

2023

"With your help, we are working hard to ensure that no talented person is stopped from fulfilling their potential in the performing arts due to lack of money or opportunity!"
(Ruth O'Brien, National Youth Arts Trust)

Stranger Things – 2019/2020

"Students have been talking about it all morning, many told me it was their best day out / trip ever which is really special!"
(Principal, Chobham Academy)

"Thank you so much for organising the event and inviting us. Students were so positive about the event and absolutely loved the experience, as did the staff. Even more magical because so many of our students would never have access to such an event without an opportunity like this. They were so involved in solving the mysteries and I don't think any of them had imagined it would be anywhere near as good as the event was (including me)!"
(Teacher, Chobham Academy)

"Thank you so much for inviting us. All the staff and students had an amazing time. I really appreciate these events and so do the young people, there is no way they would ever experience anything like it, if we did not make it available to them. Have a lovely Xmas"
(Education Links)

"Thank you so much Anna, so kind to invite us again. Although based in East London our students come from all over London. We have high BAME numbers and this kind of even is often not something they would have access to. I expect it was a great deal of work which makes it all the more special. The social media buzz from the student shots outside the front reflected their comments, they loved it!"
(University of East London)

"Thank you so so much for the opportunity! The show is incredible, and we enjoyed every minute of it! Our young group could not have been more excited about it all! Looking forward to working with you in 2020! Have a wonderful Xmas and New Year!"
Film London (Equal Access Network)

"We owe you a massive thank you. We all had such a great time and I already have students interested in the work shadowing opportunity. It was so much fun and so well organised and put together. We hope the rest of the shows go great and you have a lovely Christmas and New year!"
(LAE - Sixth Form)

"Thanks for yesterday Anna! The students loved it and it was a fantastic show!! Really enjoyed being a part of it, thanks so much for having us!"

(Event Academy)

Casino Royale (2019)

"thank you sooooo much – the kids were amazed!!!"

(Teacher - Dagenham Park)

"The workshop opened the student's eyes to all the possible opportunities, behind the scenes, runner jobs, technical and camera roles"

(Teacher – Eastbury School)

"I'm so happy we've been able to work together during your time in Barking and Dagenham. it has been a truly exceptional experience for our students, and staff!"

(Teacher – Elutec Technical College)

"It is so refreshing to see a company " putting back" into the local community in such a well thought out and positive way. Please pass my thanks onto to all the programme staff and if possible those responsible for the partnership with Barking and Dagenham council. You should all feel very proud of the difference you are making in young people's lives; it's so heartening to see".

(Parent of student – Dagenham)

"I'm so grateful for all the opportunities...thank you to everyone that made it possible. I'm looking forward to potentially working with Secret cinema in the future".

**(Filmmaking Student - Dagenham -
Graduated to paid employment on Stranger Things)**

"Just wanted to check in and say the hugest thank you again for the amazing opportunities given on the course and for all of your continued help and support. I am now at university and feel as though I have entered into this new chapter with newfound confidence in my ability to be a part of the film industry".

(Filmmaking Student - Barking & Dagenham)

"I just wanted to deeply express how much these past 2 days of working alongside you and the outstanding team of Secret Cinema has meant for me. I am truly blessed to have been chosen for this amazing opportunity... I have learnt a tremendous lot in just 2 days and I am still completely mesmerised by what I saw".

(Work Experience Student - Barking & Dagenham)

"Viewing the immersive film experience at the end, from both the audience and staff's perspective, was simply fascinating".

(Work Experience Student – Barking & Dagenham)

Moulin Rouge Spring 2017 - Newham

"Hosting the spectacular Moulin Rouge in Newham this year was an absolute pleasure. Newham Council worked closely with Secret Cinema on every step of the planning and delivery of the project and we have nothing but praise for how they conducted themselves.

"Not only did they bring alive the hugely popular film for more than 70,000 people over 86 nights, they also brought the whole experience alive for hundreds of local school children through workshops, tours and talks and ensured local residents were able to enjoy the show with discounted tickets. They also worked alongside the council's highly successful work brokerage scheme Workplace to place 26 Newham residents into jobs and provide 10 local people with the opportunity to gain work experience on their most recent production from front of house, technical and production roles.

"They achieved all of this while breathing new life into a disused warehouse and raising around £20,000 for charity. This is the second time Newham Council has worked with Secret Cinema and I would recommend them to any other local authority they look to work with in the future."

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham

Dirty Dancing Summer 2016 – Leyton Jubilee Park

"It was a real pleasure working with Secret Cinema and partners to bring Dirty Dancing to Waltham Forest. I found it to be a professional and effective organisation to work with, and through its extensive community engagement, work with neighbouring schools and suppliers, it brought local benefits wider than the film screenings themselves. As well as being enjoyed by hundreds of local residents, the quality of the Secret Cinema brand attracted many new visitors to Waltham Forest, boosting the local economy and raising the profile of the borough.

Lorna Lee, Head of Culture and Visitor Services