

**VSDF Stronger Together Arts, Culture and Heritage Fund
May 2020 - Round 2**

Organisation & Project name	Grant	Purpose
Anglo Asiatic Arts and Heritage Alliance	£1,500.00	Thurrock Island is a creative community project around the themes of climate change and recycling. A digital map for participants to fill will be created that represents Thurrock as an island as sea levels rise.
Selena Chandler	£743.00	Drawing on the histories of shipping on the Thames and concepts of what ties communities together this project aims to create a communal artwork of 'Safety Nets for Thurrock'.
Blown Fuse	£1,446.16	We will create an online portal showcasing immersive and engaging video and audio performances which, tell the stories of women throughout Thurrock who have impacted our area, and the wider world, and women who have been significantly shaped by their life in Thurrock.
Jo Gillam	£1,338.00	To create a downloadable trail/environmentally-friendly scavenger hunt for Coalhouse Fort Park targeted at primary school children and the adults supporting their learning. The aim is to provide fun, cross-curricula online resources which can be used before, after and mainly during a socially-distanced visit to the site. The material will support experiential learning and encourage outside exercise for the improvement of physical and mental wellbeing. This is especially important while under Covid-19 restrictions.
Rebecca Brewer	£1,500.00	'AT LEAST WE'VE GOT THIS PLACE' will be an online film, documenting the experience of ploholders at West Road Allotments in South Ockendon. The allotment is a wonderful melting pot of cultures and languages and is a symbol of the diversity of Thurrock working and planting together.
Kara Thompson	£1,500.00	Smiles4All is a project being managed in partnership between myself, Alexandra Godfree, Grays Riverside Big Local and local area coordinator; we are connecting people across Thurrock who are isolated and would benefit from receiving and making artwork with kind strangers.
Michelle Omo-Olaye	£584.16	To deliver an online interactive drama programme. The programme will be delivered over a 3 months period. I will be working with participants to develop a monologue. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to write and perform a monologue.
Fiona Imrie	£1,500.00	The Project would primarily be to collect items to show how children in Essex schools responded to this pandemic. The Project considers that these new restrictions on children, new emotions, bereavements and changes to way of life have not been seen since World War 2 and therefore needs documenting in as many ways as possible.

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Thurrock & District Mencap Society	£1,500.00	Before COVID 19 our members were taking part in weekly dance sessions at the Thameside Theatre in Grays. These sessions enabled them to stay healthy and mobile and helped with co-ordination and balance along with memory skills to learn dance routines. We would like to be able to continue these sessions online so that members can participate at home, over the 12 weeks.
Golden Voices	£1,500.00	Thurrock Golden Voices is a choir for over 50s. Before COVID 19 we met once a week at the Beehive in Grays to rehearse and performed at several events in Thurrock. We are looking for funding to enable us to continue these sessions online so that existing and new members can continue to sing and to catch up with each other online in the safety of their homes. This would be by the way of weekly live stream sessions.
Quest Music Services	£1,500.00	Our project is to run interactive music events from our venue in The Thameside Theatre Complex in Thurrock for online audiences. QMS want to encourage people to interact and engage online to create positive mental health and wellbeing, through the arts, over the next 3 months.
Rendered Retina	£1,500.00	'A Salvaged Thurrock 2020', an online rehearsal and development process with local residents that culminates in a digital work-in-progress performance celebrating Thurrock's history through multiple art forms. Over the course of 5 weeks, starting mid-July, we will run a series of live rehearsal sessions via Zoom that are led by an industry professional. These sessions will cover: Dance, Design, Puppetry, Song-writing and Script-writing.
Creative Blast	£1,500.00	THURROCK COVID-19 CREATIVE TIME CAPSULE, where we would invite the Thurrock community to send us their experiences of Thurrock in Lockdown. in the form of images, photography, craft, creative writing, poetry, dance, video etc and could include music that they have listened to, recipes they have baked, new skills they have learnt – all from the safety of their own home.
Richard Margrave	£1,500.00	The project is a 20-minute drama played out by four actors in a recorded Zoom video session for viewing on demand from YouTube. The drama is a fictional reconstruction of the real trial of a young woman living in South Ockendon accused of incest and witchcraft in the late 16 th century, with contemporary undertones relevant to today.