

Studio Days Newsletter #3

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Studios

Bollo Brook Youth Centre

Based in South Acton, Bollo has had a studio for the last decade. Well known in the area and beyond, young people travel from as far as Croydon and Kingston to attend sessions.

Young Adults Centre

Although there has been a studio at YAC for a few years, it is a new location for the Studio Days sessions. Based in Southall, these sessions usually serve a more local group of young people.

We reflect on our busiest year yet of the project

Our third year of the project has been quite a hectic one...

The move of Bollo Brook to a new building brought new challenges, whilst also improving the studio facilities. We hope to continue to improve it by adding some equipment upgrades in the coming months.

The last year also saw a big increase in trips and performances around London. This pushed our young people to move further from their comfort zones, forge new relationships and experience new environments.



MUSIC VIDEO: STRELZ – “ANNA’S STORY”

Last year we asked, Strelly Lunda, to write and record a track about Domestic abuse.

This year we worked with filmmaker Joe Gainsborough to produce a music video for the resulting track, ‘Anna’s Story’. The video is currently on 26,000+ views.



“Somewhere I can develop my skills and experiment.”

“I feel comfortable working on my music here, it’s my second home”

“There is so many creative people here. It’s great meeting them”

LOVEBOX PERFORMANCE

The festival “Lovebox” contacted Bollo Brook with the idea for a music project. The project’s aim was to write an album of original music, which would then be performed at the event. Over one month at Bollo we produced 12 original tracks, featuring 15 young people, who performed a 45min set at the festival.





ATLANTIC RECORDS TRIP

Following Twin B's visit to Bollo Brook in 2017, he kindly invited us to come and visit his office's at Atlantic Records, where he works in the A&R department. The young people got an insight into the workings of a major record label, as well as receiving some advice on their music from Twin B.

VISIT FROM J HUS

Last summer the Platinum selling London Rapper J Hus came to visit the studio at Bollo Brook. Being one of our young people's favorite artists it meant a lot to the group to meet him and hear his story. He also gave advice on starting out in the rap game and how originality is an important route to success.



SPOTIFY FOR ARTISTS

Another visit that took place earlier this year was to the Spotify offices in Chiswick. There the young people learn about licensing and publishing for music releases. They also got advice on marketing themselves in ever-changing digital music landscape.