



NADFAS is an educational charity with 90,000 members in 340 member societies throughout the UK.

As one of its objectives, NADFAS aims to inspire young people with a lasting enthusiasm for the arts and an awareness of our arts heritage and its conservation. NADFAS therefore encourages individual societies to promote high quality arts activities for young people.

These activities, under the heading of Young Arts, are coordinated by the Volunteering Department at NADFAS House.



Societies and Young Arts

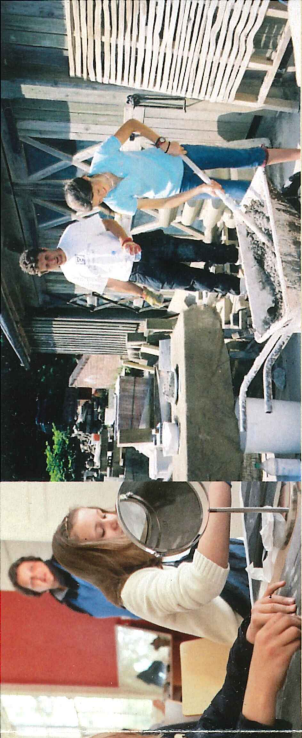
Societies work with the young in two ways. Many have their own Young Arts Groups; others arrange Young Arts Projects, and some support both.

- ❖ Young Arts Groups are junior societies with members aged 8-18; some are based in schools or museums
- ❖ Young Arts Projects are usually one-off arts events organised or sponsored by societies for schools, museums, galleries or other local organisations

Young Arts Groups

Groups are affiliated to member societies. They run a programme of arts activities throughout the year which are fun and stimulating. Their members enjoy

- ❖ hands-on workshops, visits to artists' studios, galleries and museums
- ❖ special national events
- ❖ an annual competition which encourages the acquisition of particular skills
- ❖ access to expert tuition



Young Arts Projects

There is no set format for projects; they vary according to local circumstances. A Society's involvement may be anything from sponsorship to the organisation of the entire project. Many projects involve partnerships with other local and national bodies.

Projects encompass a wide range of activities and may benefit individuals or any number of children. They include

- ❖ artists-in-residence in schools
- ❖ funding visits to galleries and museums
- ❖ art exhibitions and competitions
- ❖ purchase of special equipment and art books
- ❖ bursaries/awards for individual students and craft apprentices
- ❖ Church Trails with NADFAS Church Recorders

Grants and Scholarships

Grants are available to Young Arts Group members and Societies involved with Young Arts projects. NADFAS also administers the Sir Trenchard Cox Scholarship for 16-18 year olds. Look on the NADFAS website for full details of our grants policy.

Some examples of Young Arts activities

- ❖ arts week at a special needs school
- ❖ Liverpool Museums peer group guiding
- ❖ National Portrait Gallery event
- ❖ Big Draw Day at the British Museum
- ❖ working with Young Offenders
- ❖ art events at National Trust properties
- ❖ art holidays in Cambridge, Scotland & Liverpool
- ❖ provision of a new kiln at a school for the visually impaired
- ❖ purchase of canvases and paint for a hospital schoolroom
- ❖ funding for a school visit to the Ashmolean Museum

NADFAS Young Arts

Young NADFAS introduced over 20,000 children to the arts through its Groups during its first 30 years. Young Arts Groups continue to flourish.

In 1998 NADFAS decided to expand the Young Arts programme and encourage more Societies to engage in projects for young people. Since then the numbers directly benefiting from arts events organised or funded by Societies have increased dramatically.

At a time when arts education in schools is under pressure from competing curriculum demands and lack of funding, NADFAS Societies are well placed to help with particular needs in their own areas. Experience has shown that a small grant from a Society can act as a catalyst, creating partnerships in the promotion of the arts for young people.

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