



STORY OF THE MONTH!



VICTORIA LUNGU



THE STORY

The Play Tent began as an idea between two friends who had spent nearly a decade working side by side in an Early Years Foundation unit in Leeds. Victoria, an Atelierista, and Beth, a teacher, shared a strong belief in the competence, capabilities, and creativity of young children. Inspired to take their practice beyond the classroom

the idea, that became The Play Tent began to form. Their first pop-up was at Project House, which then led to Victoria opening the first Play Tent Studio in Headingley, a dedicated space for families with young children to explore art, play, and imagination.



Reuse has played a big part in our way of working throughout. We are also very mindful of our impact on the planet and favour reusing materials and looking out for second hand treasures over buying new!



**Victoria
has helped
rehome**

**20+
items from
The
Resource
Hub**

FREEDOM TO EXPLORE

Victoria shared with us how much she's learned from noticing children's interactions and their 'dialogue' with materials through touch, movement, and exploration. She explained that offering unique and loose parts gives children the freedom to express themselves, follow their own ideas, and make discoveries in their own way.

Repurposed materials, she said, are especially rich for this kind of play because they don't come with set instructions or fixed outcomes as there's no right or wrong. For Victoria, observing those moments of imagination and individuality is one of the greatest joys in her work!

“ everywhere you look in the studio there are items from The Resource Hub! To think that each item had a past life on set is so exciting! ”

Some of Victoria's favourite pieces rehomed from The Hub include the "TV Boxes" donated by Leeds Playhouse! Victoria painted them white to catch the light from projections and transformed them into cosy dens for the children. The boxes were so well-constructed and safe that the kids could climb in and on them without any worry!

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*Stage Platforms
previously used in a
Leeds Playhouse
Production!*



3

*Playhouse 'Tv Boxes'
transformed into
into cosy dens!*

**FAVOURITE
FINDS IN
ACTION!**



1
Wooden
Art Bookself
saved
from the
skip!

4
Black & White
Chairs re-homed
from Opera North

The Black and White Chairs, donated by Opera North, have quickly become a conversation starter in the studio. Beyond furnishing the space, the chairs encourage curiosity, imaginative play, and discovery!



4
Wooden Prop
Trees donated by
Common
Wealth Theatre

