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Report for 11 Sept – 30 Nov 2021 with updates added in bold for **1 Dec 2021 to 31 Jan 2022**

Schools

1. 13 schools/educational groups have visited Stories of Lynn within this period; 11 of these are joint visits with Lynn Museum; one of them is a Home Education group. In total about 400 children have attended up to the end of November 2021.
2. More schools are booked for December and we have only had two cancellations due to COVID in the school; one school has postponed and rebooked. No other cancellations have been received.
3. **Dec/Jan schools saw 322 primary school pupils and 180 secondary school pupils from King's Lynn Academy, with one cancellation. Most of our visits are two-site day visits between Lynn Museum and Stories of Lynn. One visit was co-run with The Minster, SOL and LM. One day in March will be co-run with True's Yard, LM and SOL. We enjoy collaborative working and this strengthens our museum learning offer and our partnership working. We can accommodate up to 60 children in SOL and LM in one visit.**

Kick the Dust

- KTD Time Turners continues in Stories. They have completed the Nothing About Us Without Us exhibition that is touring Norfolk libraries. It went live on Monday 22 November in the Norwich Forum. We have 6 participants, and we are recruiting for more to start attending with a poster the YP have designed and made.
 - **We suspended this recruitment campaign in the light of the Omicron variant making situations less certain but we will issue this as we move forward.**
 - **We resumed online sessions on Zoom from January 1st 2022 to ensure we could continue with our group activities.**
- The Time Turners are starting to create another game based on the English Civil War in King's Lynn which may tie in with an archaeological dig that is happening in the town next year. The format for Top Trumps is being considered over pizza, along with other board/card games for ideas!
 - **Our game project, King's Lynn Civil War Siege Shuffle, is continuing at a pace with 36 "faction" cards representing people, buildings and weapons being written. We are debating individual attribute scores that are used by players to battle against each other and become the winner of the Game by holding all the cards!**
 - **One of our group has an interest in archaeology and has contacted the Archaeology/English Civil War expert, David Flintham whom she worked with on a dig so he can "fact check" our cards before we go to print.**

- **The YP have suggested that their game is going to be given out in the NMS and Local museum shops for free but with the option to make a donation in a box. The Time Turners are keen to make the game financially accessible but would enjoy making some money to pay for a trip to another museum such as Gressenhall.**
- **The Kick the Dust Work Experience skills-based programme continues to operate successfully and we have two groups running from our SOL base, with a third that started in January 2022:**
 - **Tuesday's group are making a film for HAZ about Chapel Street Car Park. They will be using the College of West Anglia equipment.**
 - **This film has been funded through Historic England to the HAZ/Regeneration Department. The funds have been used for the YP to**
 - **commission an animation for their film from the BCKLWN Graphics department which can also be used for Social Media promotion.**
 - **commission a piece of backing track music to be made (FOC)**
 - **engage the services of an historic interpreter to be filmed as a former resident of Chapel Street in Lynn.**
 - **buy a video/stills camera that will be retained by the KTD project leader for use in this film and future films/photographic projects as a legacy.**
 - **Friday's group are learning about how culture and heritage settings run and meeting professionals from our sector. They were in charge of the 21 Nov lantern makers workshops and prepared the Risk Assessments and worked with the children and parents to make the lanterns. They paraded down to the town with the families. Thank you to all the staff who have helped to inform and train them and particularly Sam Jay, Toni Crane and David Hobbs with their help for the workshop preparations and on the day.**
 - **The planned certificate presentation with the Mayor in the Parlour 10.12.21 was very successful and the YP really appreciated the time and attention given to them by the Mayor and Mayoress, with a delicious afternoon tea included.**
 - **This group of YP have gone on to receive training from artists, Hunt and Darton, who were funded by Creative Arts East and The Barbican. They learnt about how to run a pop-up venue such as an empty shop premises and hope to achieve such a goal this summer.**
 - **They are also going to receive "How to Chair meetings" training that will be run by Rachael Williams.**
 - **Monday's Work experience group started on 10 January and is going to be undertaking the NMS KTD Curatorial Trainee's Gold Arts Award project as their work experience project for weeks 7 – 12. This is an exciting development to have KTD Alumni leading the new KTD members' work. So far they have met the NMS Curator, a NMS Design Trainee, the BKLWN Digital Communications Officer and will be meeting an NMS Events Manager and the Alive Leisure Operations Manager for the Town Hall.**
 - **Wednesday's have seen a KTD work experience project continuing to run throughout the academic year with Churchill Park Complex Needs School students in Year 10. They have been undertaking a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and requested that they learn about Mosaics and ceramics.**
 - **This has gone very well, and the students have produced a fantastic mosaic representing the Platinum Jubilee.**
 - **Since January, they have been on the Work Experience programme, with Rachel Duffield and Rachael Williams. They have met professionals each week on Zoom, created their own Museum of Us in the classroom with their "Me in a Jar" exhibition which will be officially opened by The Mayor on Friday 03.02.2022. He will be their first museum visitor! Photos available at the next meeting.**

- **This group will be coming on face to face visits to the Stories of Lynn and Lynn Museum after half term.**
- **YMCA King's Lynn residents have not been involved recently but they will be back doing a Victorian Christmas workshop day on 21 December. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled due to COVID isolation.**
- **However, YMCA have resumed some involvement as part of the KTD Monday Work Experience programme that began on 10 January. The YMCA Project Worker Kim, funded by KTD, has been supporting their attendance by providing a review session of the recorded meeting on the Tuesday after the session at the YMCA hostel in King's Lynn. This is very helpful and considered to be a strong approach to helping these hard to engage YP.**
- **Some of the YP from YMCA have also joined the Time Turners group on Tuesdays.**
- **Some members of the KTD participants are also attending a Collusion project called Manifesto that is being assisted by one of our former KTD work experience members. Savannah was successful in securing a Kick Start contract with Collusion and then was given a further contract at the end of that 6month Kick Start Placement. This is an example of one of our Kick the Dust Alumni achieving future success following on from participation in our KTD projects.**
- **We are working flexibly to sustain 100% attendance levels for all participants, particularly those from YMCA. Generally, attendance is good. We have to work with students online and/or face to face (always within our Safe Systems of Work) in order to facilitate their participation and ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend and participate safely.**

Family Learning Activities

1. **Lantern Parade**
 - 50 children and 75 adults attended the Lantern making workshops.
 - This was a free event run by the KTD Youth and the sessions were well received by all participants (images available).
2. **Easter Holiday activities**
 - **Family Bubbles have been planned; operating each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the school holidays, with 5 bookable 45-minute sessions each day will be on offer.**
 - **There will also be a Number Detective Trail available in Stories of Lynn free with paid admission to the museum for any visitors who wish to take part.**
 - **Further trails have been generated by U3A in lockdown and we will be promoting those and giving them out from the Tourist Information Centre and other venues at SOL (FOC). These will be released as soon as they have been approved by Phil Eke and reproduced.**

Partnership working with schools, colleges, institutions, heritage settings, employment and training providers.

- **Stories of Lynn continues to work in partnership with local museums and cultural settings.**
- **The school liaison work provides links, opportunities, resource input and support to the teaching and learning which enriches the curriculum offered to children in the schools. We are still running the Heritage Education Network Meetings in the West, funded mainly by Historic England.**
- **Many schools had missed out on educational visits out of school, and we are finding that the children and staff are really appreciating the school days we can offer independently and jointly. We have had Year 2 pupils (aged 6 -7 years) on their first school outing ever because of COVID limiting their possibilities.**

- The College of West Anglia is a strong partner for the 16years+ students and we provide programmes that help their students to undertake up to 60 hours work experience that they need to have done as part of their course.
- Agencies that help to provide training and employment opportunities for Young People are working with us to try to improve the offer for skills-based placements. KTD helps with that.
- We are investigating working with young parents in our museum settings drawing on our skills and knowledge of Early Years engagement and our skills-based work experience programmes. Cllr Kemp has enabled me to attend the YP in Care and Leaving Care (EET PS1) team meetings so we can engage with those professionals and offer opportunities and support.

Links with the community help to support the work of other colleagues in other departments. and to make connections to projects that we can link to, take part in or run.

The Platinum Jubilee plans are being made and Hanse Day is also in the pipeline calling on my planning and organisation skills to ensure we offer activities and events that engage the local community at many levels.

Should you wish to ask any questions or find out more about any of this report, please do not hesitate to contact Rachael Williams Rachael.Williams2@norfolk.gov.uk 01553 669287, the Learning and Engagement Officer and Kick the Dust Project Worker

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