

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. Theatre Royal Stratford East were awarded £230,000 to help support a broad range of activities.

About Theatre Royal Stratford East

Stratford East is a producing theatre, built in 1884, in the heart of East London, situated a short walk from Stratford station. As the only Theatre in the borough, they are proud of their civic responsibility in the Stratford community.



Project summary

The funding received from the Large Grants Scheme has supported the Theatre:

- ✓ Increase opening hours for more community access and activity.
- ✓ Provide space for Stratford East Singers, a community group choir, and enable them to do their first performance in over 2 years.
- ✓ Create a welcoming space for more community activity by making the bar area more welcoming and flexible.
- ✓ Contribute to Newham's environmental sustainability plans by updating their internal distribution boards saving energy and becoming greener.

PROGRESS SO FAR

Stratford East have completed the refurbishment of the bar making it a more flexible and welcoming space as well as making it a space for community sessions and as a meeting and hire space.

They have also completed the refurbishment of the rehearsal space, making it a standalone space for external groups to use, complete with a self-contained kitchen and toilets.

They have extended their opening hours as well as opening for artists and community groups to use six days a week. Since Covid, Stratford East also produced the first Stratford East Singers Concert in a joyful celebration from the community choir.

In the last year – over 60,000 people have seen a production; over 122 external groups have used space in the building for their work.

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Plans for the future

Stratford East will continue to look at how it can expand the opening of the building for the widest possible use – hopefully opening up fully during the day. They are committed to continuing their work to make them more environmentally sustainable whilst also continuing to working to tackle lack of affordable cultural provision in the borough, as well providing training and employment opportunities for young people.

Finally, Stratford East are working towards their 140th anniversary plans for 2024, which aim to celebrate Stratford East's place in the community.



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