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SOUTH TEES ARTS PROJECT SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2022 HSJ PARTNERSHIP AWARDS

South Tees Arts Project (STAR) is delighted to announce that its initiative to improve the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged children in South Tees has been shortlisted for 'Most Impactful Project Addressing Health Inequalities' at the HSJ Partnership Awards 2022, recognising their outstanding contribution to healthcare – in what has been an exceptional and challenging period across the sector.

Despite the demanding circumstances of the past 2 years, over 190 entries have been received for this year's HSJ Partnership Awards, with 123 projects making it to the final shortlist. The volume and standards of applications has been a true testament to those health and social care staff, and their third sector partners, who continue to push outstanding work and transformational projects across the sector.

The judging panel was once again made up of a diverse range of highly influential and respected figures within the healthcare community. Following the intense and in-depth judging process, STAR was shortlisted, ahead of the official awards ceremony to be held on 24th March. Standing out amongst tough competition from hundreds of other exemplary applicants, STAR has been selected based on their ambition, visionary spirit and the demonstrable positive impact that their project has had on children, young people and their families living in some of the most deprived communities in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

STAR is an innovative locality-based dance and health programme which aims to increase access to the arts for children living in deprived areas of South Tees to improve their health and wellbeing. The project utilises the physical and mental wellbeing benefits of taking part in dance activities, supporting participants through creative and engaging ways to express themselves and develop self-awareness, identity, and social and emotional learning skills. The initiative adopts a school and family-based approach, maximising positive outcomes for children, schools and families.

The collaborative project was initiated by the North East and North Cumbria Child Health and Wellbeing Network, whose vision is that all children and young people should be given the opportunity to flourish and reach their potential, and be advantaged by organisations working together. The programme was developed in conjunction with Northern Ballet, and is delivered by TIN Arts, an inclusive dance organisation based in Durham, supported by multiple key regional partners, including local primary schools, academic researchers, family support organisation Children North East, and the South Tees public health team.

Martin Wilson, Executive Director at TIN Arts comments, "We are delighted to have been shortlisted for 'Most Impactful Project Addressing Health Inequalities', recognising the collaborative efforts and dedication of the project team over the last 12 months to successfully implement STAR. We are committed to improving outcomes for children and young people, and to be chosen among the other incredible nominees is a wonderful achievement. This nomination has been a tremendous boost for all project partners, and I am sure it will bolster our continued efforts to spread the success of the initiative to other under-served communities."

Chris Drinkwater, Executive Lead for Arts and Creativity at the Child Health and Wellbeing Network said, "I am delighted to see the ethos of the Network to bring organisations together in partnership deliver such a creative opportunity to primary schools in some of our most challenged communities".

The full list of nominees for the HSJ Partnership Awards 2022 can be found on <https://partnership.hsj.co.uk/finalists-2022>

The selected winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at Westminster Park Plaza, London on March 24th 2022

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NOTES TO EDITORS

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For more information relating to South Tees Arts Project, please contact Martin Wilson, Executive Director, TIN Arts via martin@tinarts.co.uk. To read more about STAR and the funders behind the project visit <https://www.tinarts.co.uk/current-projects/star/>

TIN Arts is an inclusive dance organisation based in Durham that is passionate about dance, the performing arts and the difference these make to people's lives. Our vision is that everybody has access to the arts. We hope to achieve this by removing barriers and increasing access to high quality dance and performing arts – this is our mission.

We are committed to providing outstanding arts experiences and increasing the number of people engaging in the arts from vulnerable backgrounds. We aspire to make the arts meaningful to those who engage with us and reflect in our outputs the diversity of participants who engage with our activities.

We deliver a broad range of programmes from offering children's first steps in movement through to arts sessions for adults with learning disabilities and have over 160 registered users of our regular programmes.

For more information about the North East and North Cumbria Child Health and Wellbeing Network, please contact Heather Corlett, Programme Lead for Child Health and Wellbeing via hcorlett@nhs.net.

Our network brings together people from all sectors across the region, such as health, education, local authorities and the voluntary and community sector, to work with children, young people and their families to make sure our work is more able to support them and have a positive impact.

We are proud to be part of a small but growing network in the North East and North Cumbria that plans to make a real difference to children's services.

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