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Arts & Entertainment | Poole

| Help us make
a difference

| Different every day

Introducing Lighthouse

Lighthouse is a cultural gem and one of the country's most significant multi-arts venues.

Housed in an iconic building in the heart of Poole, Lighthouse is a dynamic, vibrant place where creative work is made, rehearsed, and shared and where people feel inspired, entertained and welcomed. Lighthouse is a world-class cultural facility for BCP and beyond.

Lighthouse is unique as the only multi-space venue with four auditoria in the South West, and one of the largest outside London. Audiences can discover, enjoy and engage in an extraordinary mix of art forms, activities and experiences not possible elsewhere across the region, all under one roof.

Lighthouse supports and enables the creation of work and artist development and is passionate about providing opportunities for learning and participation across all ages.



22,000+

Subsidised tickets per year

4049

Young people aged 0-19 participated in sessions

287

Workshops and classes for young people per annum

1,330+

Performances, screenings, shows and exhibitions per year

143,116

Tickets sold, with 50% of audiences from the BCP area

Help make what we do possible

In the UK, the Arts remain the least-commonly supported charitable cause, accruing just 2% of all charitable donations. That's why the support of our audience and community is so vital, particularly in the current funding climate and after the years of lockdown. To continue to reach more people, to provide more Arts experiences, as our tagline says, to be "Different every day".

As a charity, building relationships with people who believe in all that Lighthouse does and the value of Arts to our community, regional identity and reputation, is vital to our work.

With your help and that of other people who are able to give and support us, we can continue to grow our partner schools programme, take outreach projects into our communities, further our range of access projects for people with disabilities or additional needs, support upcoming artists and continue to provide the public with an eclectic array of productions, performances, shows and exhibitions.

We would be delighted to talk to you about how you can get involved to support Lighthouse.

Your support matters helping make a difference every day

If you are able to support us you will make our work possible. You'll help to expand our cultural impact across the area and enable more performances to grow our audience, more workshops and classes for young people and more subsidised tickets (for those who need them). You'll help us support local artists to develop their work and to deliver more projects like our Community Play, exhibitions, our own panto and the flagship Lighthouse Academy.

You'll be making a difference to thousands of lives throughout the region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact our Individual Giving Executive, Jonathan Smith by emailing: Jonathan.smith@lighthousepoole.co.uk



Some of our projects that really need your support....



LIGHTHOUSE

academy

| Pathways to a creative future

Lighthouse Academy is the new flagship programme for creative engagement at Lighthouse. It aims to reach young people and artists to offer training and development opportunities in the Arts.

It will act as a safe space for artists and young people to explore creative ideas and develop artistic networks. It aims to be a beacon for artistic progression and development not just in the South-West but nationally.

It includes Sanctuary, our artist development programme focused on championing exceptional artists, supporting work in development and nurturing the next generation of creatives in Dorset, to produce and deliver extraordinary creative experiences to our audiences.

Artists are facing challenges in these uncertain times. We've supported 40 artists already with Sanctuary and you can help us to provide more with free space, to think, dream, play, try, fail, succeed, finesse, and create new shows or ideas, and to fund technical support, travel and accommodation.

With your help we can expand opportunities for artists in our spaces, to help them keep working, creating new work, adding to Dorset's reputation as a creative hot spot and Lighthouse as a venue to see cutting edge work.



Support Arts education

PARTNER SCHOOLS

This scheme has supported 21 schools, providing opportunities for young people, their teachers and their parents to engage with the wide-range of Arts opportunities offered at Lighthouse, with backstage tours, workshops, residencies, work experience and internships.

People like you have helped children from all backgrounds achieve their Arts Awards, enhanced creative education and access to arts and theatre experiences.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Lighthouse works outside of formal education with young people to support and enable their first encounters with the Arts and creative industries.

YOUNG WRITERS

Young Writers gives 38 young people the chance to attend workshops led by professional writers, to attend Lighthouse performances, to see their work published online, in print, and performed on a stage before a live audience.

YOUNG TECHNICIANS

Young Technicians gives young people (16-19) who are interested in getting to grips with lighting, sound and stage management the opportunity to develop skills and experience on a 12-week course run by professional technicians.

Your support helps us provide more structured programmes to develop the skills of young people keen for a career in theatre.



Maintain a world-class venue

The overwhelming challenge going forward into 2023 will be to make the most of the support we have received to survive during the period of the pandemic, to retain staff, maintain delivery, rebuild demand and capacity and to begin, once again, building on our overall business plan objectives in the new environment. The cultural and hospitality sector have been severely wounded first by Covid and now by the impact of world events.

We are particularly concerned about inflation and huge hikes in energy costs as well as a pressure on funders and the overall impact on demand as audiences feel the cost-of-living increases.

Despite the uncertainty and challenging year ahead, what we know is that our community wants and needs culture – whatever the external pressures – and Lighthouse will continue to provide it with your support.

Right now, with your help, we have a great chance to build on our strong foundation and capitalise on our financial position, to again grow audiences, deliver more shows and Arts experiences and cover our increasing costs, to deliver more work that matters to our community.



How donors, just like you, make a big difference

CASE STUDY

Mike has been incredibly supportive of us at Lighthouse over the years and a great example of how one person can make a big difference to what we can do. He's been Chair of our Trustees, he's made significant donations to support our Big Christmas appeal, and he's also a painter and recently sold pieces of his work to benefit Lighthouse.

Mike gave a donation of £5000 recently, a significant gift to us, to enable Lighthouse to bring the exclusive Quentin Blake exhibition to our gallery in 2023. Thank you Mike.

"They say charity begins at home and for me it begins at the doorstep so although there are many, many worthy causes all over the world there is plenty of need much closer to home and we confine our charitable giving to local organisations. There's a great deal of talent and creativity in the building and in the team that runs it, from the top down. I'm always impressed when I go there that everything appears to happen so smoothly, like clockwork." Mike

You can support us too with a donation of any size to help make all the work we've talked about (and more, like this exhibition) possible. Projects like this exhibition bring visitors from all around the UK.



Be one of our vital supporters, make amazing things happen here in Poole

Are you able to support us as we expand all that we do for our community, in face of these challenging times?

We're sure you value Lighthouse and all the amazing experiences here - you may be a regular audience member, have donated to us before, or already be a Friends member. Any way you can get involved further to help - with a donation, regular giving, a membership (or upgrade) or a major gift, really matters right now.

We rely on support from donations, memberships and regular giving from people like you. Without your support, the impact we have in our community wouldn't be possible. So a huge thank you.

We're continuing to bring some of the greatest artists in the world to share our stages with our community - and we'll do this with your help.

Support Lighthouse this year and help us make more amazing things happen.

CONTACT US

If you are able and would like to get involved to support us as much as you can with a donation or membership, please contact jonathan.smith@lighthousepoole.co.uk



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