



CREATIVE



Project scrapbook 2023/2024

# PERFORM TRANSFORM

BEEE Creative in partnership with:



# ABOUT PERFORM TRANSFORM

## INTRODUCTION

This project was an opportunity for communities, artists and museums to co-create new installations or exhibitions.

The starting point was to explore the topic of "transformation" and the rapid changes in local towns, but evolved in collaboration with communities, to present ideas and experiences important to them about where they live.



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was made possible  
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Heritage Fund



## WHO WAS IT FOR?

BEEE Creative worked with local people who shared the stories and experiences of living in their town (Watford, Stevenage, Hitchin, Letchworth and Royston). The project included arts, dance, storytelling and technology, to engage and interpret heritage themes.

# WHAT DID THE PROJECT OFFER?

BEEE Creative hoped to strengthen connections with local community groups, by offering a range of activities for people to take part in in their local town. In doing so, we were able to support people getting involved in PERFORM TRANSFORM.

## Outreach workshops

Five dance and arts/media workshops each with 10 local community groups/partner organisations.

## Meet the Maker workshops

Introductory dance and arts/media workshops, at the museums and online, to give a taster of activities and to make a connection to the lead artists.

## Open Make workshops

Three workshops at each museum or online, to share experiences of living in the towns and collaboratively create movement and art/media.



# THE FINAL STAGE

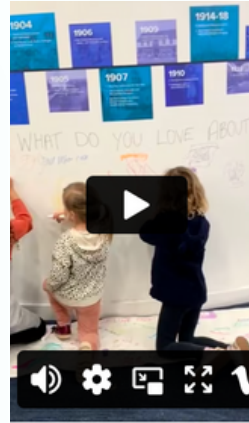
## Residencies at Museums

The artists spent five days working at each museum with their local community group. Together they responded to museum collections and spaces, shared stories and through a series of dance and arts activities, co-created content for a final exhibition.

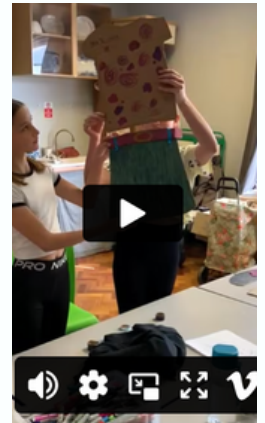
## Installations at Museums

Each group curated a final exhibition at their museum for the general public to visit. Each exhibition celebrated the town and its unique community spirit, as seen through the eyes of PERFORM TRANSFORM participants.

## Behind the scenes films (click images to view)



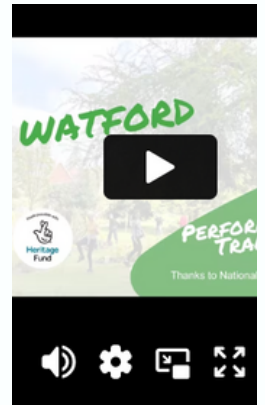
Letchworth



Stevenage



Royston



Watford



Hitchin

# ORAL HISTORIES

The University of Hertfordshire collected oral histories from local residents, curating them into four podcasts. These include:

**Personal Histories:** An assortment of vivid personal stories of project towns, stretching back across the decades.

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**Housing Developments:** What are the challenges of expanded housing in the project towns?

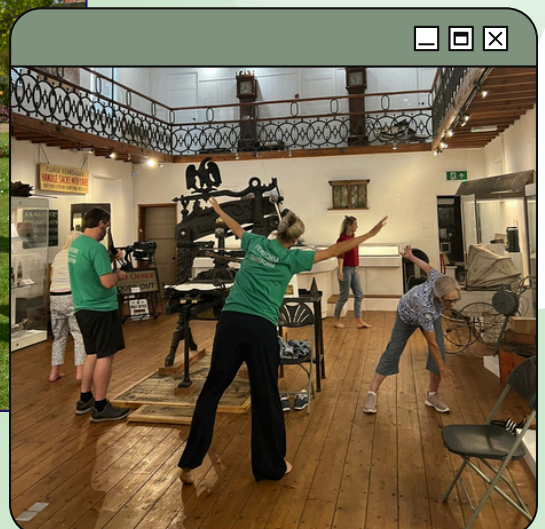
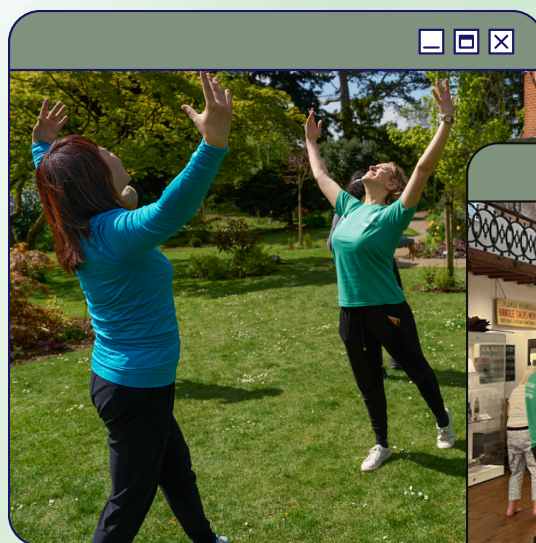
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**Pandemic:** Coping with Covid in the project towns.

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**Community Identity:** Multiple views of the project towns on the preservation and development of community identity into present day.

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# MEET THE TEAM



Alison  
Gibb

Art/Poetry



Anji  
Archer

Visual Arts



Carrie  
Washington

BEEE Creative  
Admin Team



Diana  
Oliveira

BEEE Creative  
Intern, Admin Team



Elaine  
Thomas

Dance



Hannah  
Delaney

BEEE Creative  
Admin Team



Jane  
Turner

Dance



Kasia  
Truefitt

Dance



Katie  
Williamson

BEEE Creative  
Trainee, Admin Team



Laura  
Horn

Dance



Maga  
Judd

Dance



Rob  
Finlay

Film



Sam  
Ivin

Photography

**CHRISTOPHER  
HUNT**

Technologist

**MIRANDA  
QUINNEY**

Storyteller

**SIMON  
RICHARDSON**

Photographer

**KIRSTEN  
HUTTON**

Evaluator

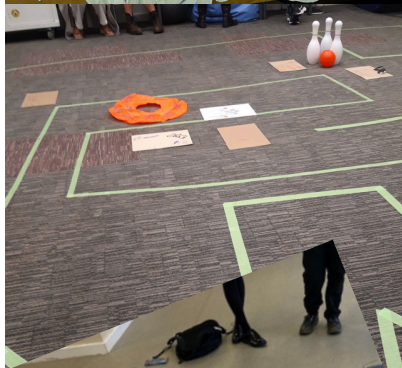
# OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

## THANKS TO:

- ARCHERS COURT
- BARNWELL SCHOOL
- BLACKETT-ORD COURT HOUSING
- CHESLYN HOUSE AND GARDENS
- JUNCTION 7 CREATIVES
- MACFADYEN WEBB HOUSE (FIRST GARDEN CITIES HOMES)
- MIND IN MID HERTS
- RENNIE GROVE PEACE HOSPICE CARE
- NORTH HERTS COLLEGE
- SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES
- WEST HERTS COLLEGE
- WILBURY COMMUNITY CAFE

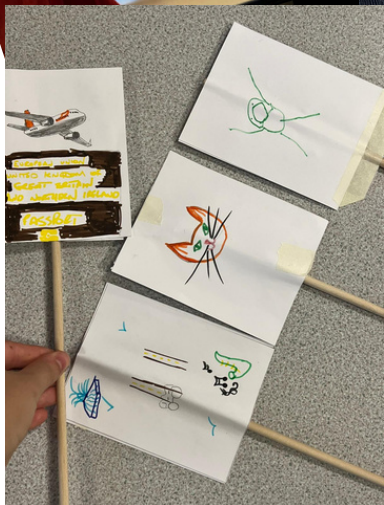
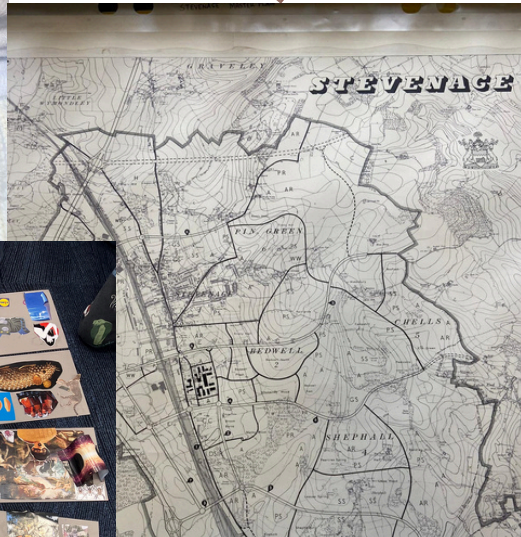
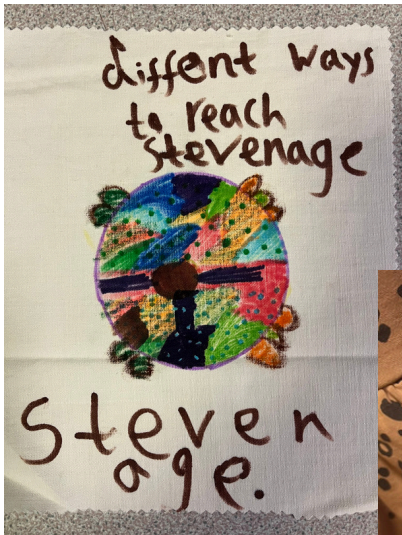


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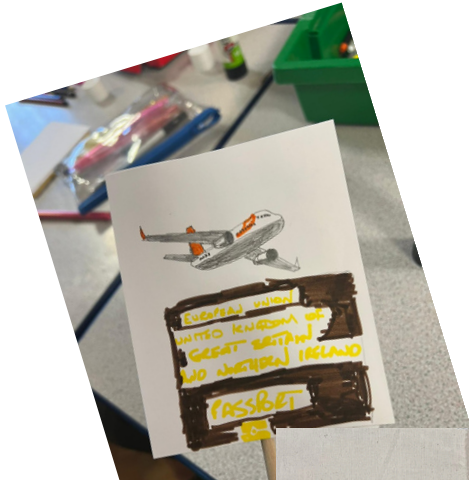




# OPEN MAKE WORKSHOPS AT THE MUSEUMS



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# RESIDENCY AT LETCWORTH MUSEUM



**“  
GLAD WE CAME  
AND  
PARTICIPATED  
LOVELY TEAM &  
PEOPLE**

**”**



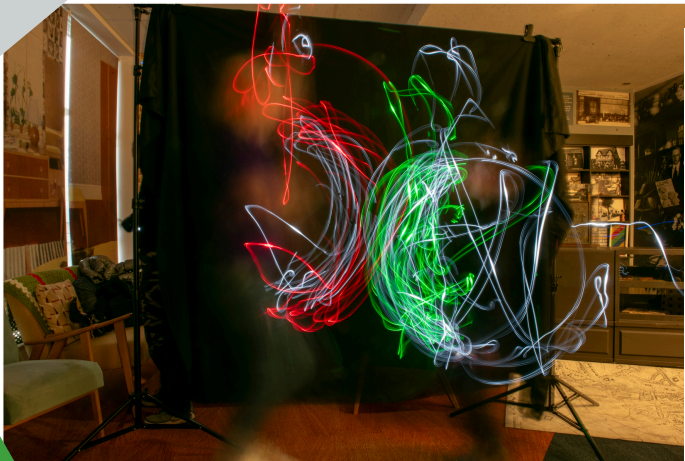
**“  
INSPIRED!  
CREATIVE  
HAPPY  
POSITIVE**

**”**

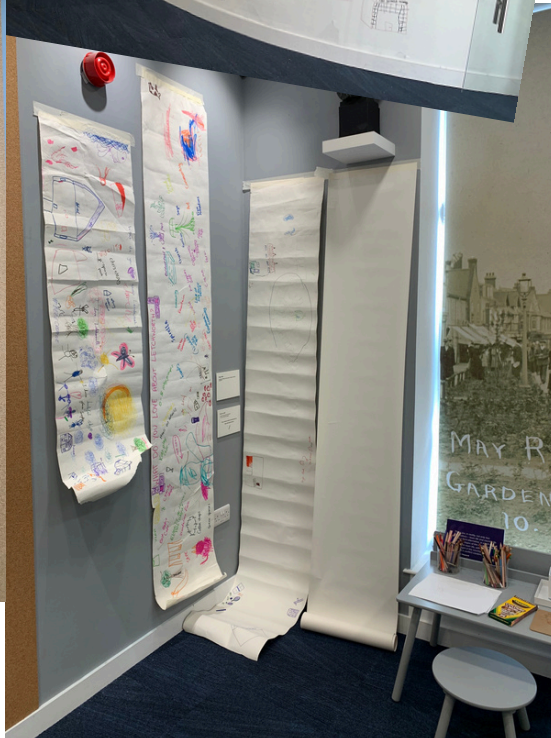
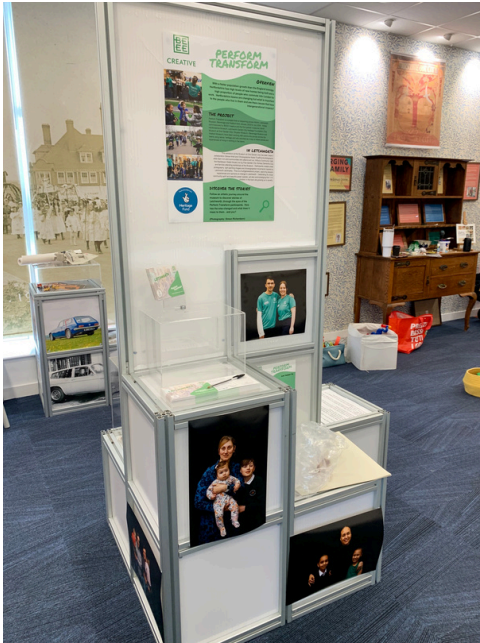
# PERFORM TRANSFORM

**“  
KNOWLEDGE ON  
LETCWORTH HAS  
INCREASED**

**”**



# INSTALLATION AT LETCWORTH MUSEUM



# RESIDENCY AT NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE MUSEUM

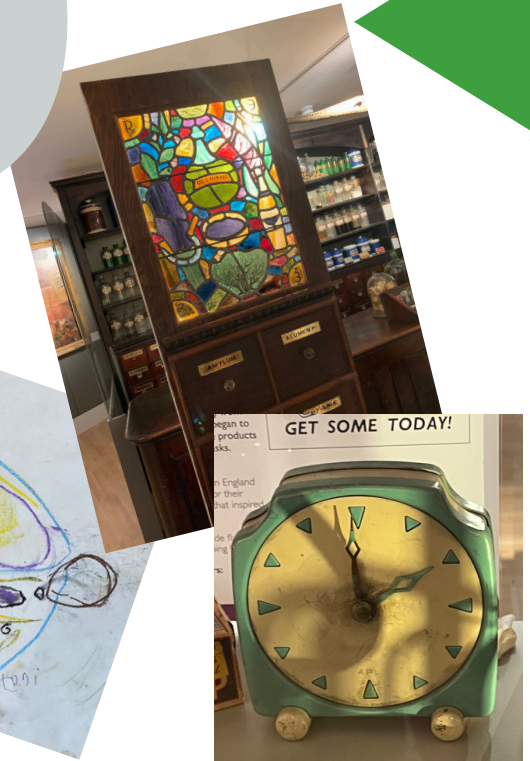


Artists allocated  
Alison Gibb & Elaine Thomas

“  
LIVELY  
FRIENDLY  
BUSY  
”

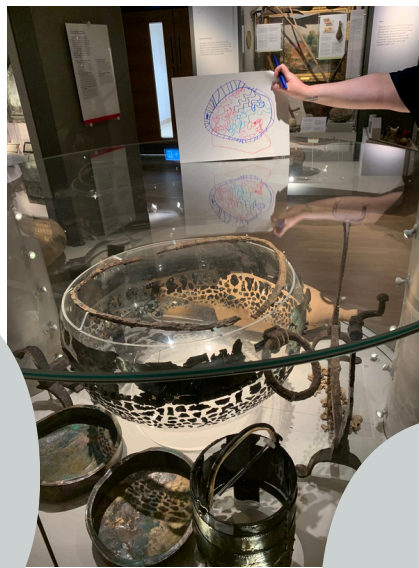


“  
I HAVE GAINED A  
LOT FROM THIS  
EXPERIENCE  
”



# PERFORM TRANSFORM

“  
ENERGETIC WITH  
COLOUR & FUN  
DRAWING WITH  
POETRY  
”



“  
MORE  
CONFIDENT  
BEGINNING TO  
UNDERSTAND  
ABSTRACT ART  
”



# WHAT DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

“  
DANCING  
&  
SHOWING MY  
MOVES  
”



“  
DOING PICTURES  
ON THE FLOOR  
”

“  
THE SLOW  
MOVEMENTS &  
FEELING  
RELAXES &  
CALM  
”

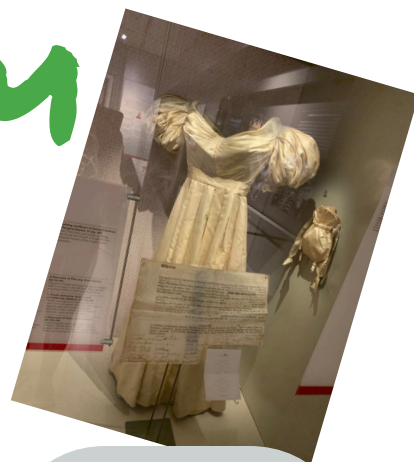


“  
LOOKING AT  
OLD THINGS &  
NEW THINGS  
”



# PERFORM TRANSFORM

# WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?



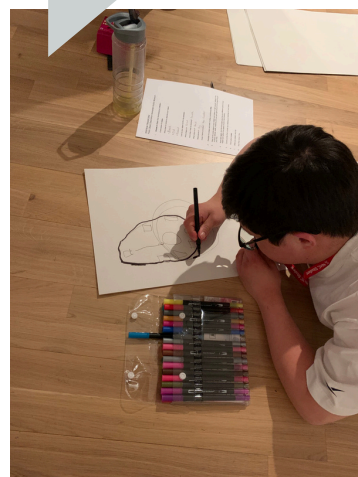
“  
NEW STYLE OF  
DANCE  
”

“  
ART &  
DRAWING  
TOGETHER  
”

“  
MORE  
EXPRESSIVE  
DANCE - A LITTLE  
BIT WEIRD  
”



“  
GIVING  
EVERYTHING A  
GO  
”







# INSTALLATION AT NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE MUSEUM



# RESIDENCY AT ROYSTON MUSEUM

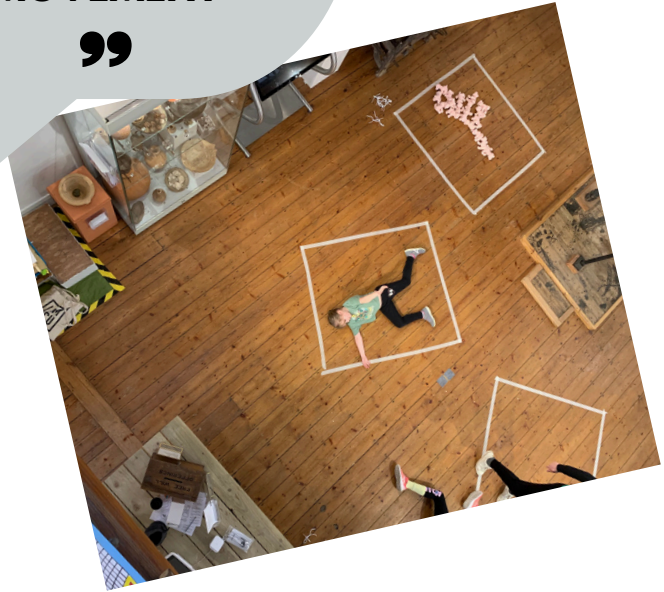


Artists allocated:  
Rob Finlay & Jane Turner

“  
GOOD FOR  
BODY  
MOVEMENT  
”



“  
I LIKED ACTING  
OUT MOVES  
WHILST GETTING  
FILMED AND  
DANCING IN  
MOVEMENT  
”



# PERFORM TRANSFORM

“  
GREAT MIXTURE  
OF AGES  
INVOLVED  
”



“  
I ENJOYED THE  
MOVEMENT AND  
CREATIVITY OF  
OTHERS  
”

“  
THE PINK PIGS  
ARE GREAT THEY  
GOT US  
CONNECTING  
”



“  
I LIKED THE  
PROJECT AND  
ALSO LOVED THE  
PIGS  
”



# RESIDENCY AT STEVENAGE MUSEUM



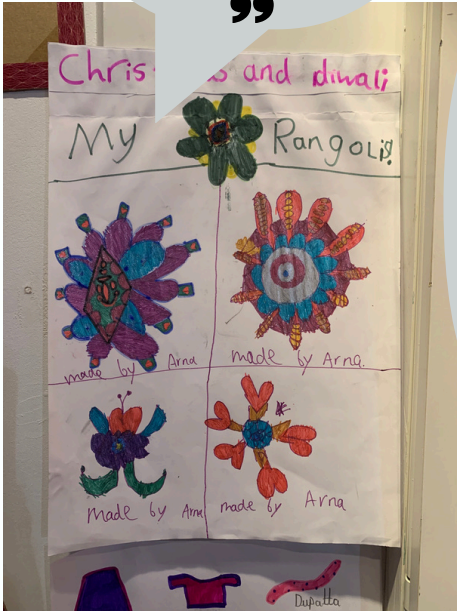
Artists created by:  
Maga Lucid & Siji Archel

“  
COLOURFUL  
EXPERIENCE  
FULL  
OF  
FUN  
”

## PARTICIPANTS

“  
TODAY I HAD  
SO MUCH  
FUN THE ART  
AND THE  
MOVES IT  
WAS THE  
BEST DAY  
AND I HAD  
THE BEST  
TIME  
”

“  
TODAY I FELT  
EXCITED,  
HAPPY AND  
CHEERFUL. I  
MADE MY  
FAVOURITE  
DRESS. I  
LOVE MY  
LENGHA  
”



## PERFORM TRANSFORM

“  
I CAN SEE THE  
PROGRESSION  
OF WHAT IS  
GOING ON. I  
FOUND THE  
PRINTING ON  
SHIRTS A  
GOOD  
LEARNING  
EXPERINCE  
”

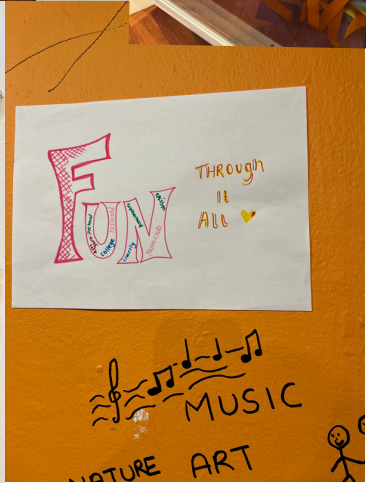
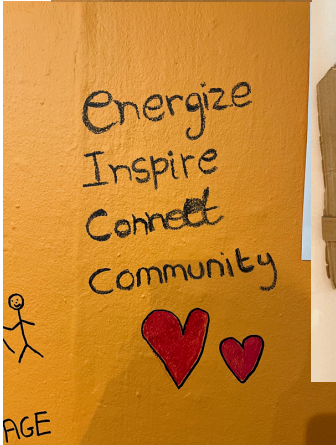
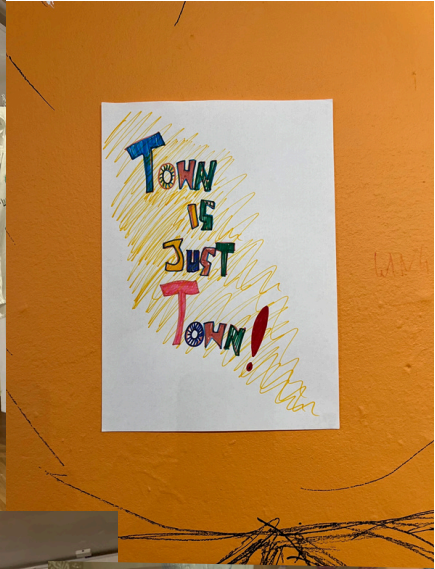


“  
I THINK TODAY  
IS GREAT AS  
THERE IS ART  
AND DANCE.  
TODAY I FEEL  
GREAT  
”

“  
LOVE THE DANCE  
WITH HOOPS  
AND THE TEAM  
WORK  
INVOLVED  
”



# INSTALLATION AT STEVENAGE MUSEUM





# RESIDENCY AT WATFORD MUSEUM



Artists allocated:  
Maga Judd & Anji Archer



66  
LOVELY  
INSPIRATIONS  
FROM THE  
BEAUTIFUL  
SURROUNDINGS  
99



66  
THERAPEUTIC  
EFFECT OF  
GETTING LOST  
IN THE  
ACTIVITIES  
99



66  
AN OASIS OF  
CALM  
99



66  
CALM & RELAX  
99

# PERFORM TRANSFORM

66  
CREATIVE  
PRINTING  
REALLY  
ENJOYABLE  
99

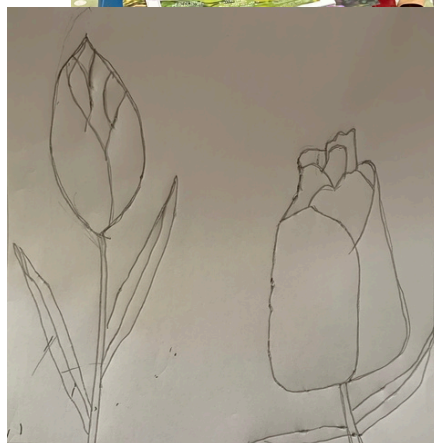


66  
FELT HAPPY  
BEING PART OF  
SUCH A  
CREATIVE EVENT  
99



66  
INDOOR  
SEATED  
MOVEMENT  
SUPRISINGLY  
LIBERATING  
99

66  
SO NICE  
MEETING  
PEOPLE WHO  
WERE SO  
POSITIVE AND  
WELCOMING  
99





Watford Museum

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THANK YOU!

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