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How we measured our impact

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Our work has been shaped by our commitment to transforming lives through the arts. We focus on making meaningful change in the lives of people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

To date, we have enjoyed considerable success in achieving our goals:

1. Transforming lives

2. Inspiring change

3. Engaging with the Homeless Sector

4. Inspiring with the arts

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We aim to transform lives by providing opportunities for personal development and growth, while fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Impact of Streetwise Opera

When considering the work of Streetwise Opera, it is essential to remember that we are working with some of the most vulnerable people in our society. Their experiences of lack of support and feeling unloved are not uncommon.

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One of the ways we have measured our success is through feedback from our participants. The testimonials we have received have been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing how our work has helped them overcome loneliness.

For example, one participant said, “I don’t know how I would have coped without Streetwise Opera.” Their mental health would have been worn out. "It’s been amazing to have someone who has been there for me," another participant commented. "Taking part in the activities was bigger than myself."

Many of the participants have also reported an increase in their confidence and self-esteem. One participant said, “I gained confidence in the use of audio recording apps and using Zoom for online workshops. I also gained a deep respect for the workshop leaders and staff, who put in a lot of effort to make our activities enjoyable.”

In addition to our direct work with participants, we have also sought to bring a sense of order to the chaos of homelessness. This has been achieved through our outreach work, where we have engaged with homeless centres and other organisations to discuss the new music that we can create.

Overall, our work has been a lifeline for many people who have been marginalized and excluded from society. We have provided a space where people can feel empathy with other people. "I have become a voice where I was just unheard," one participant stated. "It’s been wonderful to have been enabled to link up with Streetwise Opera during this insane lockdown as there has truly been no other entity that I can think of that has been dedicated to supporting people.”

Our work has not been without its challenges. With activities only happening online, our impact has been limited by the amount of data we can collect. However, we have sought to provide a balanced view of our work, highlighting the benefits of our online activities.

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Creative worksheets and Digital Tea Breaks were launched to enable anyone who has been feeling isolated to connect with others and engage in creative activities. Over the different sessions, I have seen many clients grow in their creativity, which I’m sure I’ll be able to use in the real world. "I have enjoyed taking part in Streetwise Opera’s online sessions, in the UK and make friends."

In addition to our direct work with participants, we have also provided pastoral care sessions. This has been particularly important during lockdown, where many people have felt isolated and excluded. "I really enjoyed taking part in Streetwise Opera’s online sessions, in the UK and make friends."

Other impacts

In our work, we have also sought to inspire change in the way society views homelessness. We have provided a platform for the voices of those who have been ignored by those in power. Working with the Homeless Sector to inspire change and inspire with the arts.

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