

WAIT UK REPORT 2014-15

Over the past year, the WAIT team has been active. Think Mount Kilauea type active. WAIT has been buzzing, bubbling and erupting across London. First was the kick off workshop in Lancaster Gate from the 4th to the 5th of October 2014. This was when we assigned new leaders for dance, music and drama and initiated new acts such as the new drama and the 'chandelier' dance.

Next came a series of 8 sessions in preparation for the Christmas concert, running from October to December. We succeeded in polishing the performances and this made for a spectacular show at the concert on the 18th of December. We raised money thanks to the acts, raffle and appreciation of the warm atmosphere the team created.

On the 14th of February 2015, the team had a fundraising and choreography meeting to discuss grants, new ways to fundraise and social networking ideas. Three days later there was another workshop in which there were 5 new people, education, public speaking, and a new dance taster. After that there were 6 choreography meetings to add new parts to the new dance, along with 4 sessions where the dance training began.

Another holiday, another workshop. On the 10th of April in an impressive 6 hour slot, the team learnt two core sections of the new dance. The leads in the dances really invested by attending extra practise sessions and by the time the first busking session came around, everyone's hard work really paid off. 30 members of WAIT performed in Kingston on Saturday the 27th of June and they raised £150 through putting in energy, effort and having fun. They had the best spot possible, the weather was beautiful and the audience loved them!



After a practise on the 1st of July, the team performed at the International Youth Arts Festival on the 4th, in Kingston Market Square. They got involved in a couple of impromptu dance battles after the performance, and again received a great reception and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

The next event was a birthday party for children on the 10th of July in Paddington Recreation Ground for an eight year old girl. It was extremely cute and lively-the children were treated to the dance 'chandelier' and a cover of 'where is the love', as well as freestyle dance sessions with the team.

Another busking session was in front of the National Gallery on the 11th of July (only the day after the birthday party!) but the team kept up their energy and motivation to put everything into performing all the acts again, talking to people about the message of WAIT and sharing the message publically.

To end the year, the team organised a party on the 18th of July to thank Carmel Mould for being such an incredible co-ordinator for the year. She has invested so much of her time and effort in WAIT and the team thanked her with cake, food, live music, dancing, games and a touching reflection at the end. This year started and ended with a bang, and we're all looking forward to the next one! All photos can be found on the WAIT UK Facebook page and all videos of performances are on Youtube (WAIT UK).

