

# THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

## CASE STUDY

### East England

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example:

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### Improvement of access and facilities: Norwich Arts Centre



This thriving performing arts centre has been housed in a medieval Grade I listed church and Edwardian mission since 1980. In 1997 the Architectural Heritage Fund helped the Centre, supported by a local campaign, to purchase an adjacent Victorian shop and property to assist with access and allow other improvements to be made. Both the

auditorium and dressing rooms of this music and theatre venue are now accessible to wheelchair users, as are the darkrooms, linked to the centre's photographic gallery. A local carpenter built the desk in the reception area. The centre's educational activity has been considerably increased as a result of the improvements, and it now also boasts a multimedia suite.



**Organisation:** Norwich Arts Centre

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**Grade I and II listed buildings**

**Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:** £45,000 loan in 1999

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### The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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