

## WAHWN Impact Report

October 24 – March 25

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As part of our Multi Year Funding Agreement with Arts Council Wales, we will share the impact of our work, related to our targets, across 6 priority areas. This will be updated every six months.





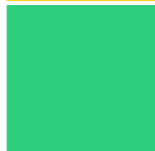
## Self-Assessment – How we are performing 31 March 2025

### Financial Health



Our earned income target was not met but 2 of 3 funding applications have been successful

### Operational Health



We have achieved all of our targets in 24-25 and exceeded on several.

## Outcomes

Creativity

Widening Engagement

Welsh Language

Nurturing Talent

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# Creavity



## Outcome 1

**An annual programme of work, co-created with stakeholders from within the arts and health ecology, which has value to the arts and health sector, reflected by our growing membership, strategic networks and member feedback.**

Outputs:

- Hosted 21 learning groups with 196 attendances and 80% positive feedback
- 7% percentage increase in membership
- 44 new resources published to website

## Outcome 2

**Recognising how arts and health/wellbeing affects all citizens in Wales, we will sustain and develop a range of relationships that contribute to the creativity of the arts and health sector.**

Outputs:

- 7 x network meetings including presentations from 4 x non-arts sector contributors

## Outcome 3

**Creative approaches to health outcomes are represented in policy priorities of statutory bodies and others, informed by wider best practice.**

Outputs:

- Contributed to Wellbeing Economy conference
- Represented sector at Welsh NHS Confederation conference
- Represented sector at Cross Party Group on Arts and Health



# Widening Engagement



## Outcome 1

**We will champion cultural democracy in respect of participating individuals/communities in making their own creative decisions as to what counts as culture and how/where it is delivered.**

Outputs:

- 1 x Go and See bursary supported practitioner from global majority background

## Outcome 2

**We will build the aptitude of artists in the arts and health sector to work with participants who have complex considerations around their capacity to engage with arts and culture.**

Outputs:

- Community of practice around training and diversifying the workforce established

## Outcome 3

**To build the confidence and Knowledge of health practitioners in Wales to refer to use creativity as a response to medical needs.**

Outputs:

- 46% of new members are health / third sector professionals

# Welsh Language



## Outcome 1

**Continually review our own Welsh language effectiveness against our policy and annual implementation plans.**

Outputs:

- Cynnig Cymraeg approval from Welsh Language Commissioner
- Welsh Language Development Plan finalised

## Outcome 2

**Co-create a programme of work with our members that builds the capacity of the arts and health sector to deliver bilingually.**

Outputs:

- 1 x Welsh language network meeting

## Outcome 3

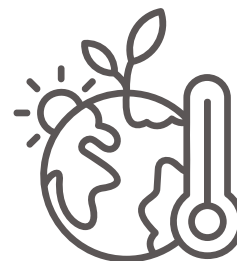
**Deliver a programme of work aimed at the general public and healthcare professionals, which will showcase the supply of arts and health activity and its potential impact on health, care and wellbeing outcomes. This is intended to create a demand for Welsh language provision.**

Outputs:

- Representing sector at 2 x health focused sector events



# Climate Justice



## Outcome 1

**Develop a robust sustainability plan and annual implementation plans.**

Outputs:

- 2 x Trustees with sustainability/environmental expertise recruited
- Represented sector at National Nature Service launch
- Delivered nature connection themed network meeting

## Outcome 2

**Realise the potential of arts and health activities to link with Wales' outdoor/green spaces, and in doing so, to recognise the added benefits that can be delivered around addressing wider themes of climate justice.**

Outputs:

- 2 new creative nature focused resources highlighted

## Outcome 3

**Encourage our network of members to consider their impact on the climate emergency and support them on development of their Sustainability Plans.**

Outputs:

- Connections built with nature focused academics and research networks



# Nurturing Talent



## Outcome 1

**To be a recognised leader in respect of identifying the development needs of artists and arts organisations delivering in the arts and health sector.**

Outputs:

- Survey on training needs circulated. Training needs identified
- 15 organisations participate in Strategies for Wellbeing

## Outcome 2

**To enable the development and wellbeing of internal stakeholders (staff, volunteers, freelancers and board members) in line with our commitment to being a learning organisation.**

Outputs:

- WAHWN support pledge adopted

## Outcome 3

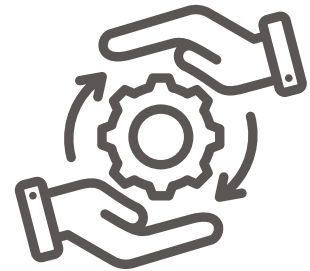
**To support the wellbeing of the Welsh practitioner network working in the arts and health ecology.**

Outputs:

- 4 x Welsh language practitioners supported by How Ya Doing?
- 22 Welsh language practitioners supported through a new sub-network



# Transformation



## Outcome 1

To represent and maintain the respect of our members (key stakeholders within Wales' Arts and health ecology), who understand the purpose of the organisation, and the impact that we make.

Outputs:

- Public Health Wales secured as a Weave 2025 conference sponsor

## Outcome 2

To be a sector leader in respect of arts and health, supporting the sector to respond responsibly to the present crisis in health and care, and Wales' wider wellbeing commitments.

Outputs:

- Supported members to respond to WFGA Cymru CAN consultation
- Representing the sector at Most Significant Change knowledge exchange event

## Outcome 3

To reduce the reliance of WAHWN and our members on public funding.

Outputs:

- 3 x new funding opportunities shared with members
- 2 x non-ACW funding sources secured





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