

Our Year at a Glance 2023/24

Our work to unlock hope,
talent and potential in the lives
of people in the criminal justice system

Koestler Awards

The only awards
scheme for people
in custody and on
community sentences
across the UK

To encourage
participation in the
Awards, we visited **15**
prisons and other secure
establishments...

To focus on something positive while in prison
has been life-changing. The Koestler Awards
helped bring the creative side out of me.
I now have big goals,
targets and ambitions!

— Koestler Awards entrant

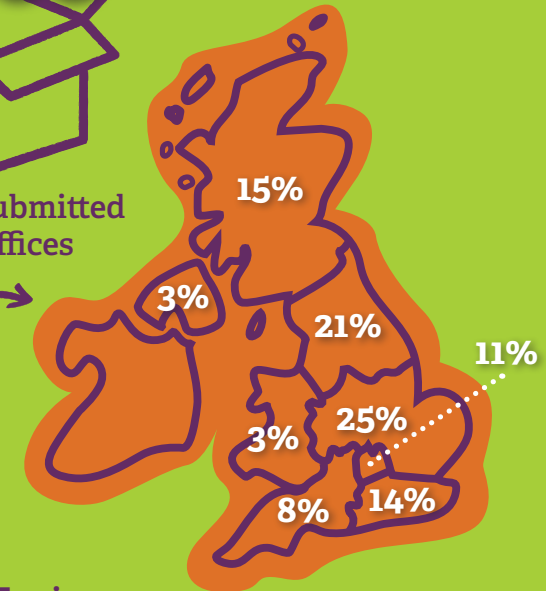
3,692

men, women &
young people took part
in the Awards

8,168

artworks submitted
to our offices

Where does the
art come from?



2,357

Award
winners

303

establishments

131 prisons
89 secure hospitals
53 community settings (adults)
24 secure children's homes, YOIs & YJSs*
6 immigration removal centres

In August, we
announced the
Koestler Awards
results...

£32,505

distributed in
prize money

76

art world experts
— 19% of whom have lived
experience of prison — joined us
to select award-winners in
52 categories

88%

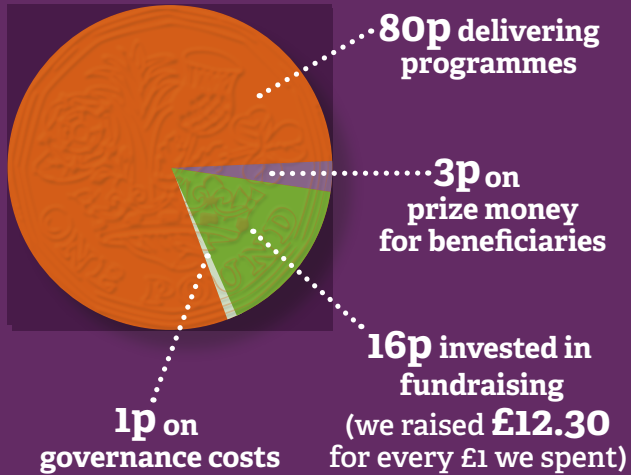
of participants
received **at least 1**
bespoke piece of feedback

*Young Offender Institutions & Youth Justice Services

Financial Review

£756,000 raised from public sector, trusts and foundations, individual donors and corporate supporters.

For every **£1** donated, we spent:



Over **£200,000** saved thanks to transformative partnerships across the criminal justice and arts sectors, more than **1,562** hours of volunteers' time, and a small but committed team of 12.5 FTE

A stimulating experience.

We were touched by the variety and quality of artwork...

our ideas have been challenged and changed.

— Koestler Arts exhibition visitor

We provided people in custody and in the community with recognition and inspiration...

Mentoring

Support for prison-leavers to continue their arts practice

23 people recently released from prison completed our **arts mentoring** programme, bringing the total mentoring alumni to **231**

12 mentoring alumni commissioned to produce **creative resources** for people in prison

Showcasing

Exhibitions, events and publications, to share our beneficiaries' talents with the public

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Our **16th** show at the **Southbank Centre**, curated by Joelle Taylor

Art from the South West exhibited at Southampton's **John Hansard Gallery**, curated by prisoners from HM Prison Isle of Wight



Koestler Voices poetry anthology vol. 4 launched at 'Voices from Prison' annual spoken word event



Awards Entrants

85% gained a sense of achievement in the arts and self-confidence*

63% improved education performance and relations with family and staff*



Mentoring Participants

89% reported a positive impact on their mental health*

86% had desisted from reoffending **6 months** after the scheme



Events & Exhibitions

50,000+ visitors to our exhibitions, art fair stalls & events

114 guests attended our Prison Art Tutor Seminar and Family Days

*As self-reported in our 2023 annual survey.