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Play. Create Discover.

In early 2022 we awarded £1,124,561 through the Additional Restrictions Grant: Large Grant Scheme to nine organisations to help support a broad range of projects and activities centred around the eight pillars of our Towards a Better Newham Covid-19 Recovery Strategy. The grants provided them with both capital and revenue funding for initiatives to help boost local economic activity.

Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford was awarded £47,387 to help support a broad range of activities.

About Discover Children's Story Centre

Discover is the UK's first Story Centre for children aged up to 8 and their families. As a not for profit organisation its aim is to support a love of language, literature and stories. Its purpose-built Story World and Story Garden are creative play spaces designed to inspire children's curiosity and imagination.

Project summary

Discover is working in partnership with local community organisations such as libraries, foodbanks, charities to provide free entry for 5,000 visitors.

This funding will support two events:

- A Map of Me, creative wellbeing storytelling in Newham libraries for 5-8 year olds.
- The Rainbow Builder, a storytelling performance for 0-3 year olds engaging children and families creatively with the issues around the environment.

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"We are delighted that this support from the London Borough of Newham will extend the work Discover does in partnership with local groups. We share Newham's commitment to helping our communities recover from the impact of Covid and look forward to welcoming them to the Story Centre."

Karla Barnacle-Best, Chief Executive

Progress so far

Discover collaborated with local community organisations to provide free entry between 1 March 2022 and 31 August 2022. These have included many organisations from the Magpie Project, Bonny Downs Community Association and the Newham Family Nurse Partnership.

They have also produced A Map of Me, an original story performance for 5-8 year olds exploring emotions and wellbeing through the eyes of Kit. Storybuilders lead participants on a journey of self-exploration, meeting wonderful and funny puppet animals on the way.



Plans for the future

Discover has created The Rainbow Builder, a storytelling performance for 0-3 year olds engaging children and families creatively with the issues around the environment. Told through storytelling and sensory interactions, The Rainbow Builder is an accessible production for curious minds and budding explorers. Sessions are currently running. Next year will also be the 20th birthday of the Discover Children's Story Centre opening its doors in Newham. They hope to share their celebratory plans soon.