

Letter from Bart Lambert to Young Gen (CYGAMS) in support

Please read this heartfelt letter from one of our ex-members Bart Lambert who has recently completed his RADA degree. If any of you were in any doubt as to the importance of Young Gen to its members or ex-members then this should convince you.

Bart has written this to help us with our campaign to save our HQ - we welcome similar letters from other members, past and current - which we can use to convince the City planners that Meteor Way is a vital community facility that should be left alone.

Thank you Bart x

To Whom It May Concern

Chelmsford Young Generation Amateur Musical Society (CYGAMS), or 'Young Gen' as it is popularly known, and its premises are among the most crucial aspects of Chelmsford life, and must be protected with all certainty of fervour. The impact that this part of the community has on the young people who pass through is immeasurable. I myself was a Young Genner (am a Young Genner, it stays with you forever) and mere words cannot capture the effect it has had on my life. Before I went there I was so cripplingly anxious I was incapable of conversation, the Young Gen family allowed me to come out from behind my long closed doors and engage with those around me, forming friendships and relationships and loves (and losses) that have stayed with me to this very day, and I have no doubt will be with me for the rest of my life. Alongside this it allowed me to develop my passion for performance and creation, which is now my profession, my daily bread. I am an actor and a musician, two loves learned at Young Gen; two crafts honed at Young Gen. And it's not just me, there are many others like me developed and nurtured at Young Gen now carving their own paths in the performing arts. But one day we will grow up, grow old, go off, and there need to be people like us to take our place and fill our shoes in ways we never thought possible. They are the next generation. The Young Generation. And we owe it to them to keep this family, and the building it calls home, safe.

Yours faithfully

Bart Lambert