of a creative community

## What we do

### Young Community

A national community of 1,800+ young people aged 16-25 that fosters creative connections and development through a year-round programme of in-person events, online engagement, and wider opportunities

### Mentoring

A year-long mentoring programme supporting 300 young people aged 16-18 each year to make decisions and take steps toward their creative ambitions as they move beyond compulsory education

### Youth Collective

A representative group of 12 young people who provide leadership for the Young Community, ensuring that young people's views and voices are at the heart of everything we do

### Empower

Young people are empowered to pursue their creative ambitions

- Clearer sense of creative purpose and direction
- Greater sense of validation in their creative strengths, ideas, and ambitions
- Greater self-confidence that they can achieve their creative ambitions

### Develop

Young people develop the knowledge and skills to achieve their creative ambitions

- Improved knowledge of creative pathways and destinations
- Better understanding of how the creative industries work in practice
- Soft skills to navigate their individual creative journeys

The future is a place where young people face no closed doors to creativity and the creative industries.