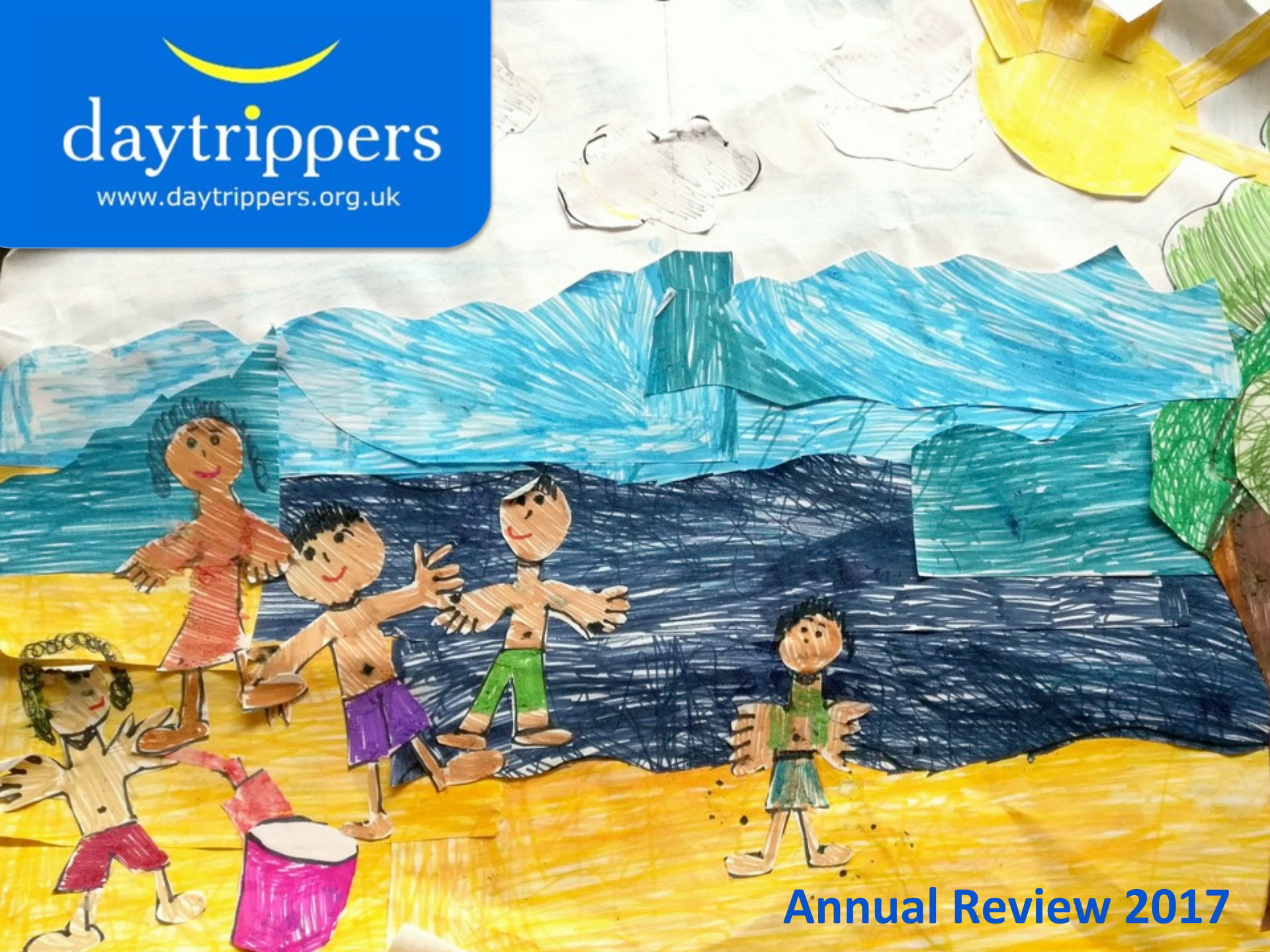


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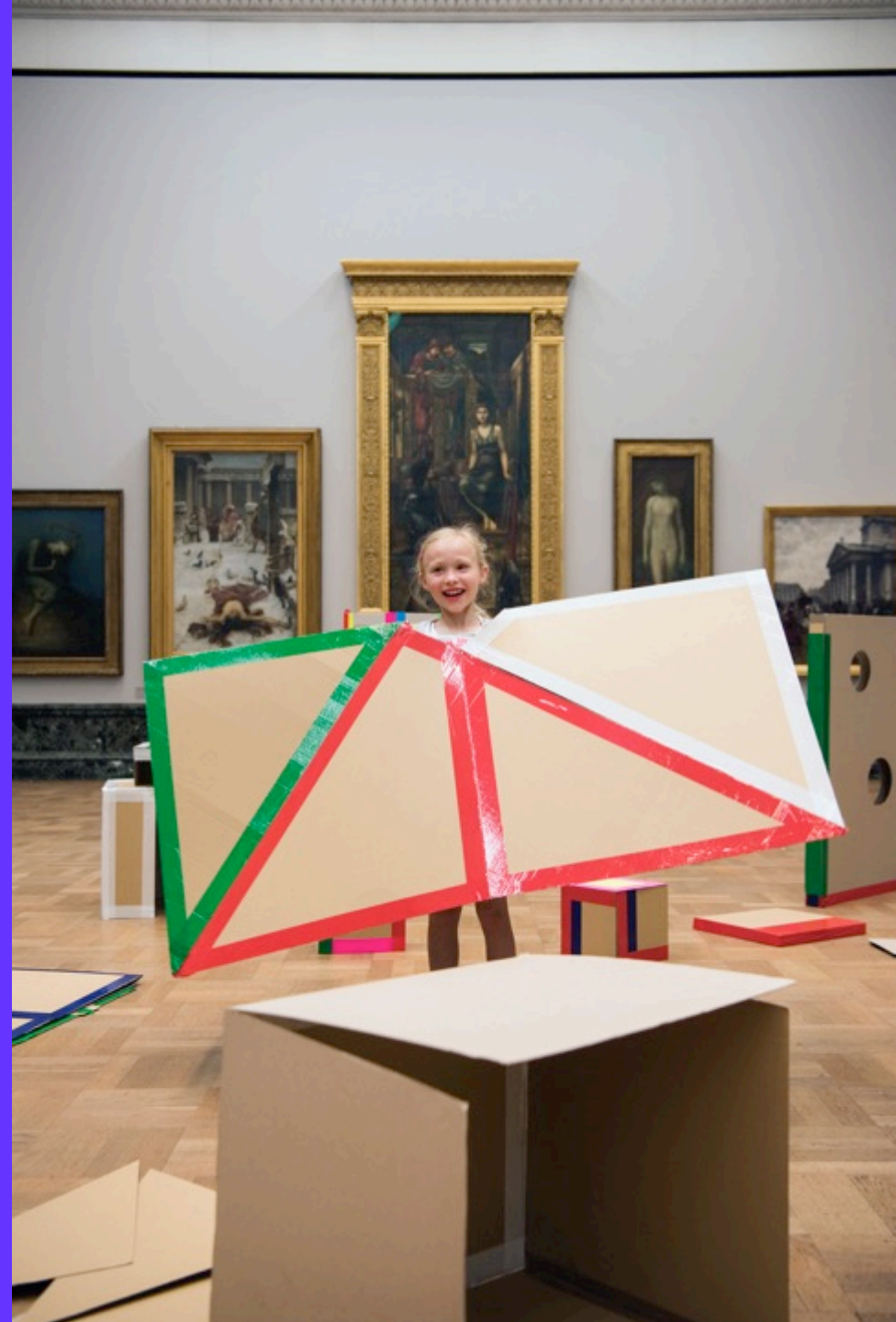
We provide accessible inclusive opportunities for children and young people up to age 25 with disabilities and life-limiting conditions and their families.

We deliver three core programmes which promote exploration, development and achievement:

Day Trip Grants
Bespoke Events
Special Projects

The charity was founded in 2003 and has helped over 37,000 children and young people in the UK enjoy recreational and learning experiences.

We believe every child has the right to a happy and thriving childhood!



In 2017 we supported **4,259 children and young people** with disabilities and life-limiting conditions.

We helped 1,025 children experience great days out through our grants programme and 3,234 children participated in exciting inclusive events.

We celebrated our **14th anniversary** and **100th event**. We marked the occasion by offering one lucky family a private Giraffe feed experience at London Zoo. The family were overjoyed and shared **“Thank you for such a brilliant gift we will never forget. I can't stop smiling.”**

- **100%** of awardees would reapply for a day trip grant.
- **97%** of awardees rated the effectiveness of our communication as ‘Excellent’.
- **97%** of families and groups would attend our events again.

“As long as there are organisations like Daytrippers, my daughter will be able to participate fully in life despite of her condition.” - Parent



Day Trip Grants

We continued to fund great days out for children and young people across the UK.

Special schools, children's hospices, Charities and support groups applied for grants towards a day trip of their choice.

We awarded 37 grants and helped 1,025 children and young people attend day trips.

Children and young people enjoyed day trips to zoos, sealife centres, museums, restaurants, theme parks, farms, beaches, inclusive play and learning centres, theatres and more.

We helped schools and organisations from all over the UK, including Wales, London, Northumberland, Wiltshire and Birmingham.





“It was so nice to be able to take the children out of the city for this trip and give them memories they will cherish forever. Thank you so much!”

- Cassie Daniels, Development Manager

Day Trip Case Studies

Step by Step, a North London charity took 30 young people to **360 Play**, a family entertainment centre in Stevenage. It featured indoor and outdoor play areas, sensory and soft play activities, a carousel and go-karting.

The trip gave young people a great opportunity to be active, develop their social and communication skills and simply be together with their peers and free from isolation.

One of the highlights of the day was the improved engagement by one particular boy. Due to his endless supply of energy, it can sometimes be a challenge for his mum to find safe environments that will hold his attention and allow him to be himself. At 360 Play he was able to enjoy a day out with friends and take part in many activities such as climbing, jumping and making happy memories. The trip was largely supported by wonderful volunteers who report that he was exhausted but extremely happy at the end of the day.

“Thank you for taking me on my best trip! I jumped lots and lots!” - Young person



Using their fifth day trip grant, **Afasic Cymru** staged a **fun day** for 54 children and young people with speech, language and communication needs. Rhyl Town Hall was taken over for a day of communication centred activities, circus skills, arts and crafts and virtual reality workshops, which proved a massive hit! The fun day provided a fantastic opportunity for families from surrounding towns and villages to come together in a safe environment.

“The event opened my eyes to how many other families are in the same boat. It’s so lovely to watch your child interact with others and try new things. Thank you.” - Parent

The Leominster charity, **Marches Family Network** took 20 children and young people out for a day of sailing on the beautiful **Gloucester Canal**. Key workers report that the children were noticeably calmer and happier whilst enjoying the novel experience with friends.

“The group had a fabulous time – they loved steering the boat and chilling out on the deck. Without this grant we would not have been able to afford this trip and the children and young people would have missed out on the experience.” - Kerry Williams, Fundraising Coordinator



Bespoke Events

We hosted free events for families, schools and support groups such as relaxed theatre performances, aerial challenges and creative workshops.

We collaborated with a children's hospice to develop a tailor made in-house event for children receiving respite and palliative care.

3,234 children and young people attended events.

163 families were directly engaged.

Many of the children and young people had learning difficulties (35%) and Autism (30%).

85% of participants rated our events as 'Excellent'.



We continued developing our existing relationships and partnerships to provide a variety of exceptional events. We delivered the third instalment of our **Diggin' the Gallery** series in collaboration with the Tate Schools and Teachers team and artist Ben Connors. Over 130 children and young people engaged in 'Adventure' themed activities and workshops at the Tate Britain. The gallery came alive with music, dance, poetry, sensory activities, drawing, designing and making. The event culminated with a huge parade around the gallery, affirming that 'ART IS FOR EVERYONE!'.

"The juxtaposition of a child dancing to a silent disco against a backdrop of an 18th century painting was really fun! Thank you for such a well thought out and well planned event. We'll be looking out for the next one." - Parent



Daytrippers has been an official Supporter of the Zoological Society of London's **Special Children's Day** events for several years. Three events took place at London Zoo and Whipsnade Zoo. We engaged with lots of families and groups at the charity hub and hosted private sensory tours which offered children, especially those with visual impairments, a closed session with zoo keepers. The children learned about the animals, touched a range of animal skins and even got to meet a living Giant African Snail and a Python. The children carefully assisted the zoo keepers to prepare enrichment meals for the Mongooses and Aye-Ayes, which we hear were gratefully appreciated.

"That was the best tour ever" - Child



We hosted our seventh annual event at **Colourscape** which was attended by 103 children and young people. Colourscape is an interactive walk-in structure of colour and light created by the Eye Music Trust. Children engaged in immersive colour and music workshops which were particularly beneficial for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties. One of our favourite moments was observing a young person who has CDKL5 (a rare genetic disorder) and partial blindness explore the interconnected chambers and her reactions to the different colours. She especially enjoyed being in the red chambers which was demonstrated with lots of joyous smiles as well as shaking her arms and legs.

“Amazing sensory experience for our kids!” - Teacher

We presented our tenth private relaxed performance at the Lyric Hammersmith. The well loved **Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime** was attended by 284 children and 452 people in total. Support groups and families came along and schools received up to 40 free tickets each. The cast came out after the show to meet and greet the children, making the day extra special... There was lots of excitement and smiles.

“The children had a fantastic time and are still talking about it. It was lovely to meet the actors after.” - Teacher



We delivered several new events such as outdoor fun at the **Hindleap Warren Activity Centre** in the Ashdown Forest. 50 children took part in individual and team challenges such as zip wiring, low ropes, climbing and Jacob's Ladder. The event was attended by support groups and families from Surrey, Kent, Bromley, East Sussex and London.

"My son did things he thought he couldn't do. He wouldn't have done these activities last year. I feel so proud and will tell his teachers" - Parent



Children and young people hits the slopes at **Chel-Ski**, an indoor ski centre in London. For many it was their first time skiing and a little daunting, however as the event progressed, the children conquered their fears and developed their skills. Many of the children and parents expressed their appreciation for the chance to try something new and rarely accessible to them.

"I want to come back here every day!" – Young Person

We welcomed families to a **creative dance workshop** led by the Candoco Dance Company, an award-winning company which consists of disabled and non-disabled dancers. This private workshop set in an intimate setting provided the perfect environment for the children to explore movement and personal expressions through dance.

“[The workshop] enabled me to spend quality time with my son ” - Parent



We commissioned Interplay Sensory Theatre to perform their **immersive play** “Tarzanne” to the children and young people of Richard House Children’s Hospice and John F. Kennedy School (Newham). An immersive 360° theatre structure was built in the hospice’s main hall, allowing the actors and musicians to incorporate one-to-one interactions and lots of sensory engagement which vividly brought their story to life.

“The hospice came alive and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance and meeting the cast. Thank you also for linking us with John F. Kennedy School; it will benefit us on both sides. The day was fantastic and the planning by yourself and the setting up was very smooth.”

- Carol Butwell, Care Support Worker

Special Projects

Over the years, Daytrippers has developed meaningful relationships with organisations who have demonstrated exceptional services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

We have supported several bold and innovative projects and programmes which benefit children and young people with moderate to profound needs.

The projects are rooted in integration and inclusion. Children and young people are encouraged to connect with each other and the wider world, learn and develop their skills and challenge barriers.





“My children were quite mesmerised. It was fun, creative, whacky and yet a completely logical approach – we loved it!”

- Parent

Adventures in Biscuit Land

As part of our commitment to supporting the work of Touretteshero, we contributed funds towards the organisation's interactive event **Adventures in Biscuit Land**.

The three-day event took place in the Tate Exchange, which was transformed into 'Biscuit Land' and featured a game show set, boutique biscuit stall, indoor garden and a 10ft Jammy Dodger which doubled up as a stage. Children and young people with and without disabilities were invited to explore the surreal and inclusive world. Each afternoon the area became the set for a performance of Touretteshero's acclaimed show 'Backstage in Biscuit Land.'

Over 1000 people visited 'Biscuit Land' during the takeover, including 415 children and young people, 200 of which had a disability.

Touretteshero was founded by Jess Thom and Matthew Pountney. They use innovative approaches to provide information and guidance concerning Tourette's syndrome. 2017 marked a decade of support and collaboration between Daytrippers and the dynamic duo. We have worked closely together to deliver several film premieres and we supported their 'We Forgot the Lot' event and the 'Touretteshero Superheros Party'.

Symphony of the Senses

We co-funded a second round of the Eye Music Trust's **Symphony of the Senses** – a two year touring programme. Students were taught how use interactive sound sensors and engaged in colour and dance workshops, concluding with performances in their schools, colleges and public spaces.

The Eye Music Trust delivered workshops at Trinity School in Dagenham in East London and Greenbank College in Liverpool. The Greenbank students took their performances from their college to the masses at the Liverpool International Music Festival.

“Our workshops in Liverpool were extremely successful in terms of older students accessing the latest computer music systems.” – Simon Desorgher, Eye Music Trust Co-Founder

Students from Oakfield Park School in Wakefield took part in a week of workshops. Students performed to their peers and teachers and a selected group went onto perform at the awarding winning gallery – The Hepworth Wakefield. You can see a video from the Interactive Sensory Space at the Hepworth Gallery [here](#).

In total, 463 students engaged in the programme. Symphony of the Senses will continue to tour UK schools and colleges in 2018.



“The performance at the Hepworth was a great highlight, with parents gaining huge pride seeing their children giving a high-profile performance in a prestigious gallery.”
- Simon Desorgher, Eye Music Trust



Young Ambassador

Daytrippers strives to create opportunities for children and young people which improve their confidence and encourages them to have a meaningful voice.

A great example of this has been our work with **Ethan** who became a Daytrippers' Young Ambassador in 2015 and remains active within the charity. Ethan was part of the creative team behind our three large scale events - Diggin' the Gallery at Tate Britain. Ethan worked closely with artist Ben Connors to create activities exploring new ways of looking at the artwork. Together they created 'Ethan's Map', an alternative guide to the gallery, and not to mention their Sticmann and Steve comics (Ethan and Ben's alter egos) which were available at the events.

"I wanted to share my thoughts with other children about how good it was to join in and do things they might not normally try. I met some great people who give up their time to help others and it made me want to help others when I'm older. Being an Ambassador improved my confidence and was great fun."

— Ethan

"I learned that art galleries are for everyone and anything can be art! I was really proud to have been involved in Diggin' the Gallery!" - Ethan

It's been a pleasure working alongside Ethan and his contribution has been invaluable to Daytrippers over the last three years.

"Working with Ethan was such a meaningful learning experience." — Ben Connors

Thank You

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