

MORTAL FOOLS

2020 -2021

A YEAR OF PIVOTING,
GROWING, CREATING,
AN ABUNDANCE OF ADVENTURE,
LEARNING TO GET COMFORTABLE
WITH DISCOMFORT AND EXPECTING
THE UNEXPECTED.

**Artistic Director and CEO of
Northumberland based, theatre,
drama and creative learning
charity Mortal Fools, Kiz Crosbie:**

“Well what a year that was!?”

Mortal Fools’ purpose is to support people to have better interpersonal relationships with one another and we do that through theatre and drama. Our work became even more important during a year when COVID forced us to physically distance from one another and I’m so proud of our team for the ingenuity and resilience they’ve shown, and for the positive impact we’ve collectively been able to make to young people and freelance artists in Northumberland and beyond, who really needed us to be there for them. We are ready to step into the next year, stronger, wiser and forever changed, that’s to all your support – **THANK YOU.**”



FROM 1ST APRIL 2020
- 1ST APRIL 2021,
MORTAL FOOLS HAS...

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK



Delivered **255** sessions
for young people

Worked regularly with
a core 70 young people

Ran **4** co-created online
sessions, amplifying
young people's voices

Co-created **7** young
people's creative projects

Supported **310** young
people's mental health
via our online, interactive
storytelling Melva game



CONNECT

Launched CONNECT; our professional and personal development programme for individuals, teams and businesses

Delivered **75** CONNECT training sessions to **52** Regional, National & International organisations

Engaged with **3,000+** participants

Attended **32** networking events



FREELANCE SUPPORT / ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

Delivered **16** training sessions for our Associate team with ongoing mentoring

Supported **50+** freelance theatre practitioners and creative professionals

Recruited **4** individuals into our core team and **8** into our associate team



AUDIENCES



1000+ listeners and 2K+ downloads
of our audio theatre experience,
When The World Is Loud

5,645 views & **175.1 hours** watched
on our YouTube

Hosted 9 online events attended
by **500+ people**

Took part in **5** National festivals

Reimagined Melva,
the stage show for film –
coming to a screen
near you in Autumn!



Launched **Creative Catalyst**; a project focused on listening, learning, personal growth, positive change & allyship.

As an **activist organisation**, we defined our purpose & responsibility to artists, young people, partners, our community & sector.

Ran **11** training sessions covering mental health, privilege, allyship, anti-racism, disability awareness & LGBTQI+ awareness.

Established **5** critical friends to support & keep us accountable.

MORTAL FOOLS' YOUNG LEADERS

Established our Young Leaders Programme, to support young people to be better leaders, activists, allies and socially engaged

Made meaningful change in our processes, policies, communications & prioritised investment into improving equality, diversity & inclusivity.

Incorporated **mental health into our core charitable objectives**

Made & delivered on **7** promises to our Mortal Fools' community and freelancers.

HERE IS TO ANOTHER BIG,
BOLD, EXCITING YEAR
OF GROWTH!

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