**Funding boost for cultural diversity arts project in Leicester**

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**A music and arts project to celebrate cultural diversity in Leicester will begin this Easter – all thanks to a recent funding boost.**

Cultural education charity, The Mighty Creatives, has awarded Cosmopolitan Arts £7,500 from its ‘Creative Communities Fund’ to deliver a changemaking arts project for children in need in the inner-city area of Highfields, Leicester.

Song writing and music composition workshops where young people from disadvantaged backgrounds can share their experiences of multiculturalism and climate change will be part of the programme, set to run from April to July.

**Amanda Leandro, director of Cosmopolitan Arts said:** *“We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant so that we can continue to work with children in need in Leicester.*

*This project is about giving them opportunities for positive engagement in creative activity – something they have not had during Covid. The young people will work with professional musicians and artists to create inspiring pieces of music and artwork around the main themes, before showcasing their efforts at various events including the Cosmopolitan Arts Festival in April and the Jazz Festival in July.*

*There will be huge benefits on their mental health and wellbeing as a result of our work, and they even have the chance to gain an Arts Award too.”*

**Hannaa Hamdache, Creative Communities Manager at The Mighty Creatives, said:** *“Our Creative Communities Fund has gone directly to grassroots arts and culture organisations in the East Midlands so that they can provide much-needed creative programmes in their local areas for children most at risk of being left behind or unsupported due to Covid.*

*“The cultural education sector has been hugely affected over the last two years and with many activities having been stopped or postponed, children in need are the ones who have been most impacted.*

*“We’re very excited to see the impact of our financial boost, and the outcomes that this important project will have on young people in Leicester.”*

For more information on The Mighty Creatives visit: [www.themightycreatives.com](http://www.themightycreatives.com)

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**About The Mighty Creatives**

Established in 2009, [The Mighty Creatives](http://www.themightycreatives.com/) is a charity which transforms the lives of children and young people in need 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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