

# Shadow Puppets 2018

In the Autumn of 2018, Lauderdale House worked with the Youth Disability Service at Somers Town Youth Centre to deliver an inspiring shadow puppets project for young people. Sessions were led by puppeteer Lori Hopkins.

Inspired by the spaces and history of Lauderdale House, young people designed, made and brought to life a character who could have lived in Lauderdale House. Their work allowed them to be creative, with stories of dinosaurs, witches and spiders taking over Lauderdale!





”It was really heart-warming to watch the young people gain confidence through partaking in shadow puppet-making and play. Whilst some flourished in the drawing and making activities, others found it possible to create mini scenes and performances using their voices in new ways and enjoying animating their puppets.”

- Lori Hopkins



By having Lauderdale House as the setting for the scenes, participants learnt about key features of heritage of the House, for example, that lots of different types of people lived there over its 437 year history.

Young people developed story telling and communication skills, as well as being able to work independently and grow their self-confidence by sharing their work amongst the rest of the group.



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