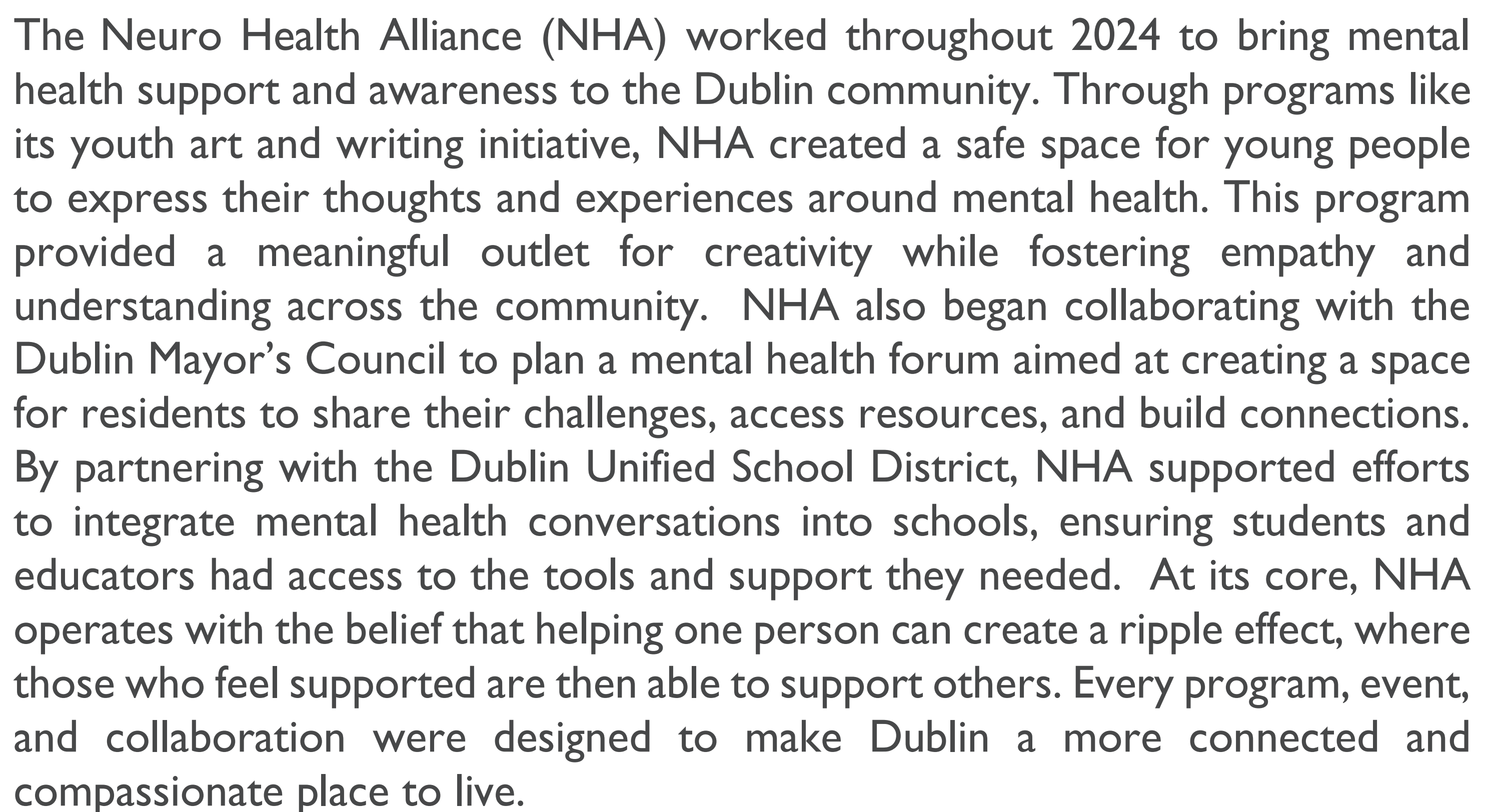


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NHA worked to go beyond surface-level conversations by creating programs that encouraged meaningful engagement. The youth art and writing initiative, for example, gave young people a space to reflect on and express their experiences in ways that felt safe and empowering. The challenge has been not only to get people talking, but also to foster a deeper understanding of mental health and what it takes to support real progress within the community.

NHA's board, made up largely of Dublin residents, brought dedication and insight to every project. Families, nonprofits, and volunteers contributed their time, resources, and encouragement, helping NHA reach more people and strengthen its impact. This mutual support from the community not only made NHA's work possible but also reflected the heart of Dublin, a place where residents work together to build a stronger, more caring city.