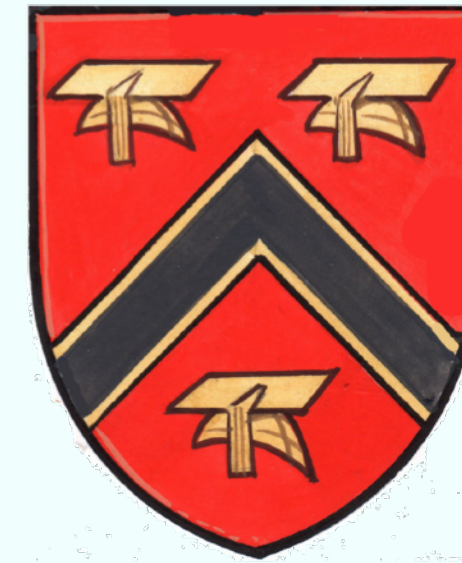




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# Excellence in Early Years Education

**The Educators' Trust Annual  
Summer Event 2025**

*Monday 9 June 2025*

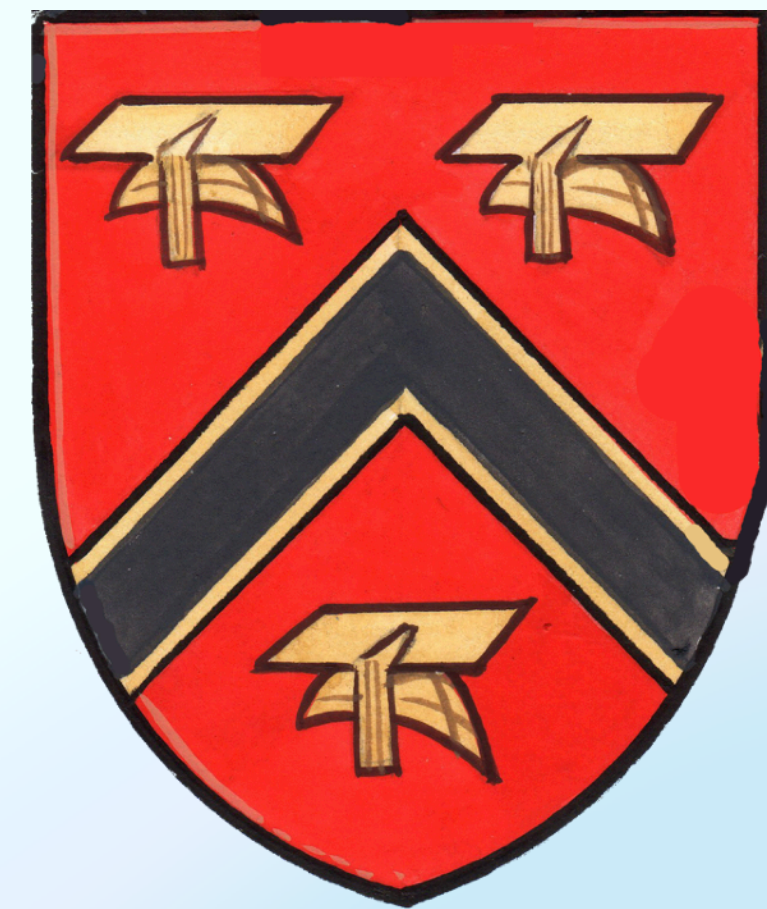
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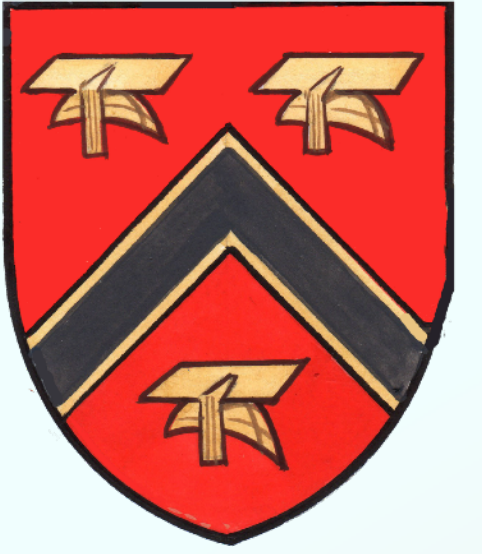
Ms Alexandra Allan,  
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The Aldgate School



Catherine McGuinness CBE,  
The Master Educator



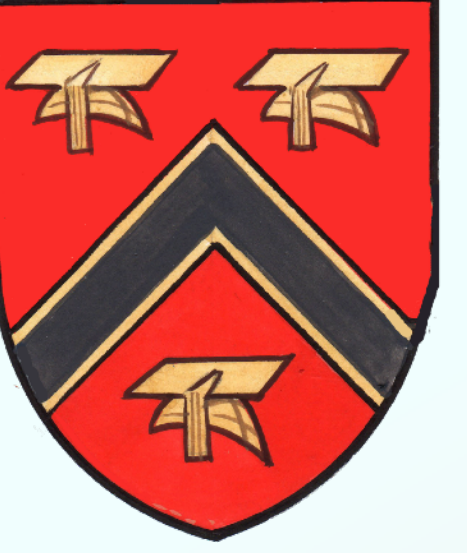
Dr Jennifer Somerville,  
The Educators' Trust,  
Chair of Board of Trustees



*Award Winner*

# Molly Devlin

**Inspirational Educator Award in Early Years Education 2025**



*Award Winner*

# Chinami Sakai


Inspirational Educator Award in Early Years Education 2025

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# Young V&A

Young V&A's Work with Early Years  
09 JUN 2025





What's Young V&A?

# Champion design and creativity in all its forms, for everyone



Victoria and Albert Museum  
South Kensington



Young V&A  
Bethnal Green



V&A East Storehouse (opened 31 May  
2025)  
Hackney Wick

# Young V&A

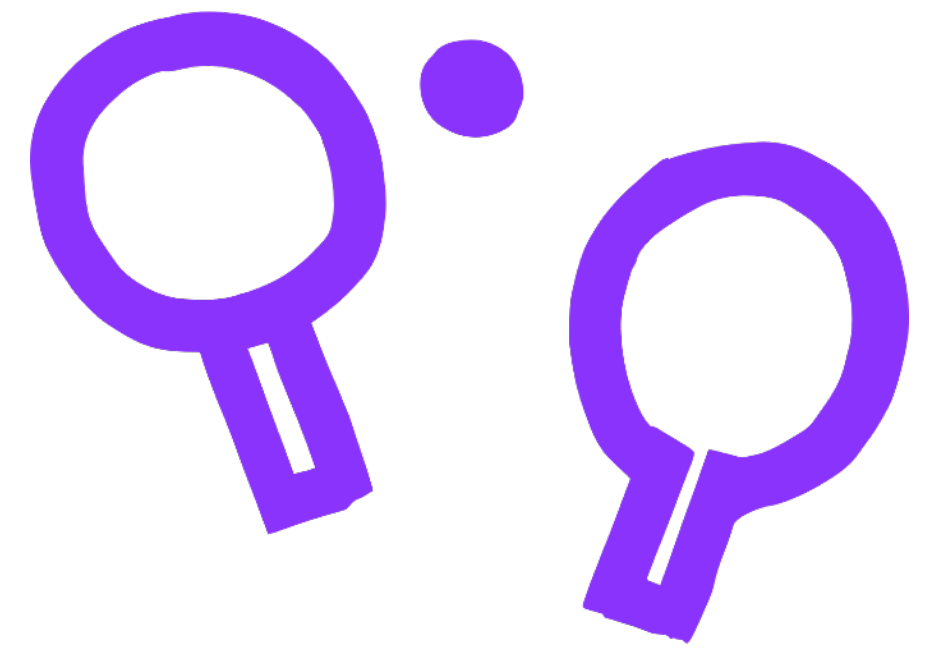
Challenge from  
YV&A's Children's  
forum (2019)

**'The most joyful  
museum in the world'**

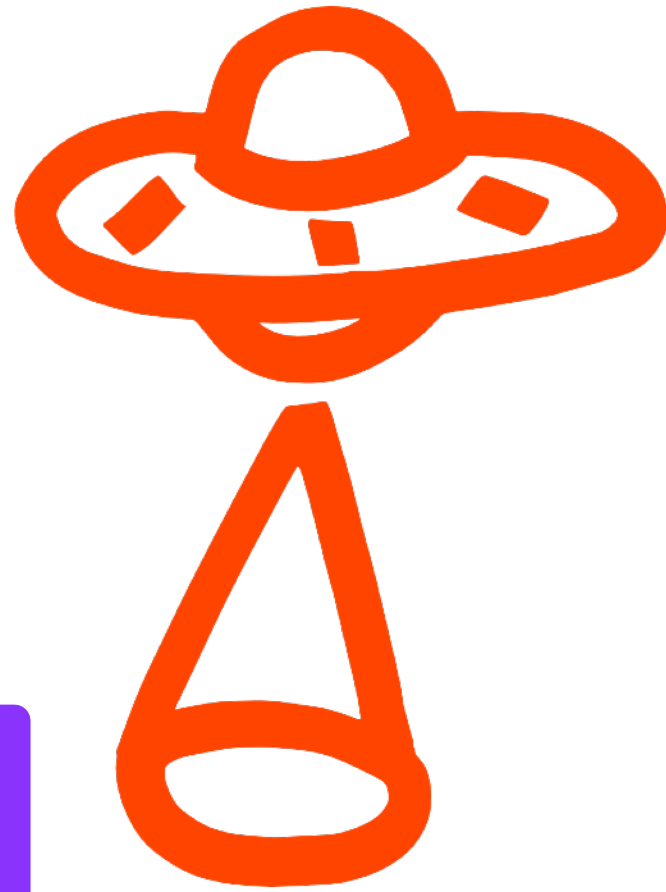




# Play Gallery



# Imagine Gallery



# Design Gallery





Play Gallery

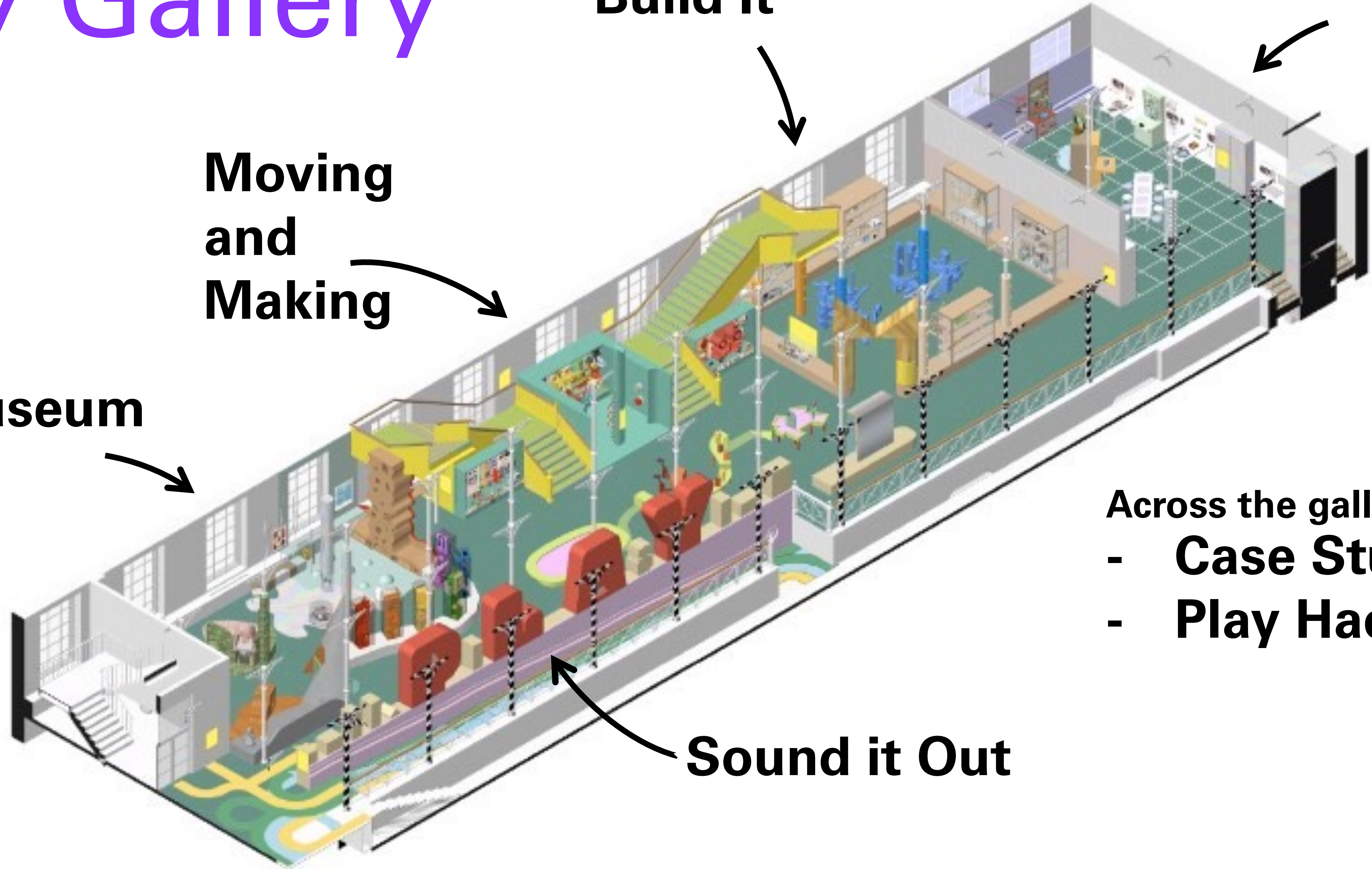
# Play Gallery

**Build It**

**The Arcade**

**Moving  
and  
Making**

**Mini Museum**



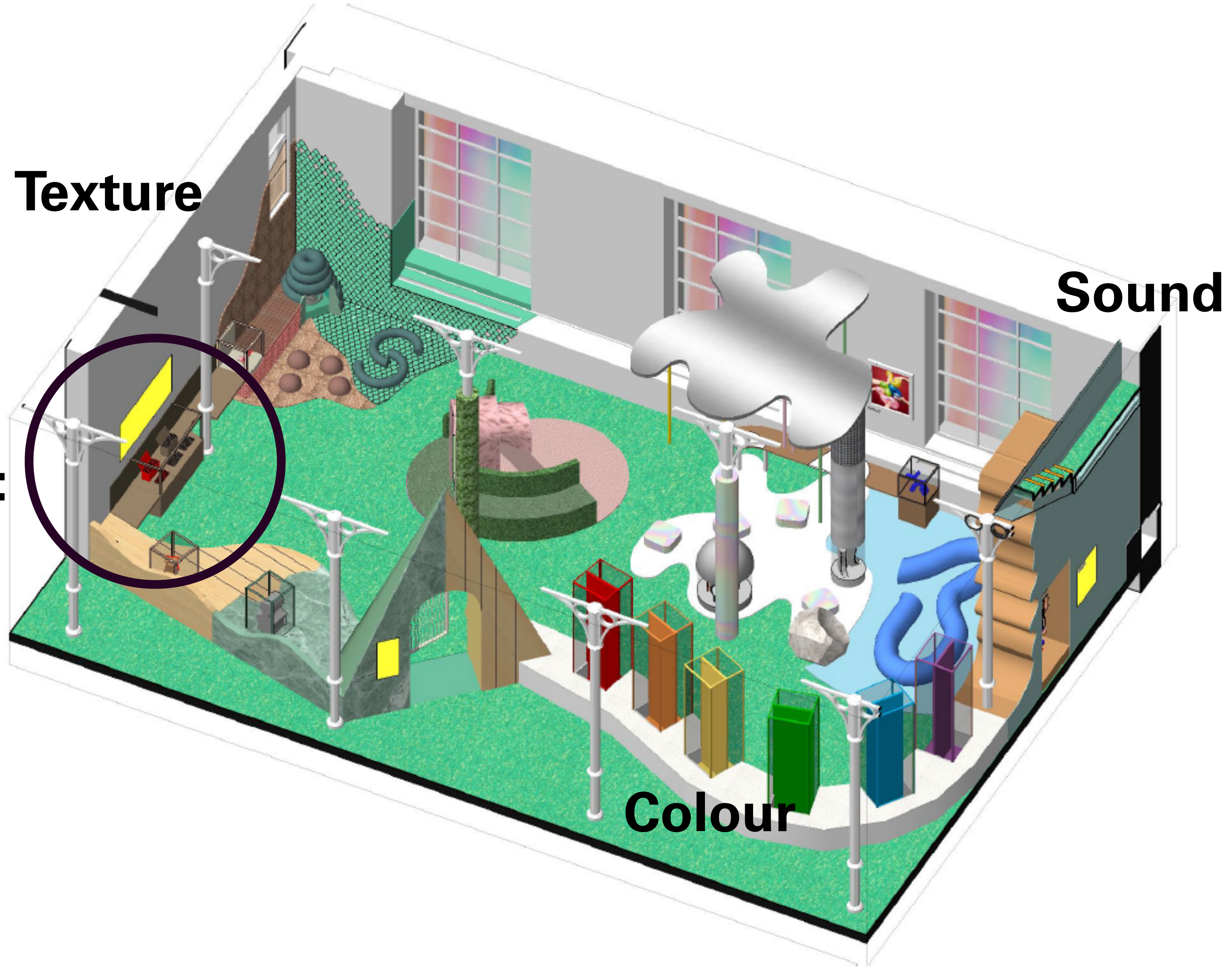
- Across the gallery:**
- **Case Studies**
  - **Play Hacks**

**Sound it Out**

# Mini Museum



**Case study:  
Pestalozzi**



# Sound it Out

**Mm** 

**LI** 

**Kk** 

**Jj** 

Put in 1 coin  
to hear the sound  
of the letter.

**li** 

# Sound it Out



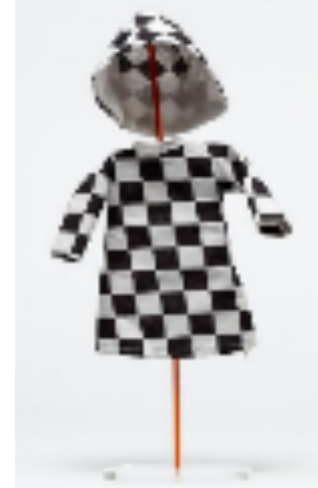
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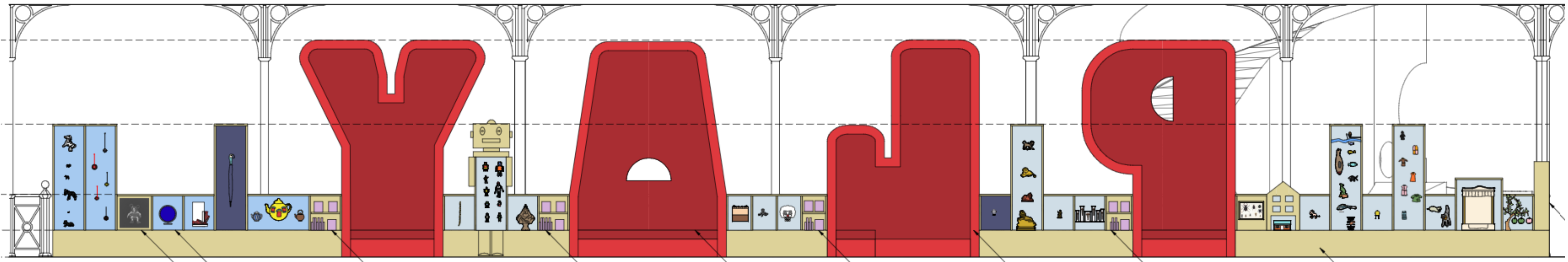
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I



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# Our Early Years Programme

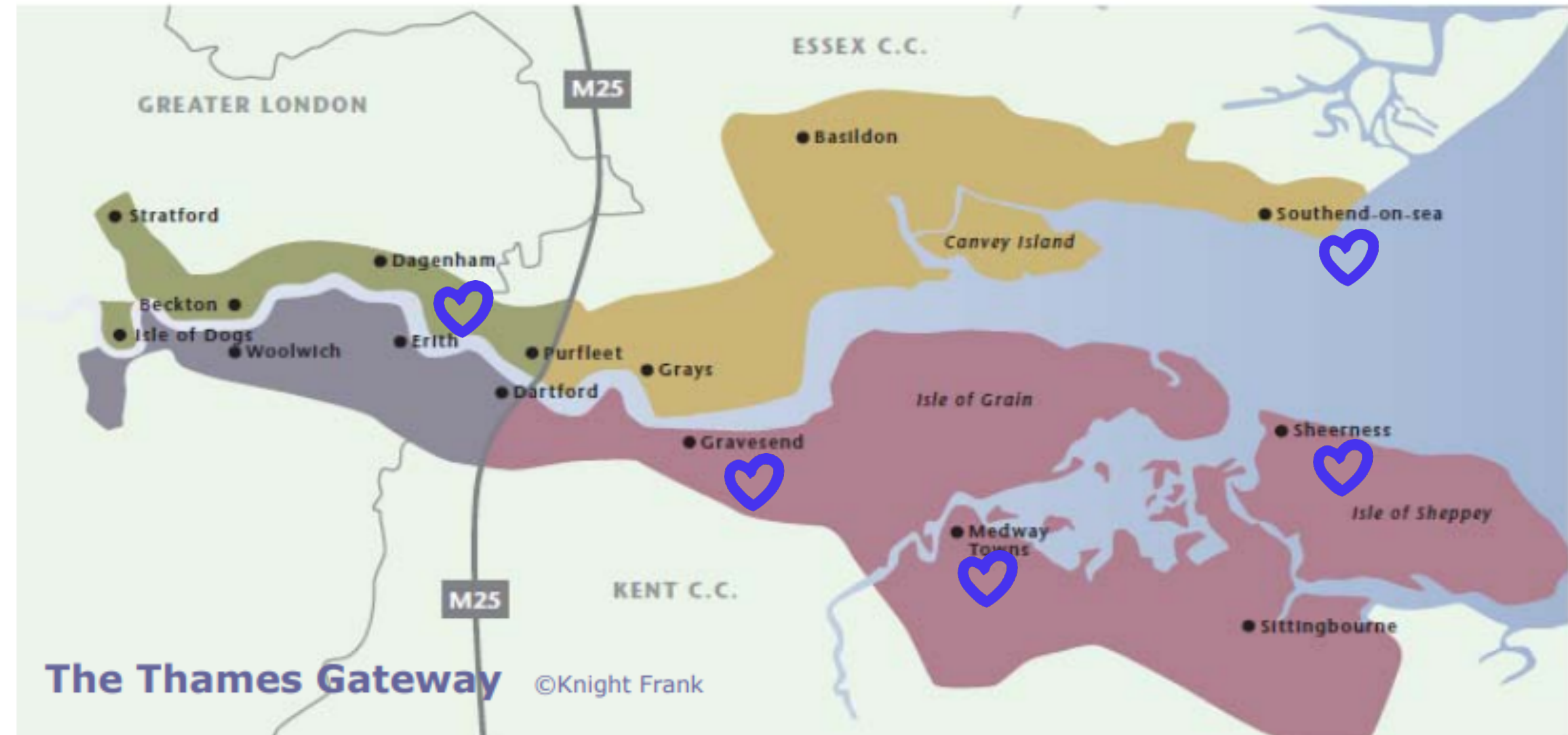
# Sound Explorers



# Mini Play

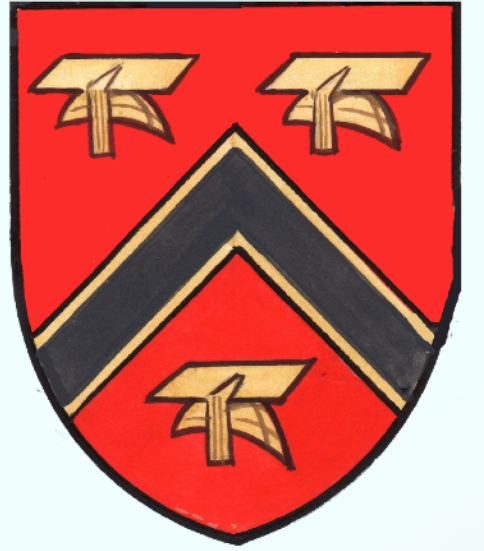


# Creative Start project 2025-27



Thank you

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*Award Winner*

# Rachel Higginson

**Inspirational Educator Award in Early Years Education 2025**



**Rachel Higginson**  
Creative Education Consultant

# Rachel Higginson

## Educator and Founder

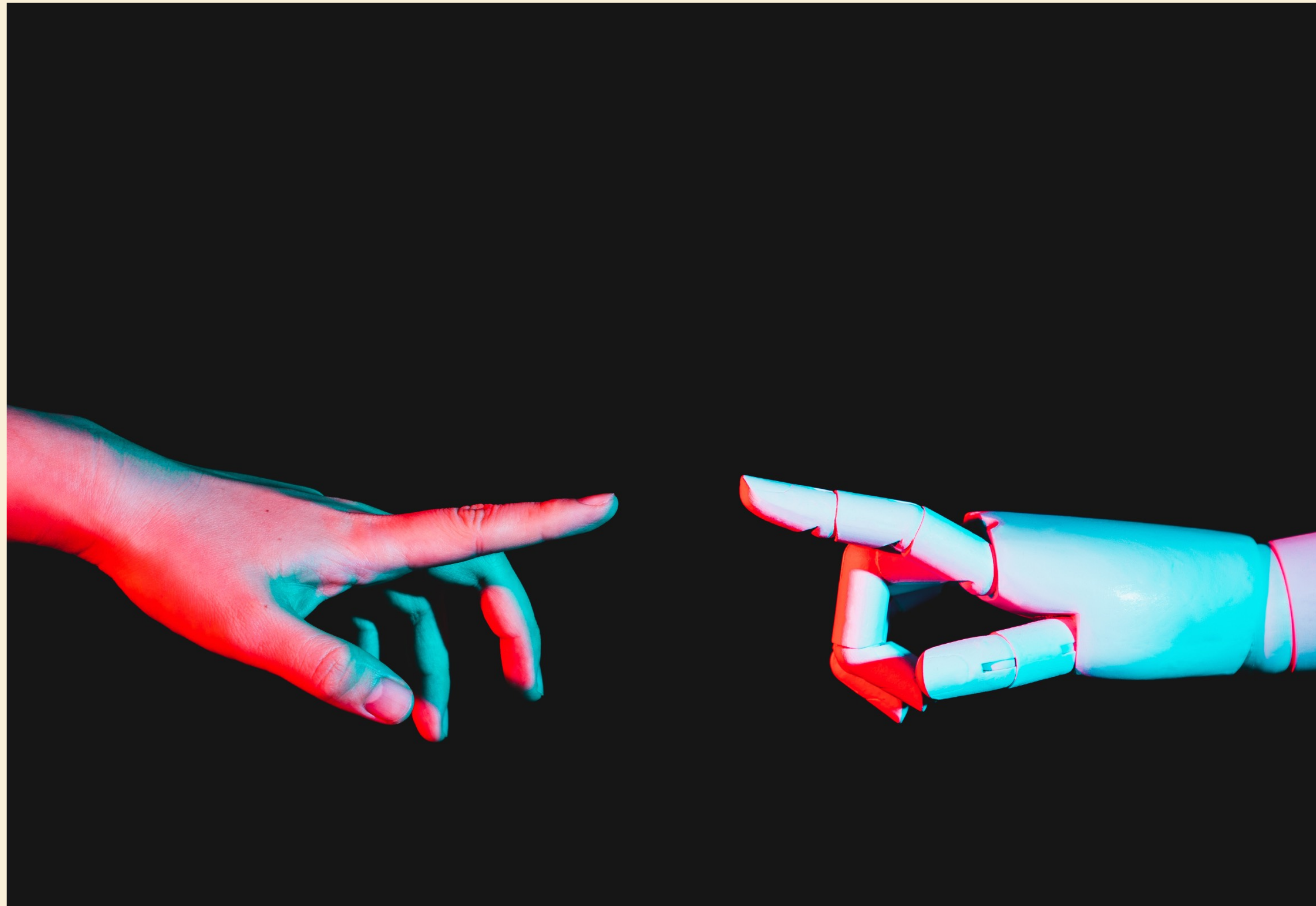
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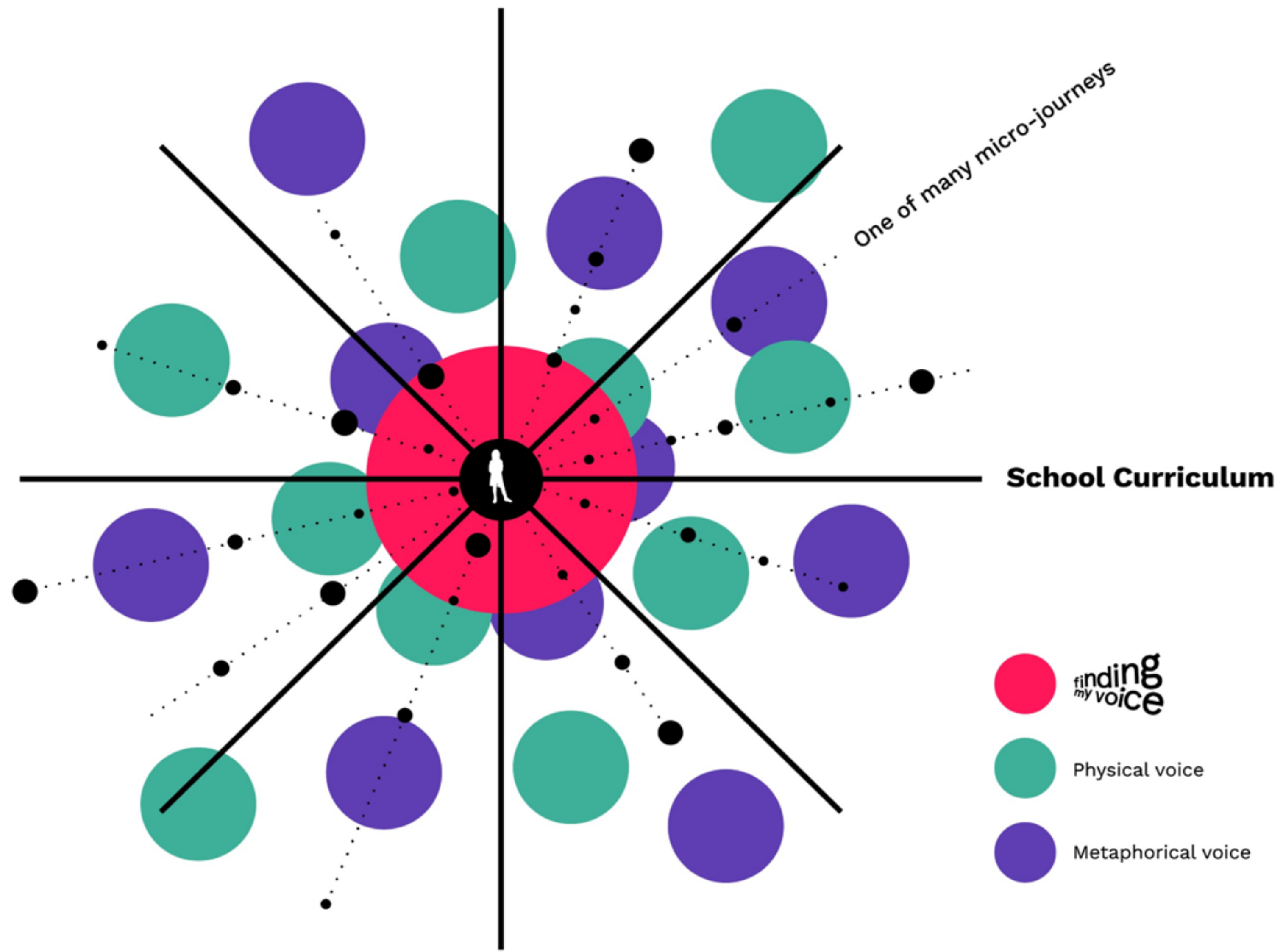
# Origins



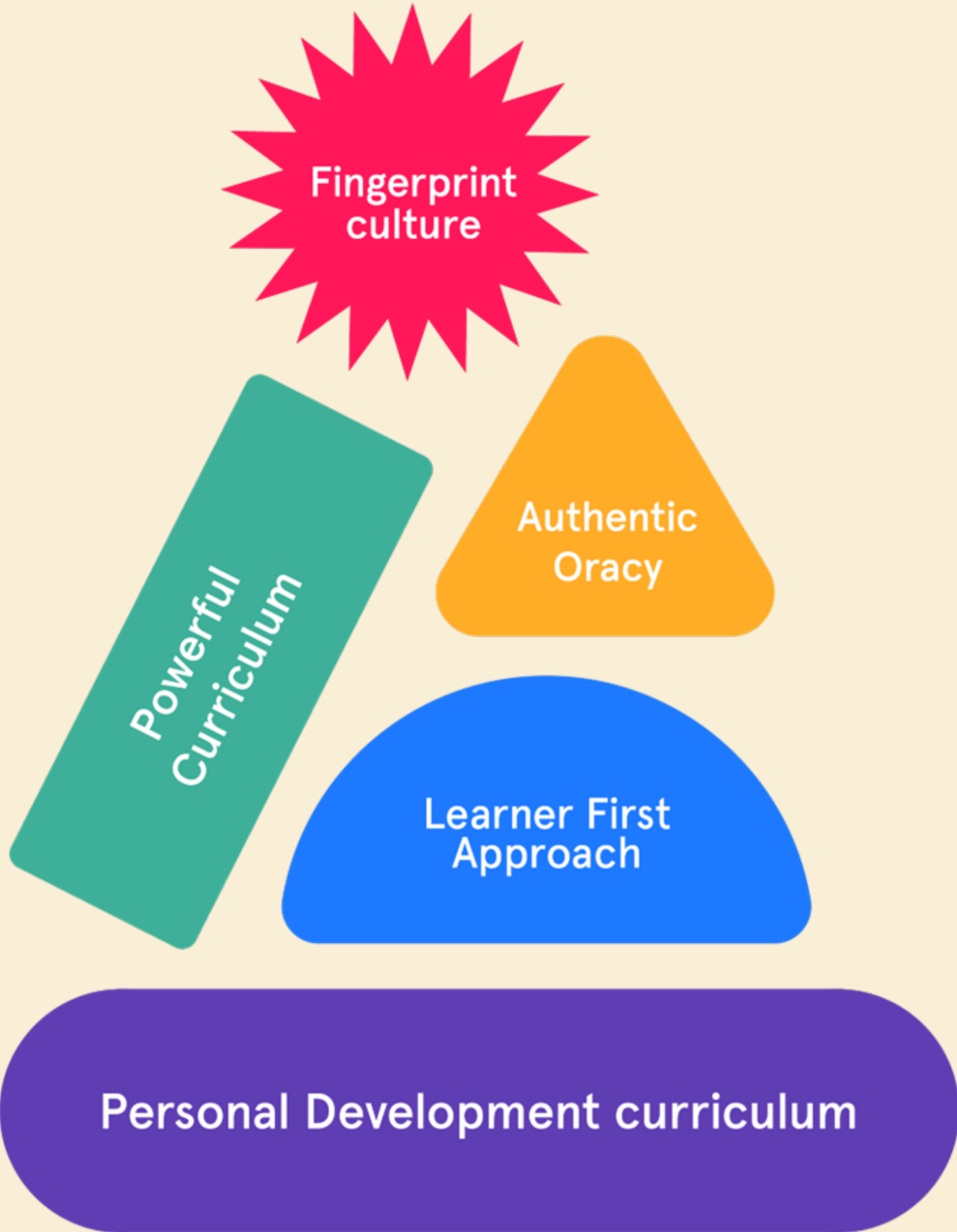
# A Human Curriculum...



finding  
my voice



**Developed through...**





## An attitude of gratitude

### ▲ Provocation

We all have something to be grateful for. True or false?

### ▶ Journal activity

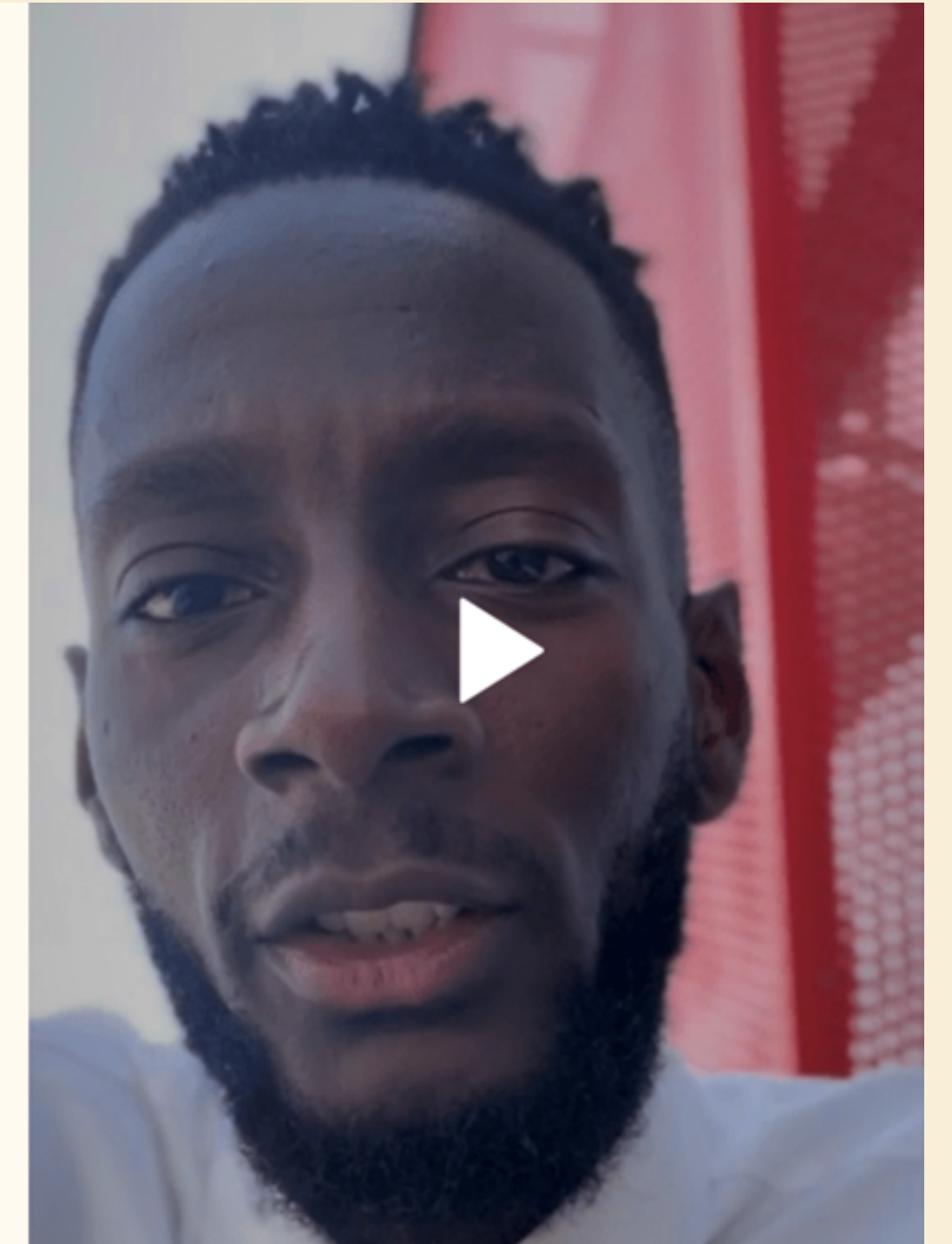
Write a list of things you could do each day to help you develop an attitude of gratitude.

For example:

Journal all the good things that have happened to you today

Journal all the things you're lucky to have

Journal all the things you're looking forward to





# Impact

- **Attendance and Behaviour**
- **Mental Health**
- **Engagement**
- **World Readiness**
- **Recruitment and Retention**



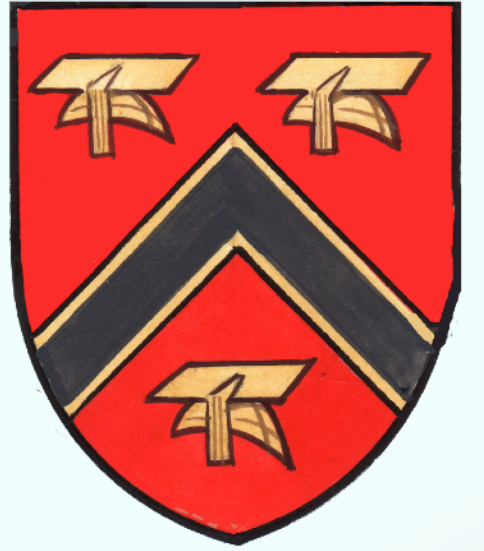
... Finding My Voice is like being comfortable in your own skin and learning self love... it's about your importance in the world

FMV participant

finding  
my voice



**Thank you...**



*The Wider Picture*

# Lucy O'Rourke

Director of Projects, The Helen Hamlyn Trust

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An enquiry and skills-based curriculum development programme delivered through four integrated strands

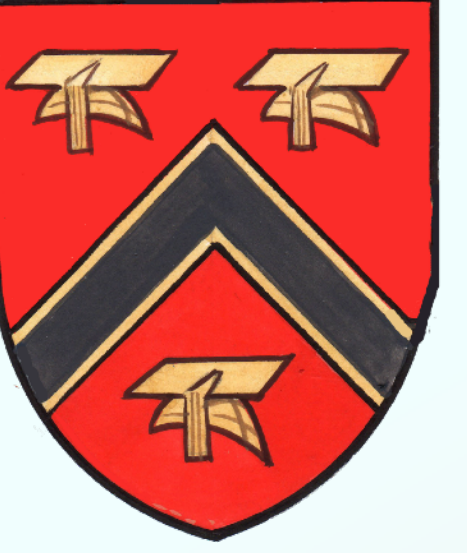
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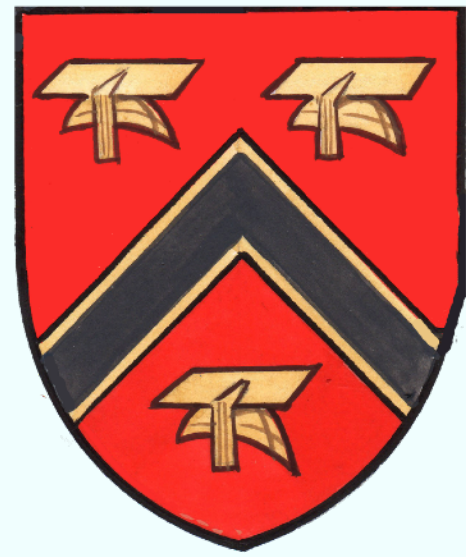
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# Professor Maggie Atkinson

**Independent Consultant**

# Questions & Discussion





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