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Children-led restorative justice: Culture & Art for Unity

On the 8th of April, with funding from the London Mayor's [Culture Seeds programme](#), the [Restorative Justice for All](#) Institute in partnership with local art non-profit Bizzie Bodies will hold a public exhibition celebrating the art of South East London's children. The exhibition will demonstrate in action how the values of restorative justice were used to enhance community cohesion in a divided SE16 London.

This charity event is part of the RJ4All's [Children and Art for Unity \(CA4U\)](#), which is a children-led, community cohesion project in Rotherhithe. The project was delivered in partnership with Bizzie Bodies and provided educational and recreational activities to marginalised children. Twenty six workshops were delivered to marginalized children leading to original, digital art that brought Rotherhithe's culture to life.

Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons said: "London is bursting with creative talent yet it can be extremely difficult for small grassroots organisations to access funding for local cultural projects. The Mayor and I have made it a priority to support London's creative potential, and the new Culture Seeds grants will make a big difference to community projects across the capital. I'm really pleased that we are able to support Children and Art for Unity with their great work."

[Dr. Theo Gavrielides](#), Founder and Director of Restorative Justice for All (RJ4All) said: "We are delighted to have been part of the Culture Seeds programme. The regeneration plans in the SE16 area have exacerbated the tensions between the established and newly arrived residents. Our children's art and this exhibition aim to bring our rich local culture to life while encouraging a much-needed intergeneration dialogue. Everyone is welcomed on the 8th of April!"

Emilie Mendy, Director of Bizzie Bodies said: "Thanks to the Mayor's culture Seeds programme, the children were given a unique and fantastic opportunity to develop creative and digital art skills for their future, learn about their local heritage while contributing to the regeneration in their community. The artists and the children are looking forward to welcoming as many people as possible on the 8th April".

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Notes to Editors

- Restorative Justice for All: www.rj4all.info
- Bizzie Bodies: <http://www.bizziebodies.co.uk/>
- Culture Seeds: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/culture-seeds>
- To book your ticket to the exhibition <https://www.rj4all.info/CA4U>



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