

**OFFSET** projects

*2022-2023*  
**IMPACT REPORT**

Our purpose:

***OFFSET CHAMPIONS  
THE AGENCY, ENERGY &  
IDEAS OF UNDER 25s***

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**332**  
**INDIVIDUALS**  
**UNDER 25 CONSULTED**

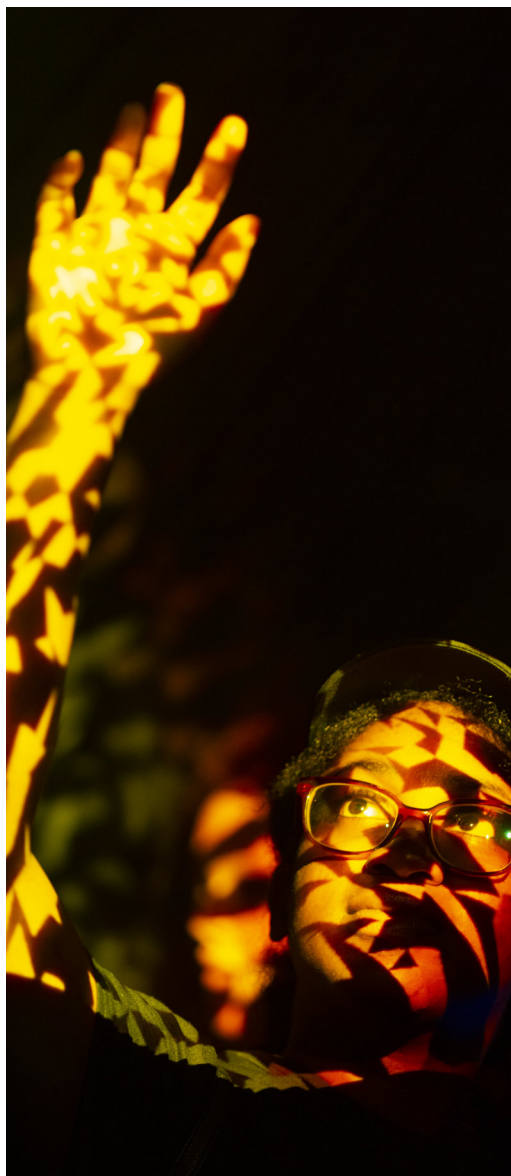


Image: Willie Robb

# ***WE WHAT DO***

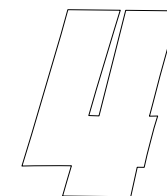
We're inspired by the activism, entrepreneurship, innovation & imagination of under 25s. Their ideas are often muffled by adults' voices and we're changing that.

We create sociable and imaginative opportunities for youth leadership and skills development. These are project-based opportunities shaped by the interests of the under 25s we collaborate with, the outcomes of these projects amplify their thoughts and ideas.

# ***OUR STORY SO FAR***

Offset Projects was launched as a Community Interest Company in 2021 to respond to the changing educational, cultural and social landscape.

As a growing organisation, our work so far has focused on organisational development including strengthening our communications; building relationships with under 25s; developing partnerships with arts & cultural organisations, education settings and businesses; and fundraising. Alongside, we've continued to develop and deliver a range of exciting projects, events and experiences with under 25s in the driving seat.





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**4 STAND OUT PROJECTS..**

# RIGHT HERE & TOMORROW



*A new zine showcasing talent from under 25s across Milton Keynes and creating a platform for them to share both the joys and frustrations of being Gen Z. Led by an editorial team of ten under 25s.*

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*commissions launched for creatives under 25 in Milton Keynes*

➔ [offsetprojects.org.uk/right-here-and-tomorrow](https://offsetprojects.org.uk/right-here-and-tomorrow)

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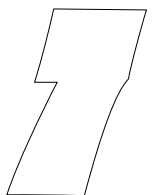
# FUELLED BY YOUTH

*An arts commissioning team  
of people aged 16–25 years  
from across Milton Keynes.  
Their first commission was  
Right Here & Tomorrow.*

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*Expressions of interest  
from artists in the UK  
and beyond for the  
team's first brief.*

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# RE:SENSE



*An immersive experience presented by The Young Creatives and artist Urban Projections exploring nostalgia, transformation and nature. Housed in a blacked-out marquee with fog screen projection and digitally mastered audio.*

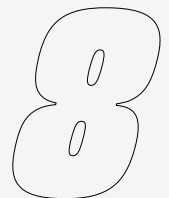
**800**

Visitors to Re:Sense  
in two days!

Images: Urban Projections and Offset Projects



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*That was amazing, we would stay  
there all day!*

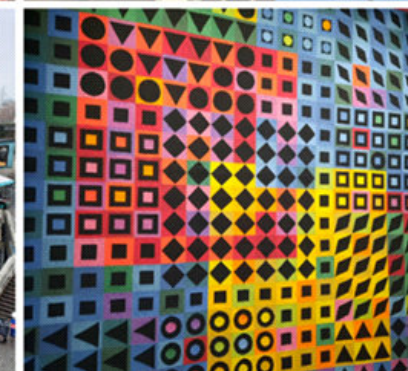
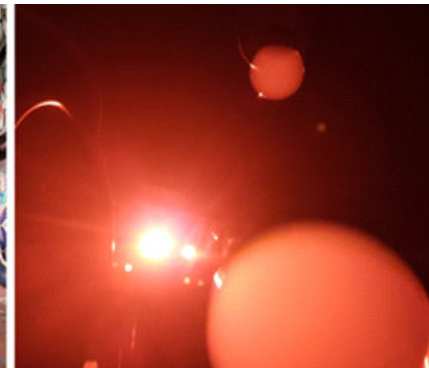
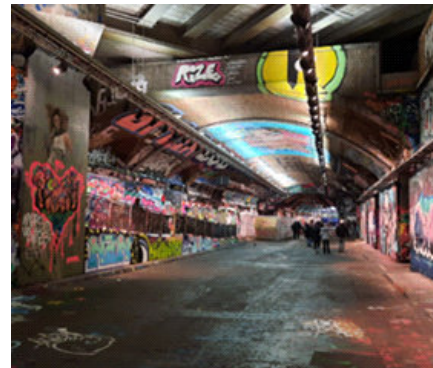
- *Re:Sense* visitor



# ***THE YOUNG CREATIVES***

*A group of 16-18 year olds using creativity to become more confident, better skilled and more empowered. They design and lead on projects for other young people, connecting with arts and cultural organisations across Milton Keynes to make imaginative things happen. Commissioned by MAKE and managed by MK College.*

**101**  
Arts Award  
qualifications  
delivered



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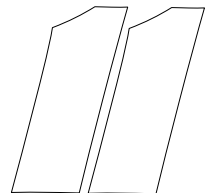


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*I enjoyed putting this project together - communicating in a group with a team that was full of creativity was an amazing experience. I loved every second of it, the energy was amazing. Taking part has opened up a new path for me and a very exciting one!*

- Young Creative





**21**  
**YOUNG LEADERS**  
**COLLABORATED WITH**





*2022-2023*

***5 UNIQUE PLATFORMS  
FOR YOUTH VOICE***



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## **WHAT NEXT FOR CULTURE IN MK? THE CREATIVE & CULTURAL STRATEGY 2018-2027**

Four Offset under 25s contributed to discussions informing MK City Council's Creative & Cultural Strategy 2018-2027.

## **WE MADE THAT X OFFSET PROJECTS X MK CITY COUNCIL**

We collaborated with MK City Council and We Made That to ensure that young people's voices were heard as part of the new Cultural Infrastructure Plan for Milton Keynes. Attended by fifteen Offset under 25s.

## **EXPRESS**

Board member Bella shared her experiences of our *Open\_Plan* project and how under 25s can shape community spaces. Published in *EXPRESS* - a new paper showcasing creative talent in and from Wolverton, Milton Keynes.

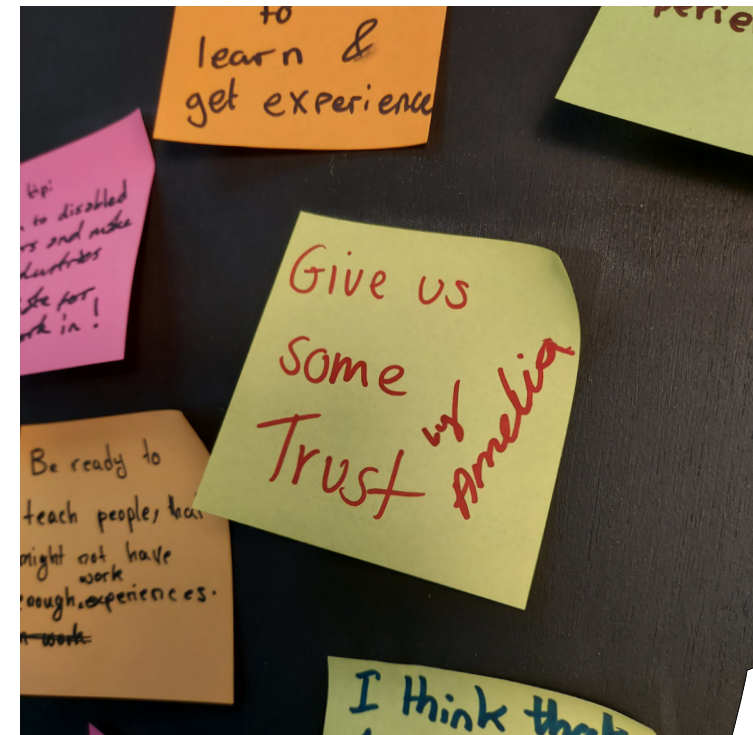
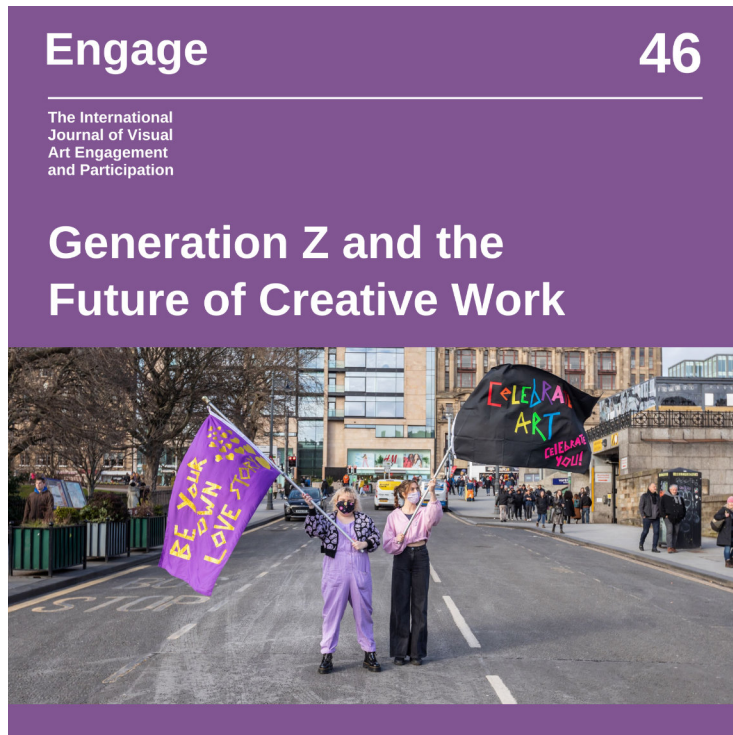


## IN OUR OWN WORDS

*In Our Own Words* was published in the Engage Journal 46: *Generation Z and the Future of Creative Work*. The article reflects upon the creative industries, education, and the potential barriers and routes into a creative career. It brought together nine under 25s from Offset to join a series of conversations, including a final youth-led discussion chaired by board member, Bella.

## WHAT'S NEXT? MEET UPS

Offset held two new *What's Next? Meetups* - a chance for anyone under 25 to bring their ideas to the planning of future projects and share what they want to see more (and less) of. Attended by over twenty-five under 25s.





**123**  
**HOURS OF**  
**LEADERSHIP & SKILLS**  
**DEVELOPMENT FACILITATED**



# EXPERTISE SHARED

## Unboxed: Tour De Moon

Unboxed was a celebration of creativity across all four nations of the UK through ten major projects. We were commissioned to support the evaluation of the experiences of 40 young artists and performers in the [Tour De Moon](#) project.

## Shout Out Loud

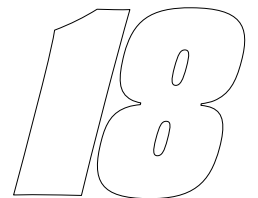
We were commissioned by English Heritage to develop and present a 2-day youth summit celebrating the achievements of their [Shout Out Loud](#) youth engagement programme. The event was attended by around 100 delegates from across the UK.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our Board for their commitment in supporting Offset to thrive - their generosity of time and spirit is invaluable. We are grateful to the skilled artists, practitioners, entrepreneurs and industry talent for their energy and expertise. Thank you also to our funders and the supporters who believe in work that we do and who help ensure that it can continue. Most of all, we are grateful to the under 25s who choose to collaborate with us – their passion, ingenuity and dedication is what keeps us going!

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