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Hi Rosie,

I hope you are well,

I just wanted to email and let you know how much the Act Up members enjoyed the Newham community engagement programme as part of the festival last year. They still talk about their parts and the other actors. The whole experience was really accessible and everyone felt that they had an important role. In the short time we rehearsed together you were able to see the skills of the different members and make sure everyone was included in a way that suited them. It was a really great experience for them to work closely with professional actors and they were made to feel like they were really one of the cast!

Being part of the show has also really helped them feel more part of the local community! The Act Up members tell me that people approach them all the time and tell them they saw them in the show and at an event we were part of last week in the local library so many people approached our table to tell us that they had seen us in the show and how much they enjoyed it!

All the Act Up members are really keen to get involved again next year. Please let me know if that is possible. We would love to partner with you on this!

best wishes,
Hannah

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