Welcome from the Chief Executive

Rosetta Arts has been deeply rooted in the community for 25 years and serves as a hub of creative and cultural experiences for everyone. We are open six days a week, mostly from 10am - 9pm, where people come to experience and participate in a quality programme of work, both within the building and through our learning, participation and outreach activities across east London and internationally.

Having grown out of the well-established Rosetta Art Centre (RAC), we are a fully functioning visual art centre, which includes a pottery studio, a darkroom, a printmaking and painting room and a photography studio. In 2015 we opened The Humble Gallery, named after our founder Yvonne Humble, which is dedicated to showcasing work from early stage and emerging artists in east London, with a core focus on Newham, and helping those artists to earn from their work.

We are proud to be in a dynamic and diverse part of the world, delivering exciting, innovative and creative courses, workshops and experiences for people in east London, reaching those who otherwise have little access to the rich and transformative benefits of the arts and of education. At the heart of our programming there is something for all ages and stages of a person’s creative learning and development. Working across gender, disability, age and income, we respond to poverty and inequality by acting as a catalyst for creative talent.

Rosetta Arts is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and registered at The Charity Commission as Rosetta Art Centre, charity number 1177462.

We look forward to welcoming you to Rosetta Arts.

Sanaz Amidi BA Hons (UAL), MAAT, MBA (IESE)
Chief Executive
How we work

Alongside our range of vibrant art courses for people of all ages to access creative endeavours, we also work within a unique ecosystem, developing the skills of practising artists to become Artist Educators.

Artists who work with us receive in-house training to support the delivery of participatory teaching for the communities we work with. Our pool of artist educators are highly specialised in their choice of creative practises, supported by a wealth of experience and qualifications.

Our commitment to working closely with diverse group within our communities was recognised in 2018 by a National Diversity Award nomination for a Community Organisation Award for Race, Religion and Faith. And for two consecutive years we have also been nominated by Artskickers.
We always strive to:

• Use arts to improve quality of life and social inclusion
• Engage communities with creating and making visual art together
• Use art to enrich the social fabric of east London
• Create a ladder of achievement in visual art practice
• Support creative enterprise and working opportunities for artists

The policies we have in place cover:

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy
Health and Safety Policy Statement
Equality Policy
Environmental Policy
Privacy Policy
Learning Teaching and Assessment Policy
Risk Assessment Policy
Quality Policy
Social Media Policy

Please email info@rosettaarts.org for a copy of any of these.

Working together

We have 25 years of experience in delivering creative art projects with the communities of east London.

Working in a spirit of collaboration, we engage local communities and venues, discovering and supporting artists at different stages of their artistic development. By creating dynamic partnerships with a range of local, national and international arts organisations, we generate opportunities for those who otherwise have little access to the transformative benefits of the arts.

Our supportive networks and safe spaces allow children and young people to experiment and recognise their artistic potential. We are recognised locally and
nationally for delivering bold and ambitious participatory arts practice, both, ensure our interventions of the highest quality

Who we work with

We offer residents from all walks of life, a chance to live the life they choose in a borough with one of the highest unemployment (8.6%) and child poverty rates (41%) in London.

Key Stats

- Over 50% of our Centre’s capacity is occupied by women
- We work with 72% BAME;*
- Over 80% are income assisted
- 27% are disabled

From 2015-2018, we have:

- Introduced over 155,000 new people to visual arts
- Worked with 514 artists, of which 64% were BAME*

Directly working with:

- 45 young people with mental health issues
- 380 elderly people
- Over 320 children on school dinners
- Disabled adults who make up 27% of our beneficiaries

*black, Asian and minority ethnic (used in the UK to refer to people who are not white)

source: Institute of Race Relations http://www.irr.org.uk/research/statistics/definitions/
Partners and Collaborators

Our partners and collaborators range from private sector multinationals to SME’s, local and central government organisations, civil societies such as museums, faith groups, development funds and universities across London and the UK as well as Europe and internationally.

How you can work with us

We welcome partnerships to develop art and mindfulness projects, events and workshops for a range of communities and groups.

Supporting Rosetta Arts

Your donations help us bring engaging courses, creative workshops and innovative participatory art experiences to people across east London.

Our centre welcomes people from all walks of life; some are between employment, others experiencing mental illness, migrants and refugees new to the area, carers and their clients, abled and less able bodied artists, the elderly, children and young people, Rosetta Arts welcomes all. Many use our small class settings as a place to form meaningful connections with the wider community. Our approach to teaching is personal and student led, focussed on developing and enhancing a person’s relationship to art and education, giving them a vital stepping stone into the art world.

You can support us directly via CAF.

Partnerships & Sponsorships

We welcome sponsorships and in kind donations. If you can help or would like to explore partnering with us, please get in touch to discuss.