



SP8 of the Art – the Mark Speight Foundation

When Mark died some 26,000 emails arrived with expressions of sympathy, loss and grief from children and parents alike who had witnessed his artistic skills and communicative talents. An entertainer, an artist, a man sensitive to the needs of others, especially children!

It was not possible to let go of such energy, allow it to disappear underfoot and without trace. It had to be returned to the children of the UK and so SP8 of the Art – the Mark Speight Foundation was born. Its aim? To create opportunities for children of ages 4 – 18 to express themselves artistically, theatrically and creatively.

Through our workshops embracing visits to schools, private enterprise, colleges and even universities our message is shining like a beacon. The joy of children experiencing those wonderful skills of volunteer artists, musicians and performers is infectious. A moving and emotional experience, especially when the schools for children with special needs permit us access to their inner sanctions.

Even the Government and opposition parties alike are listening to our aims and objectives sympathetically. Close links have been established with ministers and shadow ministers. Education Authorities have been targeted but there is much to do and we need your help - NOW!

Are you prepared to serve your nation's children's needs through SP8 of the Art? We need funding sources to be established and tapped into NOW. We will be part of Boris Johnson's London Olympiad in 2012. We must be ready. Soon we will be represented in the inner cities of the UK to bring children and parents together through the demonstrated artistic abilities of their children – skills unearth and discover by SP8 of the Art practitioners. Our Regional Coordinators organise a range of events locally. The long term aim is the establishment of the Mark Speight School of Art and Entertainment and which one day will offer scholarships annually through Regional and National competitions. But the first steps on that journey have been taken. The train has left the station. Will you be on it?

If you think you are good enough to meet the challenge of this inspirations and rewarding we will be asking you as part of your selection process to give a 10 minute presentation to show us your skills, your passion and your belief in what you can contribute to the Foundation. Please let us know of any resources you may need.

I hope to see you in the Albert Hall in 2012. A hall filled with children from the whole of the UK; expressing their joy and freedom of spirit. Our own SP8 of the Art X Factor!

Will you be there?

Oliver Speight