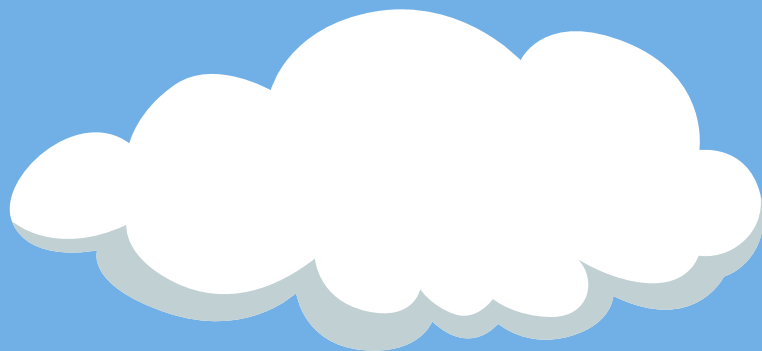
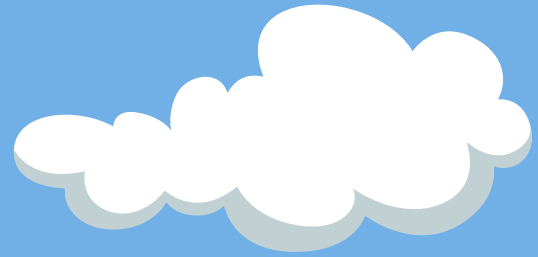
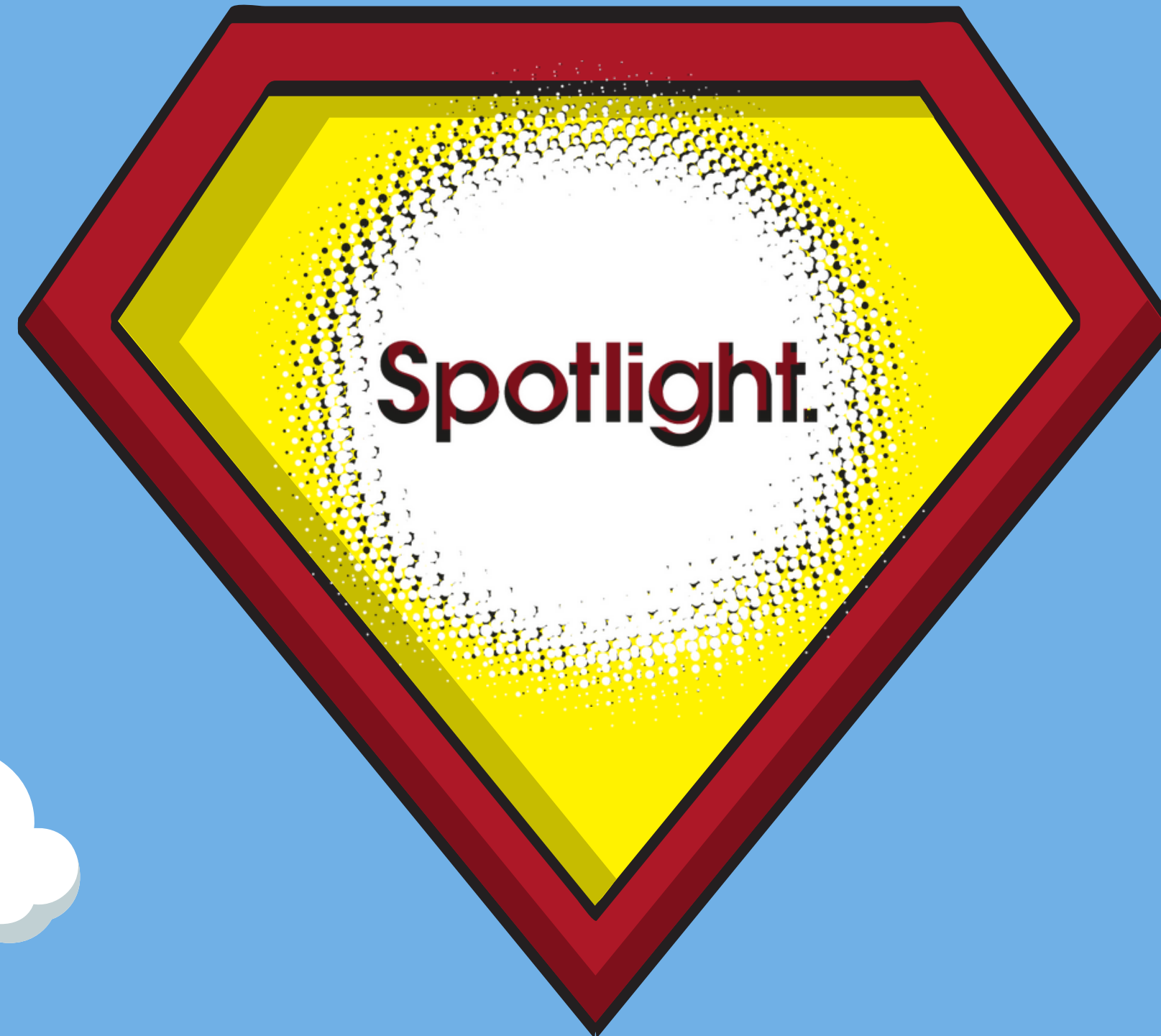


SPOTLIGHT SUPERHEROES

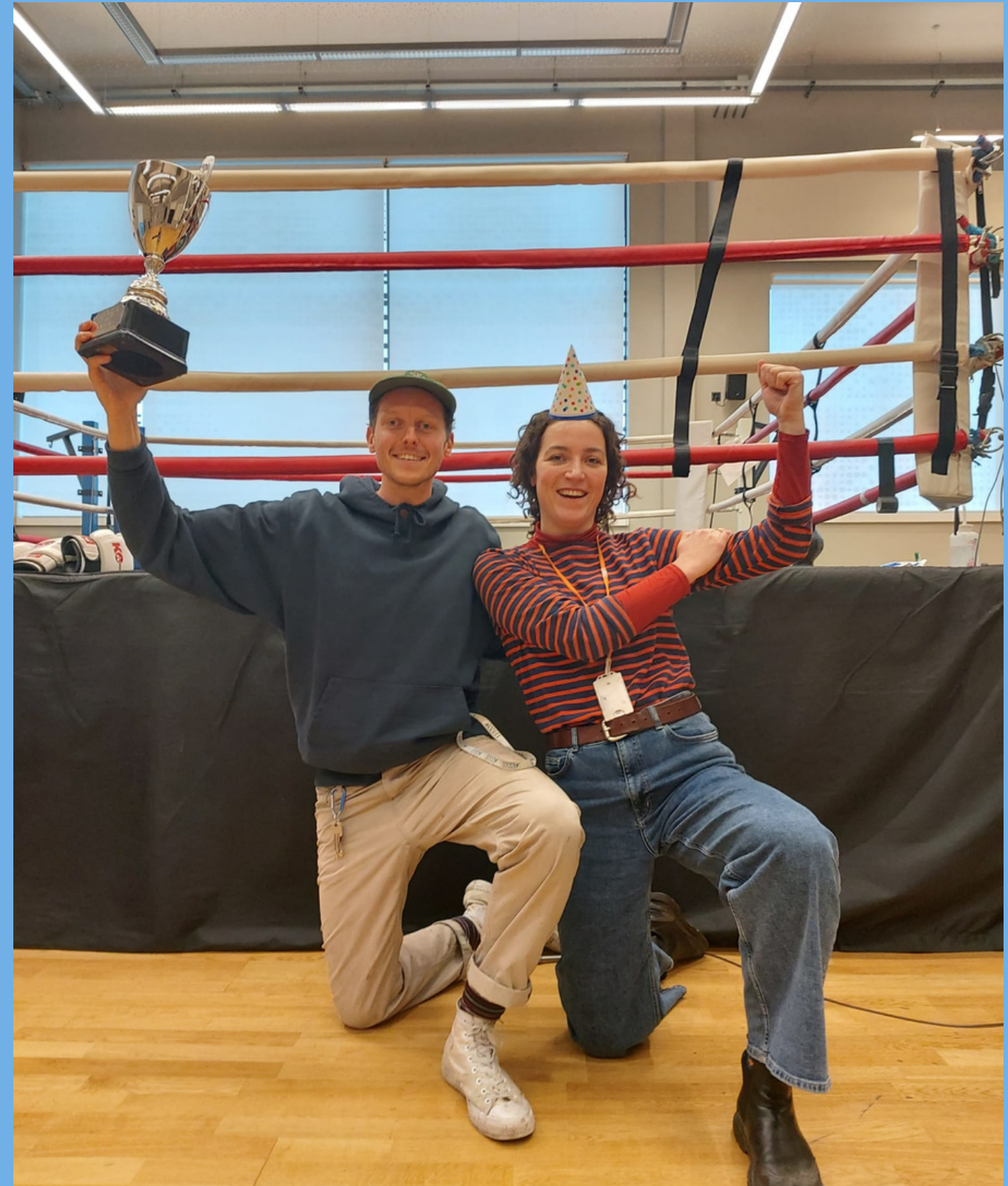
LET'S TALK SEND: 05\07\2022



WHO ARE WE?

Harry Forshaw - Youth
Volunteering Coordinator /
Spotlight SEND Lead

Ellie Whittle - Creative
Producer (Theatre + Dance)
/ Spotlight SEND Lead



**WHAT IS
SPOTLIGHT?**

POPLAR **HARCA**

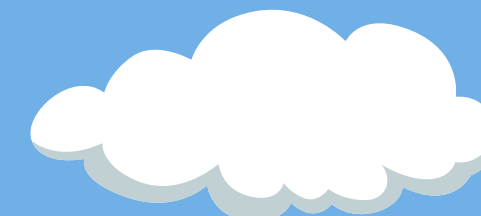
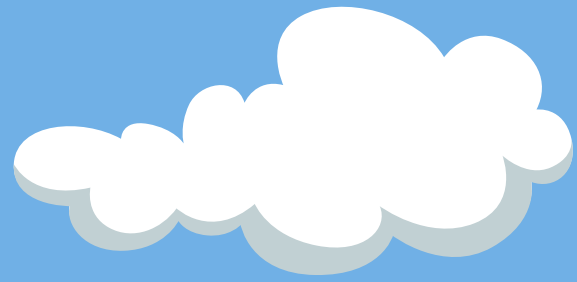
A free Creative Arts Youth Service in Poplar.

Serving young people aged 11-19, 25 with SEND.

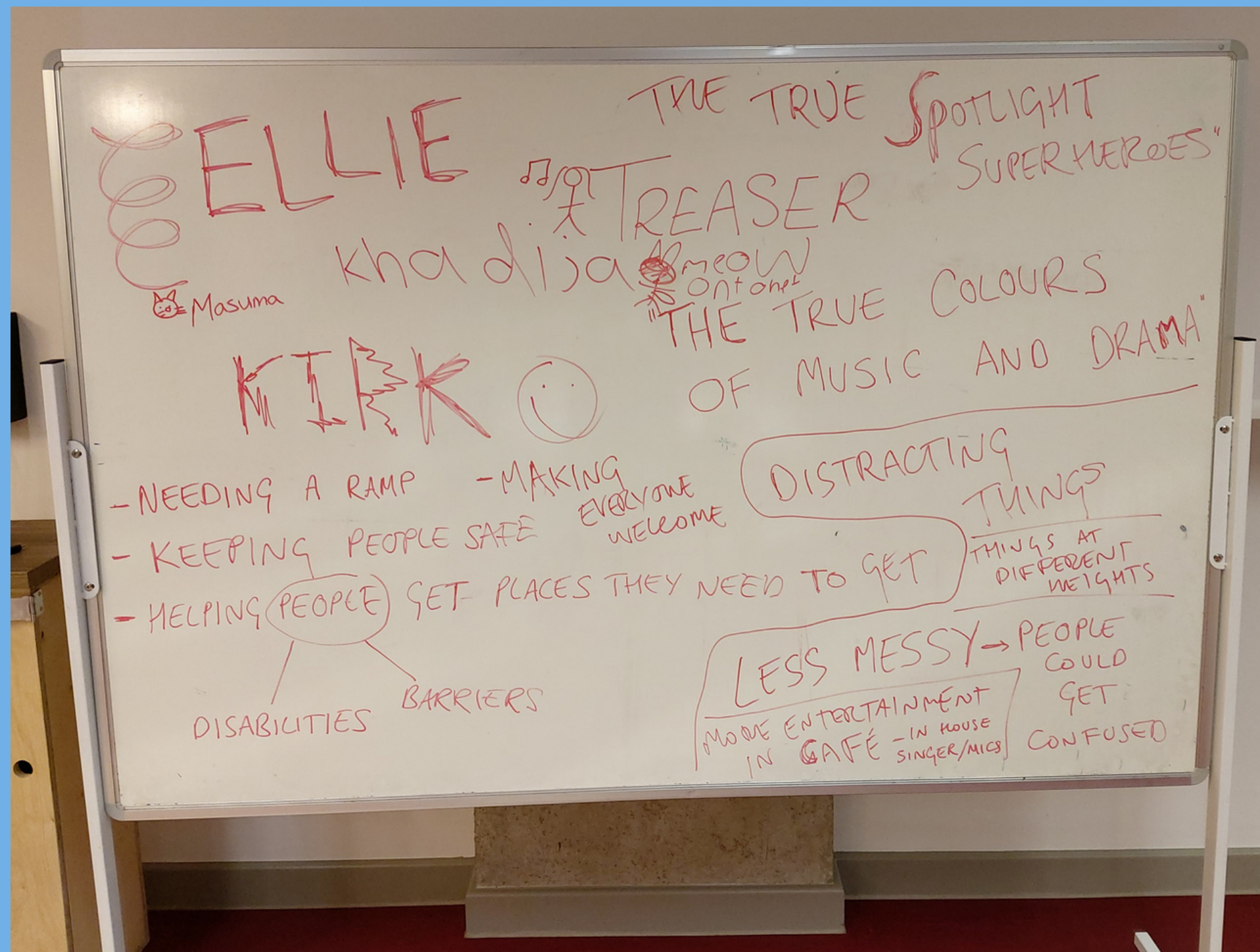
In 2021, we engaged 2515 across our service.

CONTEXT - SEND ENGAGEMENT

- **COVID - democratisation of youth services**
- **1.5 years of increased engagement with disabled and neurodivergent young people**
- **Spotlight Superheroes**
- **Creating a space where young people feel heard, valued and empowered**
- **Youth voice**



THE SPOTLIGHT SUPERHEROES WERE BORN!



SINCE OCT 2020, A GROWING GROUP HAS MET MONTHLY.

PARTNERSHIP WORK:



sense



WE ARE CURRENTLY PARTNERED WITH INTERNATIONAL CHARITY, SENSE UK, WHO SPECIALISE IN SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX DISABILITIES. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM REFERRAL ONTO THE SENSE BUDDYING PROGRAMME.

WE WON AN AWARD!



sense

connecting sight, sound and life

Sense Awards 2021
Collaboration of the Year

Spotlight Youth Club



TAKEOVER DAY



- **Carousel of activities**
 - **Visual Arts (Lydia)**
 - **Music (Rodney)**
 - **Active (Ade)**
- **40 minutes each**
- **Sensory space - essential!**

TAKEOVER DAY

- **Parent \ carer \ professionals on-boarding session:**
 - **Our Time Forum**
 - **TH Parents' SEND Forum**
 - **SENSE - ELBS**
 - **HealthSpot**
 - **TH C-19 Ambassadors**



LUNCH \ SOCIALISING \ GOOD VIBES





WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- **Inclusive sessions across Creative programme**
- **Industry standard collaborations.**
- **On demand Sensory Space**
- **Sensory boxes**
- **Disability training for all youth facing staff.**
- **Disability Audits complete for all centres.**



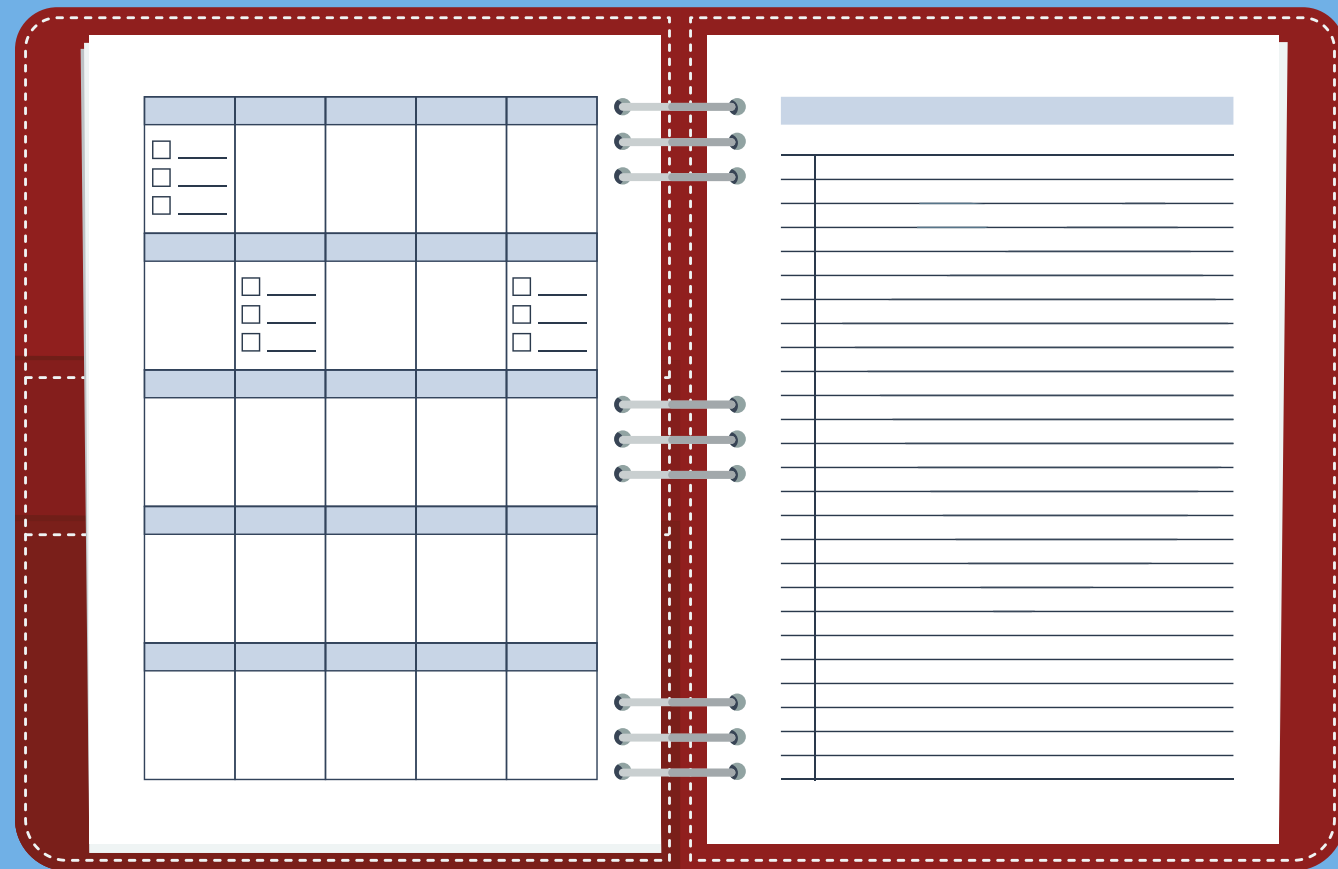
LONG TERM VISION

- **Culture change - FoH and BoH**
 - **Staff + young people**
- **Non-silo approach**
- **Normalisation**
- **A truly inclusive service for all young people**

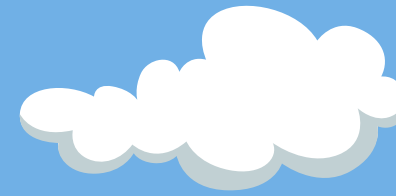




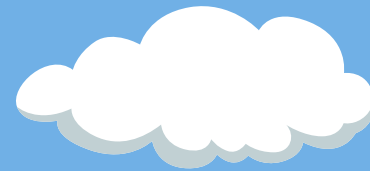
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



**26th July, 5-7pm - NEXT
SUPERHEROES SESSION**



**Check out our packed summer
holiday programme for loads
of inclusive activities.**



**ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT
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THANKS FOR LISTENING!

