

front lounge



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Who am I? Where am I? What are my hopes and dreams? How do I do the thing I love?

Sometimes it's hard to answer these questions on your own. At Front Lounge we continually ask these questions and give you creative opportunities and safe spaces in which to explore the answers.

We provide you with infrastructure and support to be participants, helpers, volunteers, amateurs, entrepreneurs and leaders through a range of different activities. We train, teach, coach and encourage, helping you find the thing that makes your heart sing!

Life is BIG. Be all you can be!





INTRODUCING FRONT LOUNGE

Why We Changed Our Name

For many years the organisation formally known as Pure Media UK was driven by a love for and dedication to the arts. However over time the nature of the questions we encountered changed.

Instead of our people asking to make films, record albums or put on shows we increasingly encountered questions about looking for jobs, dealing with housing problems, and issues related to mental health. As these questions became more prominent so the name 'Pure Media UK' no longer seemed to adequately describe who we are or what we actually do.

The quest to change name officially began in May 2014. However it wasn't until a group of Bringing Up Baby volunteers were discussing why they came to BUBS in 2015 that the breakthrough came. They were talking about the fear of turning up to a place they had never been before on their own and the relief that The Workshop was on a human scale, not a cavernous church hall, plus the very welcoming attitude of the volunteers. Someone described this as a 'front lounge', and on 29 April 2016 it was formally adopted as our new name!

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission

Front Lounge exists to help people make their ideas and projects real. The work we do takes people through various 'stages of change' within their personal and community lives. Our mission involves achieving the following overarching outcomes by:

- Empowering people to be better engaged, more motivated, and more resilient
- Helping people gain better access to services
- Helping people attain more through education
- Working to improve the life chances of the most marginalised in society





CURRENT PROJECTS

Bringing Up Baby (aka BUBS)

At the end of the 2012 NHS funded Healthy Community Collaborative: Teenage Pregnancy project a group of young families sought our help to set up a young parents support group. Over the following years this group has evolved into BUBS and exists to build parenting confidence, expand the capacity of young parents to cope, improve future chances, and challenge stigma in the community. There have been a number of notable achievements over the past year:

1. BUBS Autumn Block (Sep – Oct 2015)
2. FNP¹ Tayside Annual Review (28 Oct 2015)
3. FNP Pilot Project (Nov – Dec 2015)
4. Student Placement (Jan – Apr 2016)
5. Antenatal Research (Feb/Mar 2016)
6. Outreach @ Wellgate Centre (Feb 2016)
7. Birthday @ Dundee Science Centre (Feb 2016)
8. Spring Block (Feb – Mar 2016)
9. Summer Block (May – Jun 2016)
10. Promotional film (Jun 2016)
11. Summer Holiday Programme (Jul/Aug 2016)
12. FNP Teddy Bear's Picnic (10 Aug 2016)

Over the year 120 parents & children attended BUBS.

¹ Family Nurse Partnership

CURRENT PROJECTS

On The Whole (aka OTW)

OTW has grown out of Dundee's heralded Champion's Board process. The vision of OTW is:

- A space – 211 Hilltown – project managed by CEYP² for CEYP in Dundee
- To provide a safe, relaxed and multifunctional space for activities that nurture the talent and ambition of CEYP in Dundee
- To be a network of CEYP providing peer support, and signposting when problems are encountered
- To promote education both formal and informal so CEYP have all the necessary skills to live full and productive lives
- To support activities that promote positive health & well being for CEYP

Over summer an experimental programme was delivered: 16 participants made films through use of 211 Hilltown resources. This included an audio engineering training event plus a photography project.

2015/2016 has been spent raising funds. After successfully attracting funding from Big Lottery's Young Start project plans will be systematically rolled out over the next two years.

² Care Experienced Young People





CURRENT PROJECTS

The Aperture Project (aka TAP)

TAP is a creative arts youth group. TAP exists to provide a creative platform for emerging creatives to explore art and take responsibility for initiating their own projects, particularly projects that provide a service for the community. This group very much speaks to and connects with the organisation's arts heritage.

TAP has been engaged mostly in fundraising activities purposed to enable a trip to China in 2017. A summary of completed projects over the year include:

1. Film: TAP in a Nutshell (Dec 2015)
2. Fund Run (26 Mar 2016)
3. Monikie 10K run (15 May 2016)
4. Love Reading Quiz (15 Jun 2016)
5. Coldside Fun Day (2 Jul 2016)
6. TAP Summer Programme (Jul/Aug 2016)

TAP currently has 10 core volunteers who involved 500+ in their activities over the year.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Love Reading Project

The organisation enjoys a long and fruitful relationship with friends in China, friends who have benefited from many of our previous & current projects. Specifically Front Lounge is supporting a social enterprise in Lijiang, Yunnan Province that encourages families to love reading through the Ai Yue Du literacy project.

In 2016 The Blackford Trust funded Front Lounge to send 200 brand new books to China. 15 families are regularly taking part in Ai Yue Du activities plus work has started with families in the villages surrounding Lijiang.

Project Srinivasan

Front Lounge also enjoys relationship with a number of organisations in India. A mapping exercise covering 1000km² in Tamil Nadu was undertaken in January 2016 to better understand the real challenges facing India's social underclasses. Our goal is twofold:

1. To develop personal and community learning opportunities for the Dalits of India in line with our values and aspirations
2. To provide life affirming opportunities for young people in Scotland to share their knowledge and skills with others in India





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