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PRESS RELEASE

DIFIBRILLATOR GIFTED TO WATERMANS BY PUMP TECHNOLOGY LIMITED THROUGH LONDON IRISH RUGBY FOUNDATION WILL HELP SAVE LIVES.

A state-of-the-art defibrillator has been kindly donated to Watermans by **Pump Technology Ltd** thanks to their project with London Irish Foundation, the charitable arm of London Irish Rugby club.

The defibrillator will ensure that anyone experiencing life threatening heart trauma and in need of having their heart re-started will have a greater chance of survival.

Pump Technology Ltd, work with the London Irish Foundation in the community to donate defibrillators to local venues as part of their 30th anniversary celebrations.

Jan Lennox, Director of Watermans, commented:

“Watermans is thrilled to have a potentially life-saving defibrillator installed in our venue and though I hope we never have to use it it is reassuring to know it is there and that our customer relations team will have training too.”

Commenting on the initiative which is part of the London Irish Foundation’s community engagement activities, Andy Keast, Chief Executive of the London Irish Foundation, said:

“London Irish Foundation are delighted to assist Pump Technology Ltd to help provide local community venues with this essential equipment and make a difference to anyone who needs treatment quickly.”

Jonathan Barker, Managing Director of Pump Technology added:

“We’re pleased to be working with London Irish Foundation potentially helping anyone visiting Waterman’s who might need this life-saving equipment.”

Training for Watermans’ staff will be carried out by London Ambulance Service.

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Editors' Notes

About Watermans:

Waterman's is West London's arts centre. Our mission is to bring communities together through cultural practice and we exist to enrich lives through the arts and creativity. As an independent charity, we believe the arts is for everyone and that is at the heart of everything we do.

We present a thriving year-round programme of cinema, fringe theatre, exhibitions and workshops in our stunning riverside location in Brentford, opposite Kew Gardens. We are an independent charity with a wide outreach programme across Hounslow and beyond too, reaching tens of thousands of people who would otherwise enjoy little or no arts provision, and working with them to build community through the arts.

Our Brentford venue houses an independent cinema, 250-seat theatre, contemporary art gallery and creative spaces for the community. In our cinema, find the latest movies, as well as festivals and talks. In our theatre, discover children's theatre, cabaret, dance, fringe theatre and digital performance. And in our gallery, a year-round programme of free exhibitions focusing on digital arts. We aim to showcase the very best of arts and culture in West London.

Our large riverside cafe and restaurant – including a gorgeous outdoor riverside terrace – is the perfect place to while away a day by the river, or chill out before or after a show. The food is freshly-prepared Indian, with a range of Indian bar snacks at the bar and a fabulous-value Express Lunch if you're in a rush, and children's menu available.

Beyond the venue, audiences can discover **Bell Square**, Watermans' outdoor arts venue in Hounslow Town Centre, where it presents fortnightly free performances May-December. Watermans also runs the major Arts Council-funded *Creative People and Places* programme that puts the decisions and views of local people at the heart of everything it does and aims to create a colourful, confident and creative Hounslow.

Watermans is a social enterprise and holder of the Social Enterprise Mark. This means that any money we make is ploughed back into providing events and opportunities to take part for the whole community.



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