



# **F.L.A.M.E. Young Theatre Players**

## **REPORT FROM TRUSTEES**

**Sept 22 –Aug 23**

### **Project: Movement 'n' Culture 2**

October 2022 we finally moved into our new home

**The Old Fire Station.** We are still in Islington as stated in our last report, however the difference we face is the community, like we have always discuss there are two Islington part which is wealthy excels financial growth very plush and the other side which is very poor. We are now just outside the wealthier part of Islington where some of our children/young people are from a poorer background some struggling on benefits.

F.L.A.M.E will embrace this opportunity in the community as the setting totally relates to our project at hand giving us the chance to explore create as we move forward.

Our new venue is based in the middle of three Primary Schools, which will be our main target of development, Montem, Pakemon and Grafton. These schools are multicultural, filled with different ethnic backgrounds and language.

Our classes currently has a Brazilian tutor, a Capoeiro tutor dance of African origin and martial arts which will help to encourage students from that cultural background to engage in our projects.

F.L.A.M.E Development process is working very slowly we have managed to bring more children in but at the same time our other children from St. Mary's seem to be struggling with attendance due to distance of travel. Parents are finding it very difficult to get the children to the classes on time, the chance is we will loose and then hopefully gain.

Outcome regarding our students is to extend the classes for an extra hour to accommodate the late arrivals. This was agreed after meeting with parents especially for the children who are interested to still attend.

Two parents from the committee have volunteered to set up meetings with the Schools and sort out workshops so that Students and Tutors can demonstrate and talk about our project to parents and children within this community.

### **Report back from committee members.**

They have manage to speak with the Parents Team, who will be contacting F.L.A.M.E with available dates for workshops. However Montem School has invited F.L.A.M.E to their cultural event to give out flyers and speak to parents before workshop date is set.

### **Outcome and Feedback Re: Workshops.**

The workshops are going very well in the schools; event at Montem School and the workshops went extremely well the class there was filled with 20 children, but we will have to do another session as more children were signed up for the session but only 20 was allowed to attend.

Also Montem School is looking at offering a day after School for class.

### **Achievements**

Or achievements this year was quite challenging as F.L.A.M.E. was working in a new community setting getting to know and learn about the community the needs and wants of the community and how we can best provide for the young people within this community.

We still have loads of work to do challenges to face but the greatest achievement so far is actually managing to get an extra space in Montem School teaching the children.

However we will not look past the event “The Performance at Islington Town Hall. F.L.A.M.E. Young Theater Players opened the show with a Bang, the drumming, the dancing, was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and made its way to a picture in the Islington Gazette.

Congrats to the Tutors and the children who performed that evening?

You all did a brilliant show.

## **Feed Back from Parents and Students;**

The evening sessions parent group is going very well and they do want to continue the classes although numbers fell to 7 near the end of term. They want to continue and build it back up and they are more than willing to keep promoting it as long as Rochelle will be there teaching.

Students report back although we did not get to our target number for class as planned that they felt this year was a learning curve for them. By listening, watching doing and understanding what it means to actually re: build a project through the eyes of a community.

## **Overall Summary.**

We have done very well throughout 2023 the year was all about building in a new community, Introducing F.L.A.M.E. Young Theatre Players.

Which we have partly achieved but still have more work to do.

In September we will be running a classes at Montem School where we have 25 Students waiting to start which is a great achievement especially since the pandemic groups are really struggling to get back to where they were. Lastly we will continue doing workshops frequently at least 2 per term.

## **Finance;**

Report from Treasurer is our financial status is good especially for such small community group; we stayed within Budget. Our Public funds has improved a little and with a reduction from the new space we were able to cover our insurance and have a small Deficit.

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players would like to thank all our workshops leaders, coordinator, volunteers, admin staff. Parents and Committee members for all the support and work they have put into

the Project; and most of all the children/ young people for the hard work and interest they put into F.L.A.M.E.

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