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Jacksons Lane to undergo major redevelopment in 2020

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Jacksons Lane has received notification of second-stage funding of £2.26m from Arts Council England's Large Capital Grants scheme, funded by the National Lottery, to support its 2020 capital redevelopment project.

The funding is a crucial contribution to the centre's £5.1m redevelopment programme, overseen by architects Citizens Design Bureau, which will transform Jacksons Lane's Grade II-listed building and secure its position as the UK's leading venue for contemporary circus, creative learning and community involvement.

The capital project will reimagine the building's interior to create studio spaces that are stimulating, well-equipped and, for the first time, entirely physically accessible. The foyer will be dramatically expanded and Jacksons Lane's auditorium will be sensitively enhanced to reveal striking historical features and improve audience experience.

On completion, Jacksons Lane burst with activity, morning, noon and night, offering a vibrant programme of artistic work and creative learning opportunities. It will build on its reputation as the UK's leading supporter of contemporary circus to become the home of excellence for all non-verbal theatre. It will increase opportunities offered to young people passionate about pursuing a career in the arts. The centre will reflect London's diversity across artists, audiences and staff, and it will move forward sustainably into the next 45 years and beyond.

Jacksons Lane is a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England, one of only two such organisations in London to be awarded a Large Capital Grant. The project has already garnered support from Haringey Council, who have committed £1m to the project. The centre's public fundraising

campaign, Love Jacksons Lane, launches this month to raise the remaining £1.7m needed to complete the project.

Adrian Berry, Artistic Director of Jacksons Lane, said: "Everyone at Jacksons Lane is absolutely thrilled by this news. We can now look to deliver even more exciting, diverse arts performance and engagement in a building that our audiences and artists can be proud of. This is such an achievement for the entire team."

Richard Smith-Bingham, Chair of Jacksons Lane's Board of Trustees, said: "The transformation of Jacksons Lane enabled by the Arts Council's generosity will enable us to deepen our support for artistic and local communities, to shine more brightly in north London and better welcome emerging and established talent from across the UK and abroad. We hope this strong endorsement of our project will draw in other funds and enable us to reimagine and amplify our role as a creative hub for the decades to come."

Joyce Wilson, London Area Director, Arts Council England, said: "We are happy to be able to offer support to Jacksons Lane through Arts Council England capital funding. The redevelopment proposals aim to benefit artists and audiences from across London and beyond. We look forward to seeing the changes to the building and the positive impact they make."

Zina Etheridge, Chief Executive of Haringey Council, said: "Jacksons Lane is a wonderful venue which is immensely popular with the community. I'm delighted that it has secured funding which will widen its reach and allow even more Haringey residents to enjoy and participate in its eclectic range of artistic events and performances."

Katy Marks, Director of Citizens Design Bureau, said: "This grant will allow us both to reveal the beauty of the Grade II-listed former church building and create a more sociable, accessible and functional building. On the outside, plans include reopening the old church door to create a new, accessible entrance. Internally, increased audience capacity in the theatre, an expanded foyer and improved acoustics in studio spaces will transform the building – but keep the soul of Jacksons Lane intact."

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About Jacksons Lane

Jacksons Lane transforms lives. It is the flagship arts and cultural venue in Haringey, offering a year-round programme that encompasses the best in contemporary performance, creative learning and community involvement – the place where creativity and curiosity meet.

As the UK's leading supporter of contemporary circus, it nurtures emerging artists from across the globe: internationally lauded companies such as Barely Methodical Troupe, Gandini Juggling and Complicité started their careers at Jacksons Lane. It also hosts the country's highest-quality family theatre, exciting new physical theatre companies and world-renowned comedians; professional stand-ups including Ricky Gervais, Russell Brand and Eddie Izzard have all performed in its intimate auditorium.

Our comprehensive Creative Learning programme includes weekly circus workshops in community spaces across Tottenham and Wood Green, social activities with music and dance for older people in supported housing schemes, and theatre projects that focus on women's safety. Since being founded 44 years ago, Jacksons Lane has opened on Christmas Day to offer lunch, festivities and entertainment to older people who do not have family or friends to share the day with.

As an essential community hub, Jacksons Lane works with over 65,000 people each year, collaborating with community partners and funders to overcome traditional barriers to access. It develops projects across the borough, particularly for those in economically challenged communities, using the arts and creativity to increase confidence, reduce isolation and improve overall wellbeing.

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An indicative design of Jacksons Lane's café and foyer space. Please download high-resolution images [here](#).

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An indicative design of Jacksons Lane's box office and foyer space. Please download high-resolution images [here](#).

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