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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Children in Southwark leading the way for community integration**

Today, with funding from the London Mayor's [Culture Seeds programme](#), the [Restorative Justice for All](#) Institute launched the Children and Art for Unity (CA4U). This is a children-led, community cohesion project in the SE16 London area. It will be delivered in partnership with the local arts centre, Bizzie Bodies.

The programme aims to provide educational and recreational activities to marginalised children to create original, digital art that will bring Rotherhithe's culture to life. CA4U aims to increase children's integration into a developing London area, while bringing cultures and all ages together to debate the results of their art and what matters to them.

[Dr. Theo Gavrielides](#), Founder and Director of the Restorative Justice for All Institute said: "We are delighted to be part of the Culture Seeds programme. The regeneration plans in the SE16 area have exacerbated the tensions between the established and newly arrived residents. Our children's art will bring our rich local culture to life while encouraging a much-needed intergeneration dialogue. We look forward to seeing our children leading the way. Everyone is welcome at our workshops and exhibition".

Through a partnership with the local non-profit Bizzie Bodies, CA4C will hold digital art workshops, focusing on culture, race equality and community cohesion. The project will run until 31 March 2019. Further detail can be found <https://www.theogavrielides.com/ca4u>

Emilie Mendy, Director of Bizzie Bodies said: "Thanks to the Mayor's cultural seeds programme, the children will access a unique and fantastic opportunity to develop creative and digital art skills for their future, learn about their local heritage while contributing to the regeneration in their community".

#### **Ends**

#### Notes to Editors

- Restorative Justice for All: <https://www.theogavrielides.com/rj4all>
- Bizzie Bodies: <http://www.bizziebodies.co.uk/>
- Culture Seeds: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/culture-seeds>
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