

Unitas

AN **ON** **SIDE** YOUTH ZONE

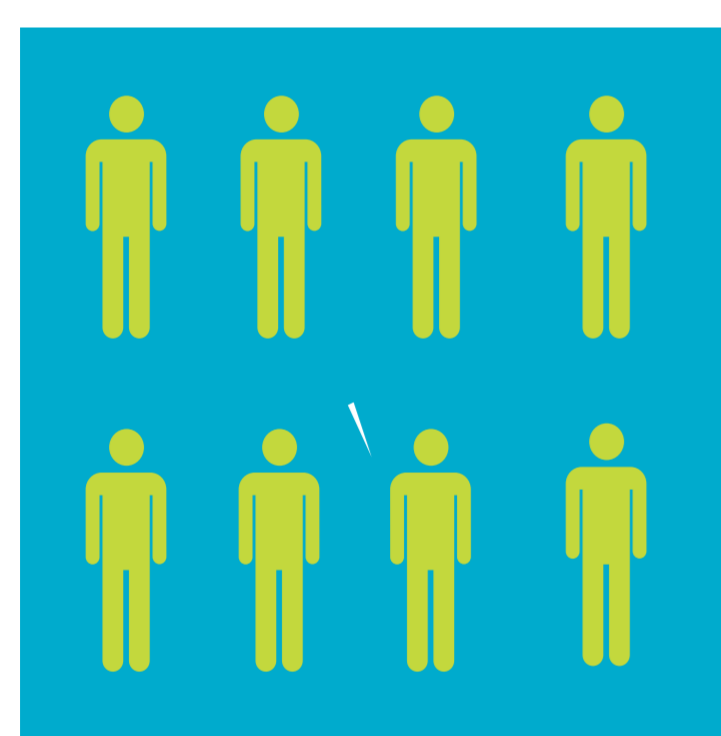
NEWSLETTER

WORD FROM THE CEO:

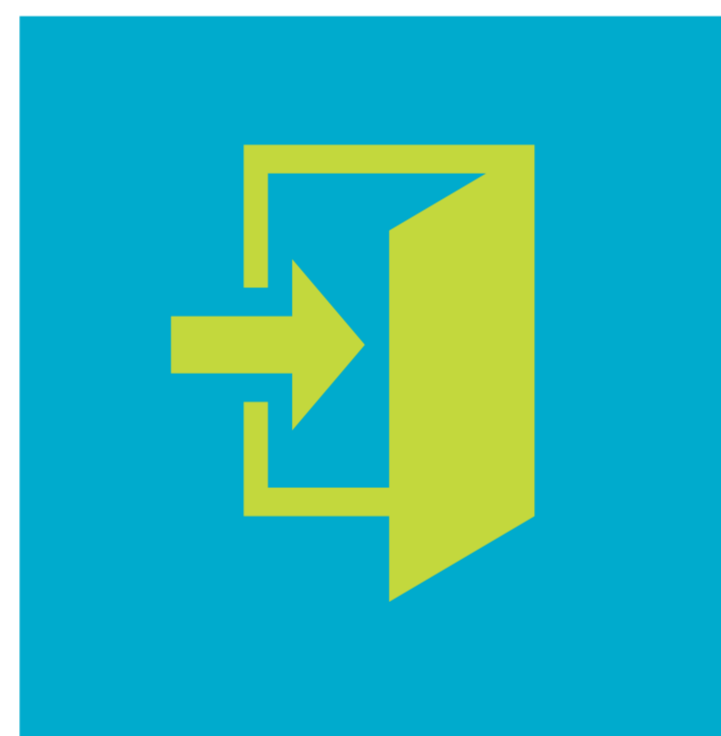
"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the very first edition of the Unitas Newsletter. Our team is full of pride in being able to highlight some of the incredible work that has happened at Unitas with young people since we opened our doors last June. However two pages to highlight everything is never enough, nor would 4, 8 or 10 pages, such has been the scale of the impact that we are making on the lives of young people!

Each week we welcome through our doors hundreds and hundreds of young people – all have been struck by the incredible facility they have access to and the range of activities on offer. All of this has been supported by a wonderful team of committed staff and volunteers – all focussed on supporting young people to try out new things, discover a new passion and meet new friends at every session.

We couldn't have had the beginning we have had without you and your generous support. I hope the below provides an uplifting snapshot of life here at Unitas, and we can't wait to show you what we've been up to in a few months time; all of which will have young people at the very heart."



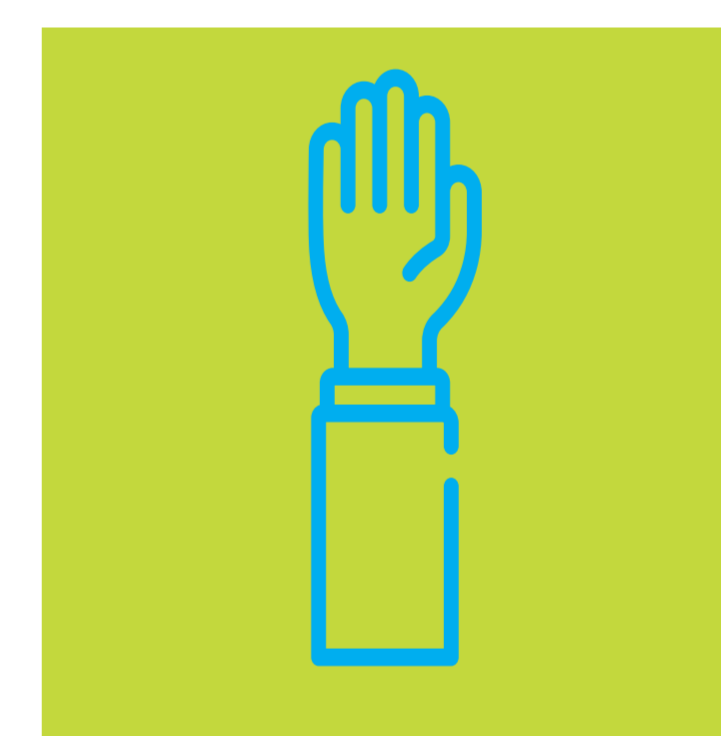
**over
1200
visits per
week**



**270
sessions
delivered**



**average of
194 young
people per
session**



**700
VOLUNTEER
HOURS PER
MONTH**

HIGHLIGHTS!

Check out our video here: <https://youtu.be/zBdwHAKiRJw>

We recently celebrated our 6 month anniversary. Thank you to everyone who has joined us on our journey so far. Here's to another amazing 6 months!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**FEBRUARY 'FUNANZA' HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB
MONDAY 21 - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2020**

**WOMAN IN ART FOCUS PROJECT
EVERY TUESDAY 4.30 - 6.30PM**

**DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP WITH MIDDLESEX UNI
EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY 6.00 - 7.00PM**

**POETRY WORKSHOP
EVERY TUESDAY (6 WEEKS) 6.00 - 7.30PM**

**AMBITIONS PROGRAMME GRADUATION
MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020**



WELCOME TO THE TEAM:

We're really pleased to welcome our new Relationship Development Manager Kayleigh McDougall and Deputy Head of Youth Work Nathan Tuft to the team. We hope they both have an amazing time working with us at Unitas. Make sure you say hi to them!



Ambitions Programme:

The third cohort of our Ambitions Programme kicked off last month with much zeal and action. The group recently took part in a Money Management workshop with a special guest from MyBnk and covered topics such as money habits, budget, income and tax.



MOTOWN

Rehearsals for Unitas' own 'Mowtas' performance are starting this month and will involve staff, young people and volunteers coming together to put on a spectacular event for the whole community in Spring 2020. Led by Youth and Community Engagement Lead Jennifer Parris-Buckely and The United Youths Seniors and Juniors and the #Limitless group, the performance will offer everyone at the Youth Zone a chance to showcase their talent, have fun and celebrate diversity. We can't wait to see it come to life very soon!

YOUNG PERSON AWARDS

Congratulations to the first six members to be selected as our Young Person Award winners. The lucky six were nominated by our young people on demonstrating one or more of our core values before being handpicked by our United Youth Seniors. Well done to our Seniors - Conor, Jade and Demi and our Juniors - Taya, Precious and Miracle for being chosen. The group will be taken to The Designer Outlet, Wembley as a treat near the end of the month.

SPOTLIGHT

Our first spotlight focuses on Hamza, a member that has shown amazing positivity and progress during his time at the Youth Zone. Hamza, 16, is a regular face at Unitas and known for his passion for sport and can be found playing football or doing some cardio in the gym. For Hamza, Unitas is a place where he can be active and try new things, as well as a place to wind down and chill out with his friends in the evenings. Hamza credits Unitas with a change in how he conducts himself, saying himself how the core values of the Youth Zone have taught him to treat the people and the building with respect. Hamza also loves taking on new challenges, one of them being recently the 'No Technology Thursday' challenge which is the longest he has been without a phone! Hamza says: 'Unitas has given me a sense of independence where I can come in and make decisions for myself.' - Hamza, 16.



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