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**DASH is delighted to announce Arts Council England funding for 2018 - 2022**

DASH's application for additional investment has been supported, which means that we can expand our partnership work commissioning Disabled artists and create a new Disabled children and young people programme.

How can we do this with just three part time staff? The increased investment means that we will be able to expand our team with an Engagement and Learning Manager and a Marketing & Communications Manager.

The Board and staff would like to say a HUGE thank you to Arts Council England, the organisation and the staff team for all their support over the years.

And of course a HUGE thank you to all our supporters, from so many arts, cultural and media and third sector organisations, all the individuals, artists, freelancers, participants and funders, who have made it possible to continue our work.

We have BIG plans over the next four years, so make sure you watch this space for the latest projects and news. Did I mention DASH will be 20 years old in 2021? - Time for a celebration?

**Peter Knott, Area Director, Arts Council England said: "Creative talent is everywhere, but opportunities are not, which is why we're thrilled to be increasing our investment in DASH over the next four years. It'll be great to see them continue to support disabled visual artists, as well as using our funding to create a new programme for disabled children and young people to get involved with art and culture."**

“You folks have made the biggest change to my professional arts life since I graduated. The mentoring programme, particularly since I have been working with Dean Melbourne, has been extraordinary for me. I can't believe how things have changed for me since my mentoring but even without that, just knowing that there was an organisation out there who listened to me and were able to offer actual, practical support after years and years of isolation, well I can't tell you what that has meant.”

Cultivate mentee

### About DASH

DASH is a Disability Arts development organisation which works locally, nationally and international with disabled people in partnership with arts and cultural organisations to develop Disability Arts practice.

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