

High Peak Community Arts  
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Dear Sophie,

This is a letter in support of your application for funding to develop regular film opportunities for young adults at High Peaks Art Community.

The opportunity to access the arts within rural settings is hugely beneficial for young people, in particular those who are reaching an age when they are making decisions about future careers and those looking for alternative training and skills development outside of formal education. The film club proposed by High Peak Community Arts is innovative in its ambition to provide film education, practical filmmaking and access to film resources in an area with a lack of arts provision and creative options for young people. This project is also youth lead with the drive to set up the film club coming from young members of High Peak Community Arts who have a passion for filmmaking and aspirations to carve a career in the film industry.

This project also demonstrates innovation in its aim to develop partnerships with larger inner-city arts providers such as HOME to create pathways for their young people into larger scale, professional talent development opportunities. At HOME we deliver an award-winning Film Academy in partnership with the British Film Institute for 16-19 year olds which provides intensive filmmaking training through a 2 month practical and theory based course lead by industry professionals and we endeavor to provide places to young people with limited access to the arts. Through building positive relationships with community groups, youth services and youth networks, we are able to provide opportunities for a diverse range of young people and support them to build confidence, learn new skills, make new friends and develop successful careers in the arts.

HOME would work close with High Peak Community Arts to offer opportunities for their young people to continue their creative development following their involvement in more local projects. Opportunities such as the film club offer a fantastic starting point for those seeking alternative experiences and broaden their horizons.

HOME supports High Peak Community Arts in its application for funding and wishes you every success with the bid.

Kind regards,  
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