

The Mighty Creatives respond to Covid-19 with bursaries for young people

The Mighty Creatives have launched emergency funds to support children and young people to develop creative solutions and support entrepreneurial young arts leaders

6th July 2020, Leicester, UK – The Mighty Creatives, the leading cultural education charity in the East Midlands, has launched the Youth Cultural Life Fund 2020. Designed for children and young people aged 14-21, The Mighty Creatives will award 70 bursaries up until March 2021. These bursaries will empower children and young people across the East Midlands to reflect on Covid-19 and apply their creative skills to make positive social changes in their communities.

The purpose of the bursaries, awarded to young people across the East Midlands, is to support the next generation of young creatives and to empower young people to find and share their creative voices. The types of projects supported by this funding range from online youth-led workshops and creative packages in their communities to collaborative murals and more. The young people will also have the option to gain a bronze level [Arts Award](#) qualification through the process and will be supported by a Creative Coach from The Mighty Creatives.

The first round of bursaries for the Youth Cultural Life Fund have been distributed to 17 young people, while the full 70 will be awarded between now and March 2021. If you are a young person who is interested in applying for The Mighty Creatives' Youth Cultural Life Fund, keep visiting the charity's [website](#) for future updates.

Nick Owen, CEO at The Mighty Creatives, comments:

“Our mission at The Mighty Creatives is to fight for the creative voices of children and young people – and the impact of Covid-19 has made this fight evermore crucial.

We're delighted to have launched our Youth Cultural Life Fund, specifically dedicated to empowering children and young people aged between 14 and 21 to make a positive change during these challenging times, while ensuring that the most vulnerable young people are not left behind.”

The Youth Cultural Life Fund is part of the charity's wider Covid-19 support package, which also offers Sector Support Grants for cultural sector organisations, to ensure they can continue to support vulnerable young people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Of a request totalling over £180,000, The Mighty Creatives has invested £7,000 to date into the Youth Cultural Life Fund (£25,000 will be donated across the whole programme) and over £36,000

into the Sector Support Grants. These programmes have been created as part of a long-term ambition and will be developed in the future to ensure longevity.

The Mighty Creatives have also developed a range of support packages for children and young people, and the cultural sector, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, including our [Mighty Hub of Creativity](#) – a centralised hub of free creative resources and activities to empower young people to celebrate creativity at home.

The Mighty Creatives Covid-19 support package, including the Youth Cultural Life Fund, has been made possible through funding by Arts Council England.

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About The Mighty Creatives

Established in 2009, [The Mighty Creatives](#) is a charity which has transformed the lives of children and young people through arts, culture and creativity. Based at the heart of the cultural quarter in Leicester, our beneficiaries are children and young people from birth to 30 years old across the East Midlands.

We work in partnership with children and young people, key funders and sector partners to champion, develop, deliver and grow:

- services that can be scaled up, demonstrate reach and result in significant and measurable cultural and social impacts
- inspiring opportunities for children and young people to engage with arts and culture
- investment in children and young people's own creative skills, knowledge and practice
- capacity in the cultural and education sectors to support the infrastructure of the region
- programmes of cultural and creative education regionally, nationally and internationally
- models of practice which ensure that the creative voices of children and young people are at the heart of all our programmes.

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