



IMPACT REPORT



**PAMODZI
CREATIVES
2025**



PAMODZI: CREATING TOGETHER TO INSPIRE

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COMMUNITY



INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN OF PORTSMOUTH



SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Pamodzi means “together”, and exists to celebrate connection, belonging, and shared creativity. Through storytelling, dance, wellbeing programmes, and community-led events, we create safe and uplifting spaces for people to feel seen, supported, and inspired.

In 2025, Pamodzi deepened its roots across Portsmouth—championing under-represented voices, empowering children and young people, and celebrating women whose creativity and leadership transform our communities.

For every £1 invested by Pamodzi, £2.50 worth of Social value was generated through community based programmes and partnerships. We will continue to build on the UN Sustainable Development Goals 10, 11, 16 and 17 through advancing inclusive workplace cultures, reducing inequalities, and delivering collaborative community impact.

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180 ATTENDED BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

5 MARKET STALL HOLDERS

14 MODELS

4 DESIGNERS FEATURED IN SHOWCASE

8 WOMEN ENGAGED IN HAVEN WOMEN DROP IN CENTRE DANCE WORKSHOP

12 PARTICIPATED IN FRATTON TOGETHER LIGHT FESTIVAL DANCE PROJECT

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4 YOUNG PEOPLE IN BHM DELIVERY TEAM

825 PRIMARY PUPILS REACHED THROUGH DANCE & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES

20 YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN A SEND UNIT

20 YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN STORYWRITING PROJECT

3 *WHO INSPIRES YOU?* SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES DELIVERED

2 WELLBEING & DANCE PODCASTS PRODUCED

1 YOUTH APPRENTICE CONTRACTED FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

1 YOUTH APPRENTICE MENTORED IN EVENT MANAGEMENT

INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN OF PORTSMOUTH

£2300 RAISED FOR HAVEN WOMEN'S DROP IN CENTRE

200 WOMEN CELEBRATED

360 ATTENDEES AT THE AWARD EVENT

140 ATTENDEES AT THE UBUNTU AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

140 EVENT PERFORMERS

14 AWARDS

12 PODCAST EPISODES PRODUCED

80 ATTENDEES AT GIRLS NIGHT IN STORYTELLING EVENTS



PAMODZI:COMMUNITY

Pamodzi hosted its first Black History Month Celebration in Portsmouth: a day of vibrant, culturally rich programming that included a market, food court, panel discussions, a fashion showcase, and awards honouring inspirational people of colour. The event was supported by a team of young people from Admiral Lord Nelson and included an event management mentoring opportunity .



“The energy was great...we both commented on how lovely it was to see some of our quieter students and even ex-students come alive more than we usually see in an environment where they feel safe and its "theirs" ...so fantastic to see”!

Deputy Head Teacher, Admiral Lord Nelson School

“The fashion show was an exciting and fast-paced experience that gave me a behind-the-scenes look at Pamodzi and teamwork required to bring a live event to life..I loved being part of the process”

Event Management Apprentice

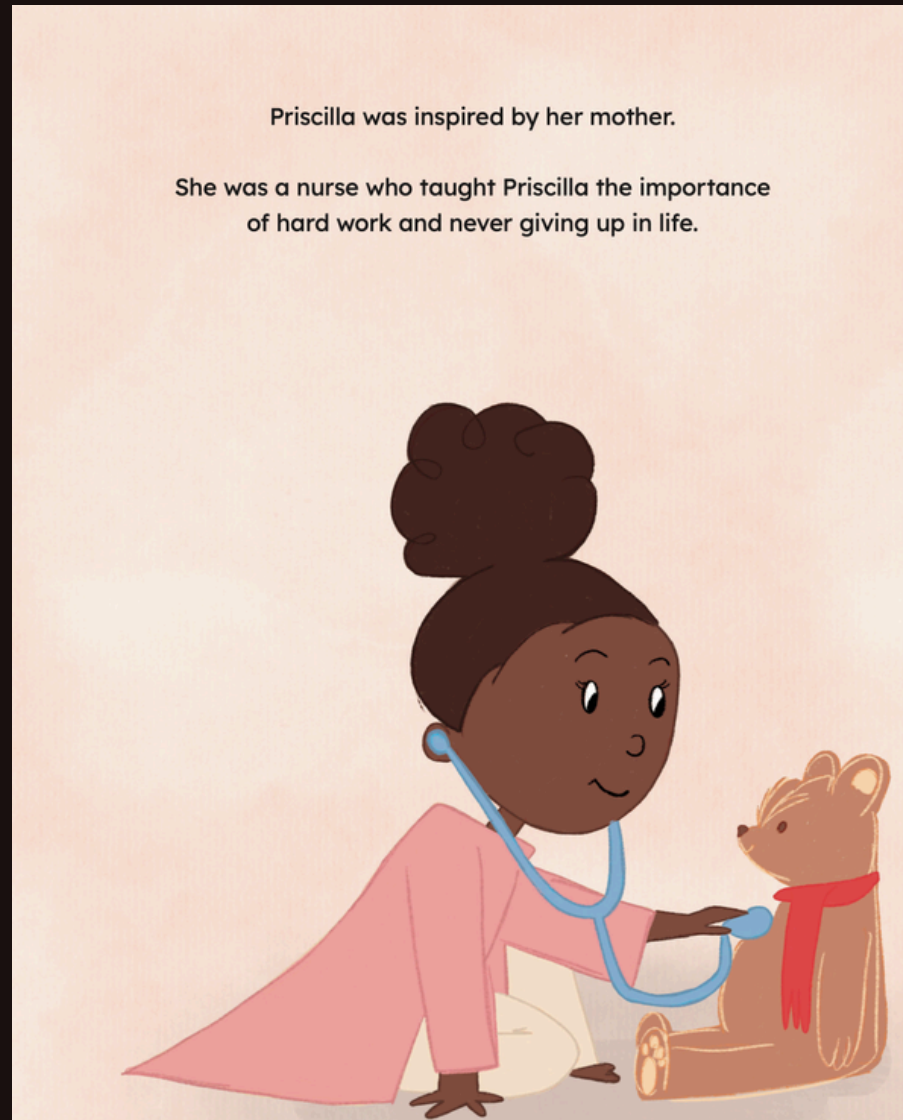


PAMODZI: SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

As well as the dance and well being the 2025 Creative Transitions Schools programme marked a major milestone with the publication of Pamodzi's first 'Who Inspires You?' children's storybook, written by young people and celebrating local inspirational figures. This project was supported by TGET and included:

- School-based "Who Inspires You?" workshops.
- * Aspirations-focused assemblies.
- * Dance & wellbeing programmes.
- * Youth mentorship and apprenticeships

With Arts Council England funding, we have been able to develop two children's story books written by young people from Unloc and Urbond.

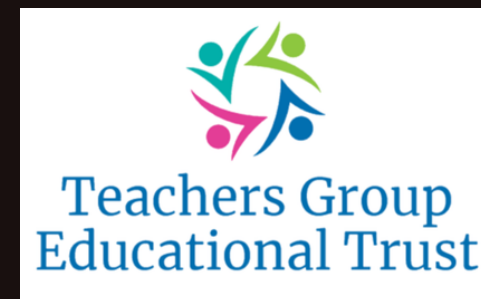


'You were really good at using dance to tackle some tricky mental health topics that helped my (year 5) class understand their emotions better. I didn't think it could be done.'

Teacher, Arundel Court Junior School

"I am really excited about being able to share her (Jane Shephard) story and hopefully it will inspire other people who are facing similar challenges and experiences

'Who Inspires You?' writer"



PAMODZI: INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN OF PORTSMOUTH

At the heart of Pamodzi lies the commitment to celebrate and uplift women whose stories, actions, creativity or leadership transform their communities. 2025 saw a powerful continuation of this mission through the PAMODZI Inspirational Women of Portsmouth Awards (IWP), podcast interviews and The Girls Night in Storytelling events.



“I have attended all but two IWP events over the years and for me, and my wife, this was by far the most professional, but still great fun. You got the balance of artists and awards and time to meet and chat with others spot on. Well done to the whole Tribe”.

IWP EVENT GUEST



LOOKING AHEAD

Over the coming year, Pamodzi will build on the momentum and impact we've cultivated — with a renewed focus on storytelling, community, and creating safe, celebratory spaces for the community of Portsmouth

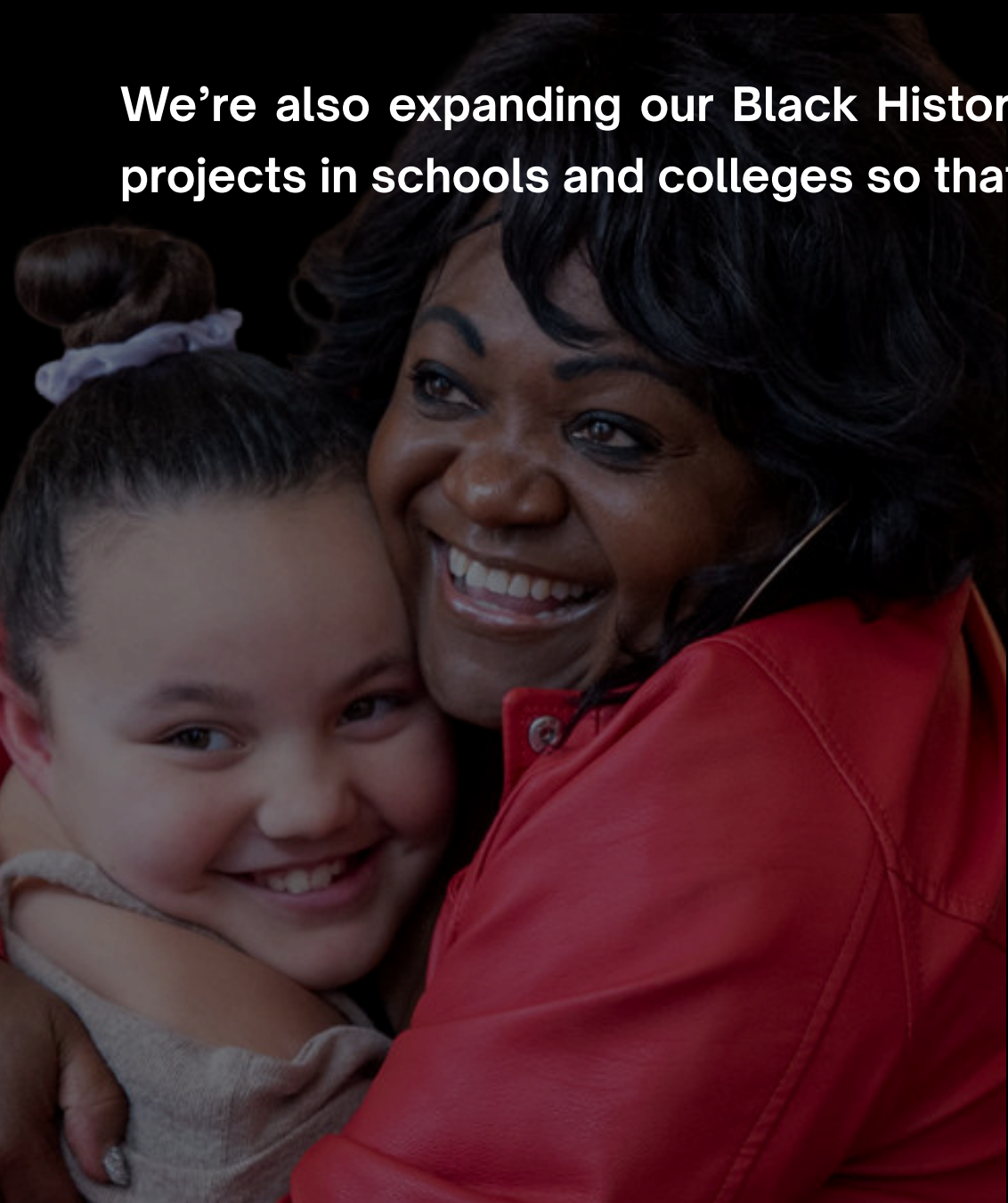
With the support of our newly appointed Directors (Alison Lee Governance and Compliance Director) and Sharmin Akter (Fundraising Strategy Director) Pamodzi is entering a new chapter of growth rooted in our core belief that every person has a story worth sharing. Over the coming year, we will build on the Who Inspires You? children's storybook project by taking it into schools, libraries and community spaces, creating opportunities for young people to see themselves reflected in the stories they read.

We're also expanding our Black History Month work into a year-round programme, delivering lead-in workshops and creative storytelling projects in schools and colleges so that Black heritage, identity and belonging are celebrated far beyond a single month.

Alongside this, we are developing our Kambani storytelling evenings and strengthening our Girls Night In events — intimate, joyful, nourishing spaces where people can connect, heal, and feel seen. These projects deepen Pamodzi's mission to build community through shared stories, while creating sustainable ways for supporters, partners and collaborators to engage with us. Together, they form the foundations of our next stage: expanding our reach, strengthening our impact, and continuing to celebrate the voices at the heart of our work.

Thank you for walking this journey with us, for believing in our mission, and for helping Pamodzi shine a little brighter in our community every day.

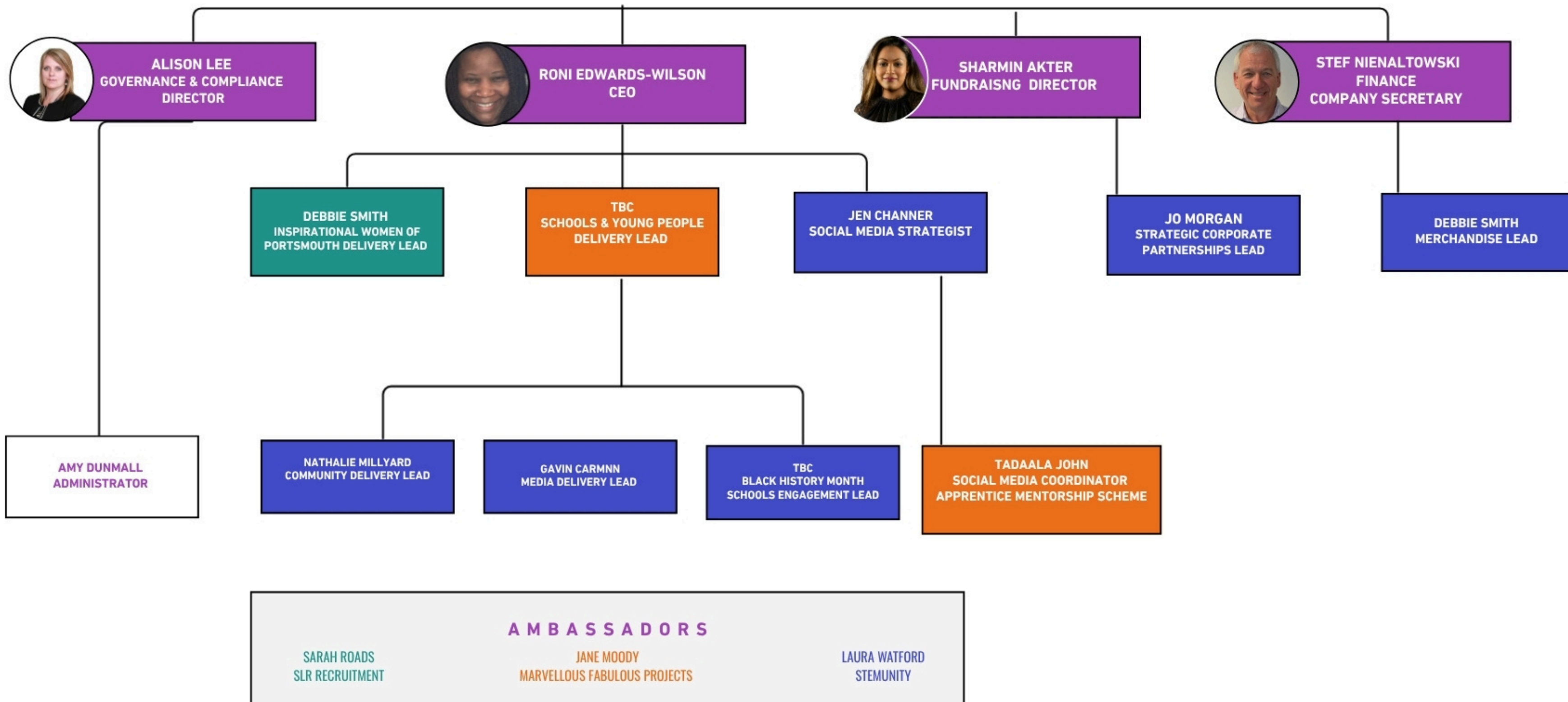
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