



## **New Holiday Club in Grays awarded £29,550 by BBC Children in Need**

Temple Springs Music Centre in Thurrock are delighted to announce that BBC Children in Need has awarded them a grant of £29,550 over 3 years. This grant will fund the running of holiday clubs during the February half term and Easter holiday periods and help make a difference to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people right here in Thurrock.

The Holiday Club offers an inclusive community atmosphere in which children are supported to express themselves, support others, build their confidence, self-esteem and key personal skills. The activities on offer will include masterclasses in arts, drama, dance, music, singing, cooking, fashion design and team building including a local excursion.

The project is entirely young people led with support from experienced coaches. Temple Springs has been delivering a wide range of music and performing arts activities to the community since 2015, including music lessons, and creative workshops, which have now engaged hundreds of children and young people. It is providing somewhere safe and fun for young people to go through its weekly youth development and mentoring service.

With the support of BBC Children in Need, Temple Springs will continue reaching out to the local young people working in partnership with the One Community Tilbury and Harris Primary Academy Mayflower – Chafford Hundred. Young Volunteers will gain valuable experience and employability skills, as they help to plan, organise, deliver & evaluate the project from start to finish.

Quote from Temple Springs spokesperson Bidemi Johnson: "We could not reach out to as many young people in Thurrock without the support of BBC Children in Need. This grant will go on to change the lives of so many young people and give them the confidence and support they need."

BBC Children in Need funding relies on the energy and commitment of thousands of fundraisers and supporters across the UK who donate their time and money to support the Appeal. Whether its cake sales, wearing pyjamas to school or having a song and dance, every penny of the money raised goes towards supporting projects across the UK.

All grants go to projects working with children and young people living in the UK who may be affected by homelessness, neglect, abuse or poverty, or those who have faced challenges in their lives such as serious illness, disabilities and psychological disorders.

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Notes to Editors:

<sup>i</sup> Templesprings is a registered UK Charity based in Grays, Essex. We are active in the area of Music Coaching, Lifestyle Coaching, Out of School Club provision, Youth development and Mentoring services. For more information –please contact Bidemi Johnson ([bidemi@templesprings.com](mailto:bidemi@templesprings.com))

<sup>ii</sup> BBC Children in Need is a charity registered in England and Wales (802052) and Scotland (SC039557) whose aim is to make a positive change to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

BBC Children in Need's vision is that every child in the UK has a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential.

BBC Children in Need are currently supporting c.2,600 projects that are working with children and young people facing a range of disadvantages or challenges in their lives such as, poverty and deprivation; abuse or neglect or any kind of disability - [bbc.co.uk/Pudsey](http://bbc.co.uk/Pudsey)

<sup>iii</sup> A fifth of children in Thurrock live in relative poverty, which is above the national average and significantly above the average for the Eastern Region. In England, in 2010/11, 35% of young people entered higher education by age 19. In Thurrock, the figure was one of the lowest in England at 23%. Only 5% of disadvantaged young people enter higher education by age 19. -Child Poverty Plan 2015-2020, Thurrock Council.

<sup>iv</sup> One Community works with local people and groups in and around Tilbury to develop skills and improve economic prospects. - <http://www.onecommunity.org.uk/home/4586106797>

<sup>v</sup> Harris Primary Academy Mayflower – Chafford Hundred recognises that whatever a child's background or starting point, the leadership team and staff at Mayflower are ambitious for all pupils and aim to ensure they finish Year 6 with the academic skills, social skills and knowledge in order to thrive. They recognise and value each child's individual personality and work to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem. - <http://www.harrisprimarymayflower.org.uk/105/our-vision>