



JOHN LYON'S CHARITY  
PART OF THE HARROW SCHOOL FOUNDATION

## **Breaking Barriers: Accessing the Arts**

John Lyon's Charity invites you to a free conference  
to be held at the

**National Portrait Gallery**

**St Martin's Place**

**London WC2H 0HE**

**Wednesday, 8 June 2011**

**9am – 1.30pm followed by lunch**

### ***Engaging schools in Arts programmes***

***How to make it happen***

***How to make it worthwhile***

Arts organisations devote a large amount of their resources, staff and time to creating and securing funds for programmes that deliver activities to children and young people through schools and community groups. Projects enhance the school curriculum, broaden horizons and foster personal development for both staff and pupils. Most programmes are delivered free (or at minimal cost) and are designed to be collaborative. Yet barriers to participation by schools and community groups remain.

*Breaking Barriers: Accessing the Arts* will examine why schools and community groups find it difficult to participate fully in programmes. The conference will explore how arts organisations might better access young people and how their programmes can effectively meet their needs. We will also seek to identify ways in which arts organisations can share their experiences with colleagues in the art world. Through discussions of projects recently funded by John Lyon's Charity and from the perspectives of schools and arts organisations, this conference aims to find ways in which the Arts and Education sectors can work more effectively together in the future.

#### **The programme will include:**

- Development of programmes: what's on offer and why?
- How to decide which schools to work with and who sets the agenda?
- The importance of sharing practical experience and strategies and ways to achieve this
- Assessing the value of resources left behind in schools

This conference is aimed at education practitioners working in arts organisations in London. Please note that space is limited and we can only offer **one place** per organisation on a first come first served basis. If you would like to reserve your place at the conference please email [info@johnlyonscharity.org.uk](mailto:info@johnlyonscharity.org.uk) or call Tina Joseph on 020 7591 3330.