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YOUNG PEOPLE GET CREATIVE IN HIGHBRIDGE

Wednesday 12 May: Seed are excited to launch two new opportunities for young people to explore their creativity in Highbridge. A youth arts group and a youth theatre will be operating across the rest of 2021. These are much needed opportunities for the young people of Highbridge to come together outside a school setting, and get creative, learn new skills and meet like-minded people. Seed will be working with Sharon Parkes and Paul Chapman to bring Highbridge Youth Arts into being, and with Selina Keedwell to establish Highbridge Youth Theatre.

Highbridge Youth Arts will provide an accessible and affordable opportunity for local young people of Highbridge to take part in creative and performing dance and drama. Taking place over two twelve-week terms, the group will allow students to direct and shape creative pieces with their ideas and experiences of the Covid-19 lockdowns. They will be supported by experienced artists and facilitators. Sharon and Paul have already delivered three preliminary workshops in schools, reaching 120 local children with their creative dance and drama workshops.

Highbridge Youth Theatre will consist of two separate groups – Highbridge Youth Theatre Group for 6 to 11 years and Highbridge Youth Theatre Company for 12 to 18 years. Every young person will have a chance to explore, create and find their voice through Drama based collaborative activities which put the young person at the heart.

Selina says “we are really excited to work with the young people of Highbridge and the surrounding area to make original work with professional Theatre Companies and Artists. What a fantastic time to play and create new work! Don't worry if you've never done this before, or you're struggling with confidence. We are here to help build your confidence and develop skills in Acting and making new plays and performances. We can't wait to meet you and get started!”

Here's the best bit, thanks to Seed, some activities are free of charge, and the most you will pay is just £2! All activities are open to all young people in Highbridge. For more information on each project and to book your place, visit www.seedsedgemoor.com

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Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

Homes in Sedgemoor,
Community Council for Somerset,
Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
Somerset Film; and
Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

Seed is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme (**CPP**). Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture.

www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk

www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects

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