

A photograph of three women in a dimly lit room with purple and blue lighting. On the left, a woman with long braids and a floral shirt is pouring water from a metal pot into a glass. In the center, a woman with her hair in a bun looks on. On the right, a woman with glasses and a floral scarf is drinking from the glass. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Our impact



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Why we do what we do

We want to see a time when all learning disabled young people are heard, however they choose to express themselves. Our vision is to ensure every young person has equitable access to the power of creativity.

Creativity plays a vital role in unlocking learning disabled young people's agency. Bamboozle exists to create spaces where young people can express themselves and are heard. We want to ensure that society is listening.

How we achieve it

We do this by working in our local community with families, touring immersive theatre and providing creative projects in schools.

We offer a range of artistic opportunities for young people with complex needs to thrive and find joy in their own unique ways both individually and with their peers and families.

Through a proven track record of engagement, we connect those in society who can feel trapped, isolated and judged, by offering safe and welcoming spaces that are dynamic, challenging and rooted in creativity.



Our Patron: Bella Ramsey

Bella Ramsey has been involved as a Young Patron and then Patron since they were 14. Bella is well known for their work as an actor including The Last of Us, Game of Thrones and The Worst Witch.

Bella has recently written the foreword for Amy Mayo's first book 'Eye of the Storm'.

We created a video during 2025 with Bella's support that explains why they think Bamboozle's work is important and how you can support us.

[Click on this link to watch the video.](#)

“Bamboozle's work is so important because it's a place that celebrates profoundly disabled young people, and their families.”

- Bella Ramsey, Patron



Our impact: 2024-25



1,278

learning disabled children
and young people reached



436

teaching staff and parents trained
in the Bamboozle methodology



1,315

siblings and parents
attended sessions



127

free family
sessions delivered



911

learning disabled children and young
people attended a theatre experience



42

schools worked in
across the UK

Can you help?

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Bamboozle is the only place we have found that we can go as a whole family and be valued and accepted unconditionally. To feel this is a very special, powerful and healing experience for each of us.

- Clare, parent

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There are many learning-disabled young people in our society who are unable to speak for themselves. They can't express themselves in ways that we take for granted. But they do have things to say. All too often what happens to them and their families is that they get left out - made to feel that they don't belong.

We need to put that right. Because parents face a continual battle to find the right place for their child to be educated.

At Bamboozle we have found a way to enable children to have their voices heard. Their parents tell us over and over again that coming to a Bamboozle activity is the only time they are able to relax and watch their children be themselves. This can be life changing.

The trouble is we cannot meet the need. We need more funds. Our outdoor programmes for autistic children become fully booked within two days of us publicising the dates. There is a huge need for this work. We want to offer more sessions for these families.

Can you help? You would make a huge difference to Clare, Jade and families just like theirs.

Keep reading to find the ways in which you can support us. Every donation is important to us. Thank you.



Christopher and Sue, co-founders of Bamboozle

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My children are free to explore and be themselves. I am blown away by every new experience with Bamboozle. My children feel so cared for.

- Jade, parent

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Family supporter: Amy Mayo

Amy Mayo and her family have been attending Bamboozle events since she was 5 years old. Now 21, Amy has written a short story with the help of her teacher. Using her blinks as Yes and No she had chosen every word with great precision and the result is a richly described short story.

Amy decided to write the book as a response to Bamboozle's invitation for people to make a pledge to raise money to celebrate our 30th year.

Sales of Amy's books have so far raised **over £2,000** and we are continuing to sell copies, included signed versions by Bella Ramsey and Amy's fingerprint.

“Bamboozle has been a huge part of our family's life over the last 18 years, all provided to us free of charge and we wanted to be able to give something back thereby providing other families with the same opportunities to make as many happy memories together as we have.”

- Iona Mayo, Amy's Mum



Individual supporter: Sushma Kotecha

Bamboozle has been lucky enough to be supported by the Fosse Business Breakfast Club throughout 2024. One of their members, Sushma, kindly chose to run the Leicester Half Marathon in support of Bamboozle and another local charity Lamp.

Sushma raised **over £2,000** with her brilliant fundraising effort, half of which came to Bamboozle. We are so grateful to Sushma for choosing us.

Could you run in aid of Bamboozle? Let us know!

“I chose Bamboozle as one of my charities for the Leicester Half Marathon because of the incredible work they do in giving learning disabled children a voice. Their commitment to creating immersive, accessible theatre and fostering inclusion through schools and family projects is inspiring. Supporting Bamboozle means helping children and young people find ways to express themselves and feel like they truly belong.”

- **Sushma Kotecha**





Charity of the Year: Torr Waterfield

Torr Waterfield are a Leicester based company who have supported Bamboozle over the past 15 years. In 2024, Torr Waterfield chose Bamboozle as their Charity of the Year and ran events across the year which Bamboozle staff also got involved with.

They raised an incredible total of **£9,549.64** in a year of support that will be crucial for us to continue offering our family work for FREE to local families.

If you could support Bamboozle as our Charity of the Year, then we'd love to hear from you.

“We were delighted to choose Bamboozle as our Charity of the Year sponsor. Holding events like our Wolf Run or Karting Cup to facilitate team building exercises has been invaluable to us as a company over the past year. We have fundraised for Bamboozle throughout our 15 year relationship and believe the work they do is incredibly important. We always ensure we get Bamboozle’s fundraising events in our calendars as soon as possible!”

- Tom Simpson, Torr Waterfield



Theatre & Touring

We take high quality, interactive and immersive performances into theatres and special schools in the UK and internationally. We reach all children, no matter what their learning disability.

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“The renowned Bamboozle Theatre Company are world leaders in creating immersive, accessible theatre for children with disabilities.”

-Claire Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Arts Centre Melbourne

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Family & Community

We offer relaxed sessions for children and young people with complex needs to enjoy in comfortable and inspiring settings. We put each child at the centre of those experiences with one to one responsive interaction.

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“It was a true collaboration in which my daughter had an equal role. She was an active participant, not a passive recipient and there were no expectations which meant she was given the rare opportunity to do things her way in her time, with wonderful results.”

- Lynne, parent

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Education & Training

We provide creative and innovative learning projects and share our pioneering methodology with teachers and educators through training and research projects.

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“The learning is deep because you cannot unlearn what Bamboozle teaches you about how our children think and act. They support staff to get to the heart of what we do and change behaviour through mutual consent and trust.”

- Lynnette Johnson, Lakeside School

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How you can support us:

There are lots of ways you can help support Bamboozle. We rely on funding to create and deliver our work. Here's some ideas of how you can get involved:

- **Make a one off donation**

You can send us a one off donation at anytime [via PayPal here](#).

- **Become a regular donor**

You can sign up to donate weekly or monthly either via PayPal or by completing a standing order form.

- **Organise a fundraising event on our behalf**

As you can see from our supporters earlier in this document, there are many ways to support. Could you run a marathon, do a car boot or have a bake sale for us?

- **Programme our work for your school, theatre or festival**

We tour two shows a year to schools and theatres and have performances available on request. Email info@bamboozletheatre.co.uk for booking enquiries.



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