

# SMALL WORLD CULTURAL ARTS COLLECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2024–2025



Welcome to the Small World year from April 2024 to March 2025. Small World continues to provide services in for young people and families from our base at Keighley Arts Hub and now with our SWANS project we are supporting artists, makers, community groups and charities to thrive via our partnership with Airedale Shopping Centre where we manage nine of the empty units on a meanwhile basis.

## OUR AIMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25 IN KEIGHLEY

Advancing their education and development by providing and promoting a broad range of sustained, participatory, creative arts activities;  
Promoting the arts in particular by the establishment and maintenance of a Community Arts and Music Centre;  
Developing their capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society;  
and Promoting for their benefit the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life

## ArtyThings; BeArty; Breathing Space; Young Volunteers; Saturday Club

These continue to be our main provision in weekly & fortnightly sessions and they ebb and flow with the seasons but provide young people with a creative outlet and parents with a place to make messy time activities with their children.



## SWANS – Small World Arts Nomadic Spaces

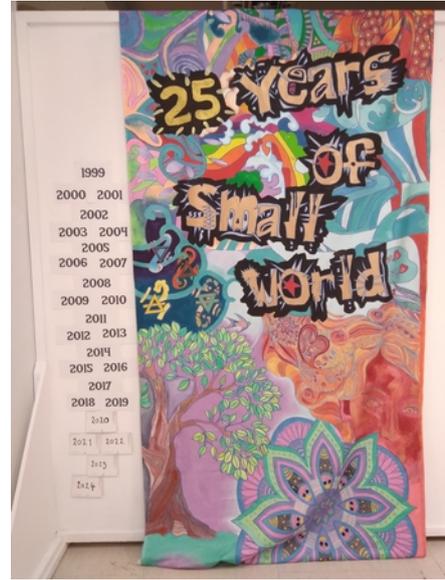
This new initiative where we manage 9 empty units in the shopping centre is an exciting project and has brought us into contact with many new artists, organisations and local charities all whilst generating a small amount of income to keep us going.

We have kept one unit for our SWANS lounge where we open once a week for drop in and activities. This has been decorated by some of our young volunteers.



## 25 Years of Small World

This year also saw our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which was celebrated with an exhibition in the Little Nomad Gallery. 25 years of providing activity for young people is a long time and as we now see the children of the children we have worked with in the past this is wonderful for us to see the next generation coming through the doors.



## Funding –

**The Tudor Trust** – core organisational funding from the Tudor Trust

**The Breims Trust** – Young volunteer support project

## Staff & Volunteers

I've kept these together as the commitment people make to Small World often goes above and beyond any financial incentive and as a result staff often give additional time as volunteers to support the sessions.

Sam Atkins – Coordinator and service delivery

Oscar Manthorp – Breathing Space Support

Jen Rhodes – ArtyThings Support

Ellie Blakelock – BeArty Support

Jane Howie – Gallery support & cover for sessions & SWANS Manager

Fenton Medley – Gallery & cover support

## Trustees

A huge thank you to the Trustees who continue to help keep Small World running.

Pip Chapman – Chairperson

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