

**Support this inspirational vision**

*"I do urge you to support this important appeal to raise funds for the expansion of Embrace Arts at the Richard Attenborough Centre."*

Lord Attenborough CBE



*"I am extremely proud to support the Breaking Barriers Appeal. Art is such a powerful tool that enables people of all abilities to express themselves in new and creative ways and this appeal will ensure that even more people are able to access the incredible resource that is Embrace Arts."*

*Having recently visited Embrace Arts I've seen first-hand just how important the centre is to people of all ages and backgrounds and abilities."*

Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE, Paralympian,  
University of Leicester Honorary Graduate



All support to the Appeal will be highly valued and well spent. If the New Galleries Wing cannot be built, for reasons outside of our control, you can be assured that the Appeal proceeds will be used solely for Embrace Arts and its mission to make art accessible to all.

**Thank you for your incredible support.**

 **University of  
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# The Breaking Barriers Appeal

Building New Galleries for Embrace Arts



Artist's impression of the New Galleries



# THE NEW GALLERIES



## A shining example of inclusivity and accessibility

Art has always been about breaking down barriers. Art, in all its forms, has the power to transcend cultural, political and geographical boundaries, and the potential to inspire, inform and entertain – but only when it is **accessible** to all.

Championed by Lord Attenborough, Embrace Arts at the Richard Attenborough Centre remains one of the best contemporary buildings in the East Midlands for the quality of its accessible design and is one of only two purpose-built venues in the Region for the **promotion of arts and disability**.

*“I have been coming here for 8+ years. I can’t put into words how much I have benefitted. The supportive atmosphere and standard of teaching is second to none.”*

Jane\*



## Why your help is needed now

Over the fourteen years since the Centre’s opening, the University has witnessed a significant and growing demand for arts programming; particularly for those with disabilities. It is estimated that for every three people currently able to access Embrace Arts, there are another two we are unable to accommodate due to lack of space.

Now, with your help, we have the opportunity to build the £1.5 million New Galleries Wing that will provide **50% more space** and include an outdoor Sculpture Court, three new gallery spaces and a flexible Creativity Space.

**Arts Council England** have pledged £600,000 because they are so impressed with this project and have decided to make it the only beneficiary of a major capital grant in the Midlands.

However, we need your support to ensure we receive this pledge, by reaching the Appeal target by November 2013.

## Your help will...

- **Break down the barriers** that prevent more people, especially children, young people and those with disabilities, from accessing the very best of contemporary and experiential visual arts.
- **Attract the very best Art** thanks to the creation of high quality Galleries and a unique Sculpture Court.
- **Provide a Centre of Excellence** for Creative Learning, providing more visitors and users with greatly expanded opportunities and services.





*“The Richard Attenborough Centre and its dedicated tutors have been my salvation since I had a head injury 10 years ago which stopped me lecturing in Art. I am not sure what would have happened without being introduced to the Centre.”*

Graham\*

## Make your donation

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