

# *inspiring creativity*

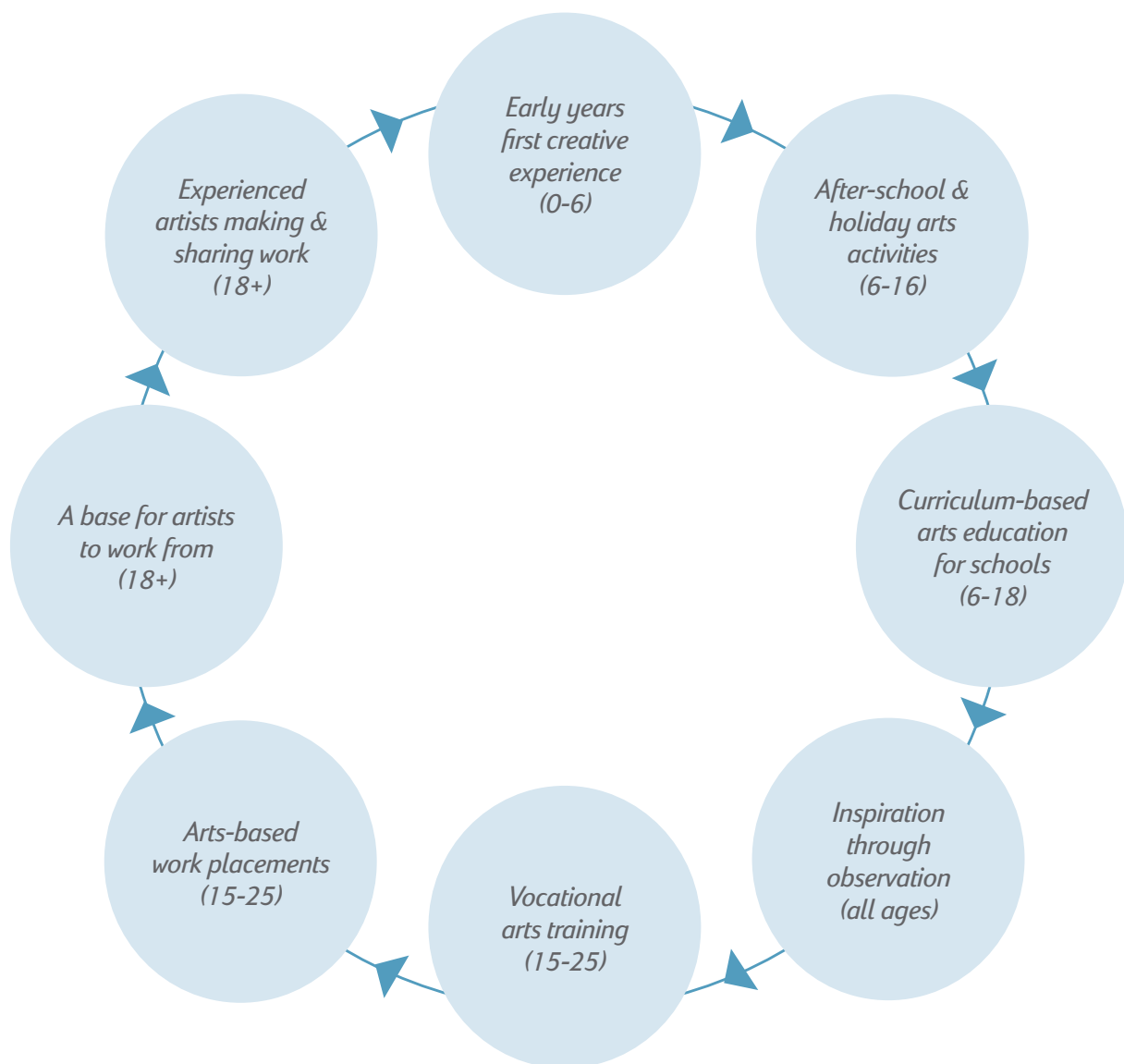


*"Z-arts is my kind of thing. I could be in a world of my own where I could imagine it then put it on paper. I would go a million times if I could."*



# Creative pathways

Z-arts supports everyone who joins in on their creative journey through life.





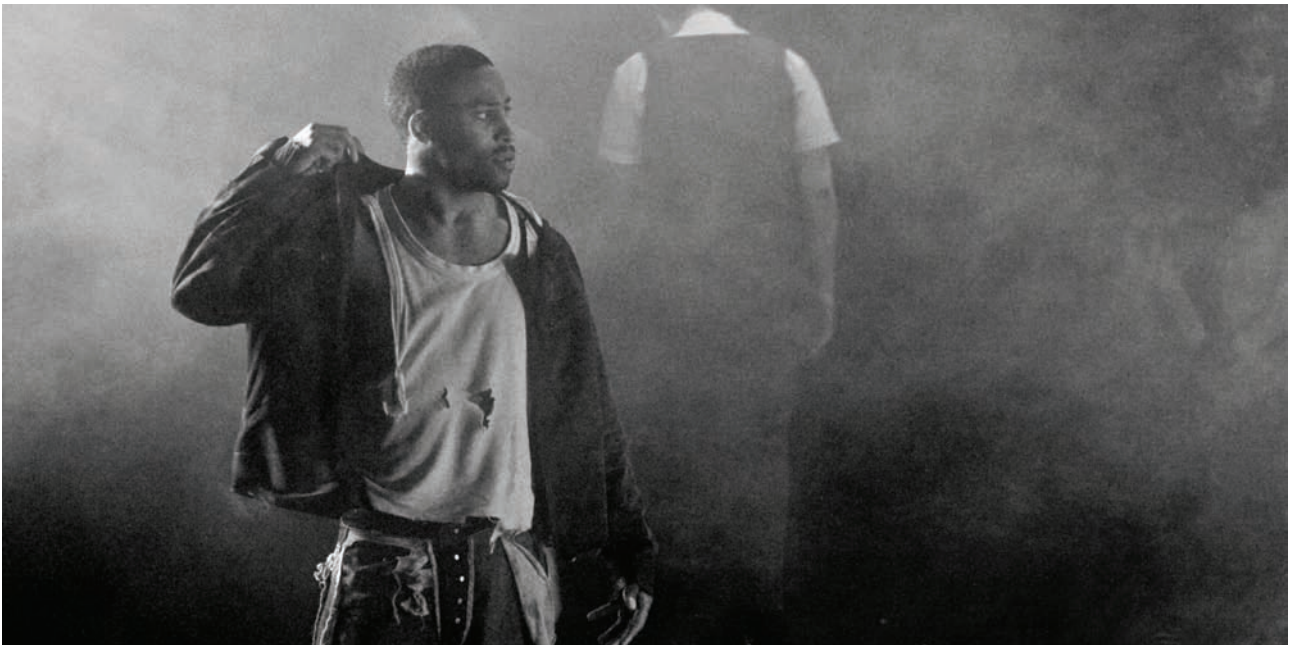
# Our mission

To inspire and enable generations of young people from across Manchester and beyond to use creativity to reach their potential.

*“If I wasn’t coming here and performing every month I’d be out on the streets and so would all the other people who come here. It’s so rewarding.”*

- Footfall in the Centre has increased by 88%
- Reach across and beyond Greater Manchester has increased by 150%

*“Over the 2 years I’ve been here I’ve developed so much as a person, and if we hadn’t got the funding to perform on stage I would not have the confidence I have today, and that is being truthful.”*



# Z-arts programme partners

As well as children's theatre you'll find a wide range of other performances to watch, courtesy of our resident programme partners:



Contemporary performance from Manchester's green room programmers

*"Great combination of new and established work, really impressed with the format of the night & venue."*



Dance Initiative Greater Manchester are working with Z-arts to provide a programme of dance for Manchester.



Z-arts work with Sustained Theatre Up North to programme and support culturally diverse theatre makers.



Early years  
first creative  
experience  
(0-6)

# Manchester's venue for children and families

*"I have always felt as if I had a second home, a place to laugh and express myself!"*

Participant

*"We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves on Friday, and the children were amazed by the performance in the afternoon- it was brilliant! It was a really magical experience for them and we would definitely come back to see another production of this type at Z-arts."*

Teacher



## Case study

Fiona Murray (Metropolitan Division, Greater Manchester Police) says

*“A girl attended the Summer Fashion project and she was referred because of concerns for her anti-social behaviour and aggression. Her behaviour in and out of school was concerning the community and when examining her needs we found that this girl’s home responsibilities were extremely demanding and reducing time that she could spend on herself.*

*“As a result of the summer fashion project this girl who now appears more like a young woman has excelled in confidence. She has clear ambitions about wanting to attend college next year, and has shown her fashion portfolio to her school. Both the school and the local police have been really impressed with her behaviour and increased self-esteem and we recognise that Z-arts provided a relevant opportunity at a key time in her life. As a result she is now engaging in further opportunities to develop herself.”*

*“He has become more talkative over the summer; usually he does not really talk to me that much, but every time he comes home from this place he is always telling me about what he has done and so we talk more about everything.”* Parent

*“Z- arts is such a relaxed and fun place to go. You make so many good friends and you get to do a massive performance at the end which is so exciting and fun. There is not much else around so I’m glad I found Z!”* Child

**Z-arts delivers 25 different arts activities a week**



Curriculum-based  
arts education  
for schools  
(6-18)

# Education

In 2011 Z-arts worked with over 50 schools, delivering 73 unique educational interventions, including Arts Week and Schools Linking Days where children have fun taking part in lots of different arts activities, sharing and learning together.

*“Working with Z-arts has enhanced the pupils’ work, impressed senior management in school and has had a positive impact on our pupils who don’t get the chance to work with talented artists because of their social and behavioural issues.”*

Bev Davidson, Inclusion Manager,  
Manchester Federation of EBSD Schools

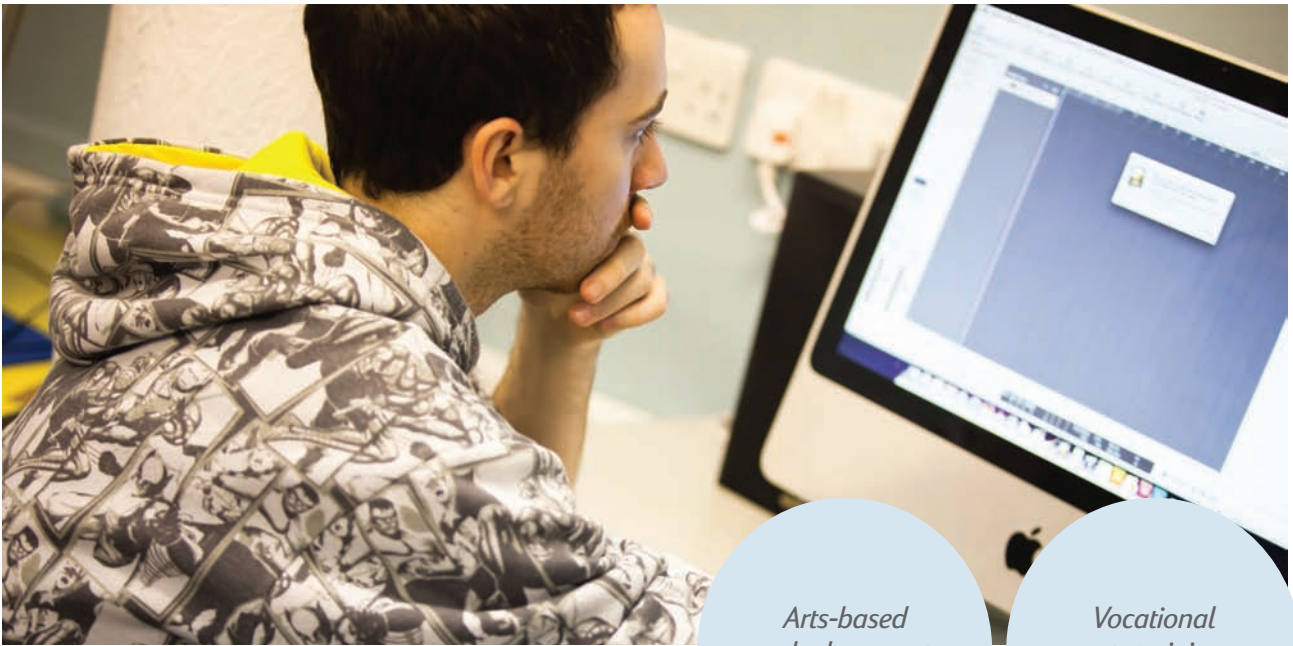
*“For the MC classes we chose a group of boys with challenging behaviour and low self esteem. They improved in behaviour, self esteem and their English SATS”* Deputy Head, Heald Place Primary School

Digitally connected: broadcast quality internet / free mega bandwidth wifi.

**Apple Mac Regional Training Centre:** delivering courses in garageband, photoshop, podcasting, comic life, stop motion animation.

**Arts Award Centre:** In 2011 Z-arts gave out 80 Arts Awards including Discover and Explore for 7-11 year olds.

**Artsmark:** Z-arts work with schools to gain their excellence in creativity kitemark.



*Arts-based  
work placements  
(15-25)*

*Vocational  
arts training  
(15-25)*

# Developing a young workforce

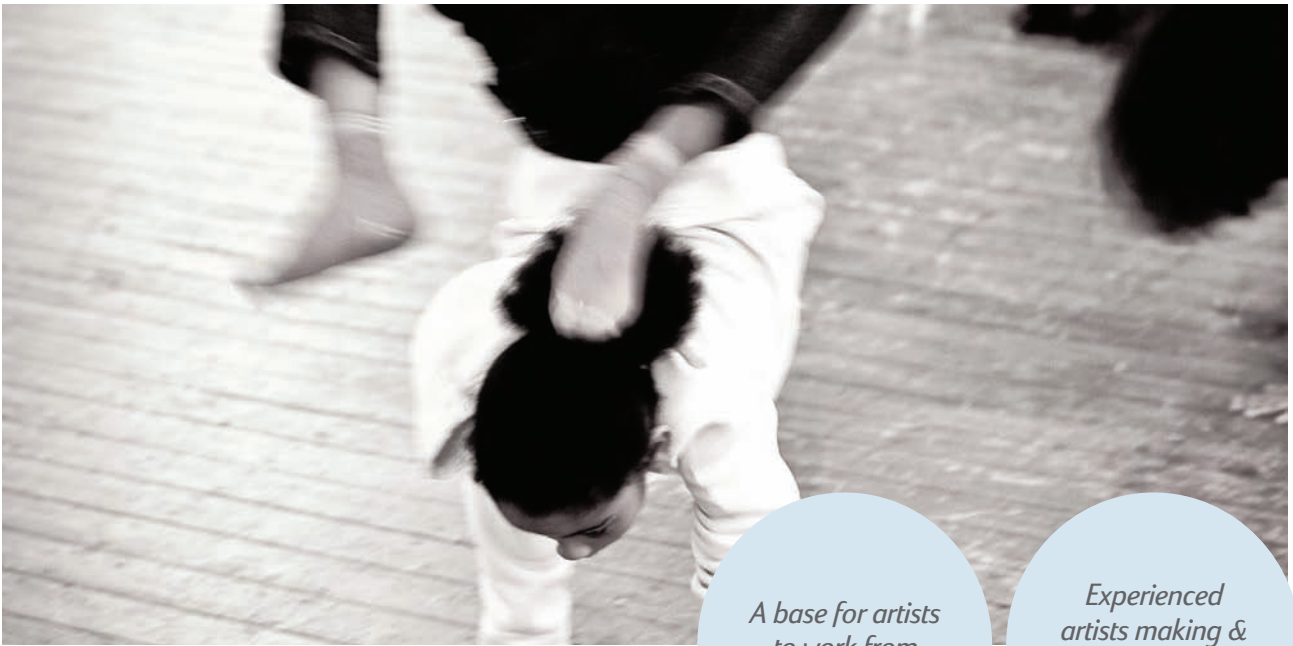
Z-arts are committed to reducing youth unemployment by offering training, volunteer schemes, work placements, apprenticeships and entry-level jobs.

*"I think Z-arts gives a good opportunity for young people to come and socialise and meet new people; but, at the same time, it can help us to develop our different skills in a lot of different and positive ways."*

## Case study:

Nicola walked past Z-arts in 2009 and saw an advert for a day's workshop in technical theatre. Having nothing better to do that day, she came along. That started a journey that resulted in her being the pilot for a new Z-arts volunteer scheme, the first of 26 people who Z-arts put through the Future Jobs Fund programme (giving further employment opportunities to 30%), to a part-time employment contract. Nicola is now Z-arts full-time Events Coordinator.





A base for artists  
to work from  
(18+)

Experienced  
artists making &  
sharing work  
(18+)

# Artists making work

Z-arts loves developing partnerships with artists to give them space, resources and creative sounding-boards to enable them to create new work.

Resident companies like Lip Service, Company Chameleon and Library Theatre Company make their shows here and then take the Z-arts name on tour.

*“Just spending a week in the building made me realise what a great place and community Z-arts is, it seems to me that you do amazing things - such a welcoming and creative venue I feel like I’ve made some real friends. Although I’ve spent such a short time here, there is so much that I feel we could learn from you and the great work you do.”*

London Theatre producer



After-school &  
holiday arts  
activities  
(6-16)

## Youth-led projects

Z-arts empower and engage young people by letting them decide the projects they want to do.

*“It’s good to see what we can bring to the table as young people - make links with new people and get experience / skills”* Young Leader

ZYP (drama)  
Sat’dy Allsorts (music)  
Young facilitators  
Young artists & curators

*“ZYP has raised my confidence and ability a lot. I was lacking confidence in myself and my ability and when I got the lead it was amazing. I’ve met so many awesome people and I’ve learnt a lot of techniques. I enjoy ZYP because it offers amazing resources that would normally cost loads. Please grant us funding!”*

*“The encouragement to write lyrics in Sat’dy Allsorts has meant that my child’s reading and writing has improved significantly.”*



*Inspiration  
through  
observation  
(all ages)*

## Be a Z-arts friend

Why not become part of the Z-arts family and join our patron scheme. Benefits include free tickets, VIP events, your name on our wall and a warm feeling in your heart!

You can choose to be a Friend, Patron or Angel. Visit [z-arts.org/friend](http://z-arts.org/friend) or call 0161 226 1912

*"It was a joy for me to visit Z-arts and it made me wish that I had something that inspiring to attend when I was younger. I fully support the work they do there; and am glad to lend my name to them as a patron supporting young people to find a creative outlet in their lives. Keep up the good work. Keep smiling. Love Alesha xx" Aleesha Dixon*



# Supported by

Revenue funding



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Project funding



50% of our costs come from hiring out rooms for conferences, events and meetings. If you're interested in holding an event at Z-arts and supporting young people in Manchester while having a good time, then go to [z-arts.org/roomhires](http://z-arts.org/roomhires)

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*"I just wanted to pass on my thanks to your team at Z-arts for how incredibly helpful and supportive they were - absolutely fantastic in providing us with everything we needed."* NYT auditions

*"I can only speak highly and recommend you and your team at the Z-arts over and over again and can promise that in any other event like this we will be back to use Z-arts when we can."*

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