

Welcome...

... to the new Creativity Works newsletter

Here you will find information on opportunities, news, current and future projects.



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Funding Success

After a year or two of careful cost cutting, refocusing around our key areas of work and improving our marketing and advocacy, **Creativity Works** is pleased to have secured a range of funding for the next four years.

- **Arts Council England** funding will support us to formalise partnerships and develop consortia, which will in the near future bid for public service delivery. We will continue to improve the quality of artistic input and develop more opportunities and training for artists, establish guidelines and support for both artists and communities to develop local solutions to local issues.
- **B&NES Arts Development** will facilitate our work with communities until 2014 through our new Community Engagement strand. This will support local people to run community arts activities and events across B&NES.
- **Transitions** will help us to improve our organisational management and ensure we keep pace with developments in health and social care. Alongside this is a three year funding confirmation from **B&NES Supporting People Partnership**.
- **Town and Parish councils** have also over the past few years supported our programme.

These funding incomes allow us to champion the integration of arts, culture and creativity with social care, health and wellbeing and community development initiatives. We look forward to developing further partnerships so that local people can benefit from new sources of funding.

from the Director, Lesley Featherstone

NEWS: look out for the new 'Events Calendar'

Creativity Works is developing the Community Engagement strand as a key area of work. Over the next few months we will pull together an Events Calendar. We envisage this being a hotspot for event info, a 'what's going on in your community' - online community board to reflect the diverse community events happening in and around Radstock, Westfield and Midsomer Norton, supported by local community fundraisers and activators.

If you are a 'mover and shaker', want to promote your community event and/or know of an event coming up then send **Mags Maxwell** and **Samantha Mitchell** an email info@creativityworksforeveryone.co.uk

ANNOUNCEMENT:

'Creative Mental Health Support Service'

The new **Creative Mental Health Support Service** called '**Creative Links**', will be led by **Creativity Works**. The service will serve B&NES and support creative engagement to enable active participation in community activity. Participants and community are integral to this service – helping to make links with ongoing support and progression opportunities in B&NES.

Creative Links will work closely with B&NES Community Facilitators and Mental Health teams including the Enablement team, Floating support and Building Bridges service. Development of this project is embedded within B&NES Health and Social Care, Supporting People Partnership. The project will over the course of the three years will support early intervention, prevention and progression work to inform the development of GP Commissioners.

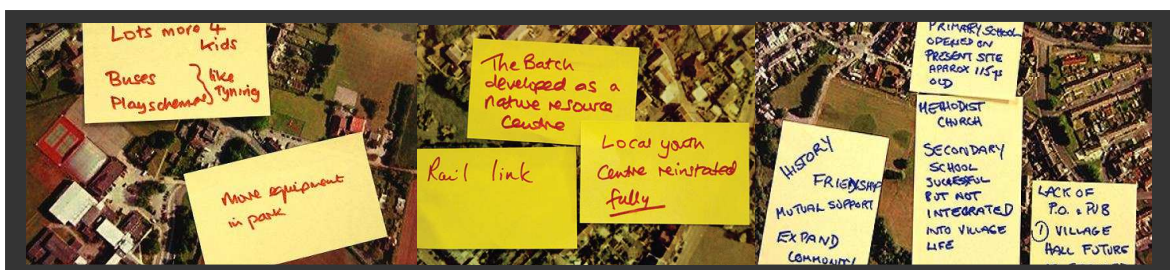
'Insight' this section offers an insight into a Creativity Works project through the eyes of one of our Development Workers. Deborah Aguirre Jones presents the Pathways Programme



The Pathways Programme continues to run a regular Sunday art group with women residents of a medium secure unit in the South West. In recent months lead artist Helen Hewitt has been working with the women to develop their skills in painting and drawing. The programme is in its third and final year of delivery with an exhibition planned for Autumn 2011 to show some of the past work.

In the past year the programme has delivered further projects in Bristol within settings, supporting women in challenging circumstances. Creative sessions are delivered with various partners, including Eastwood Park Prison and a mother and baby unit set up by One25. The latter Bristol based charity reaches out to women trapped in street sex work to support them to break free and build lives away from violence, poverty and addiction.

If you would like to know more about this project, go to www.creativityworksforeveryone.co.uk/projects.php where you can view case studies, or email deborah.aguirrejones@creativityworksforeveryone.co.uk



'How would you like to see your community improved?' images from 'Getting People Involved' in Writhlington & Tynning
Photo credits – Paul Howard

UPDATE: The Big Local Trust: Getting People Involved

The Big Lottery Fund has been working with **Creativity Works** for the 'Getting People Involved' across the communities of Radstock, Clandown, Tynning, Writhlington, Haydon and Westfield in April and May this year. **During this period there were 19 creative consultation events - reaching approximately 500 local people.** Locals of all ages celebrated, mapped and discussed community values through creative thinking, games, drawing and film-making.

"We think the Big Local Trust will enable people to make their communities better places to live in, now and in the future. It will help people to develop the skills and confidence they need to identify priorities that matter to them and to take action to change things for the better"

Philippa Forsey, Getting People Involved Project Coordinator

Radstock and Westfield are one of the first 50 areas in England to benefit from the Big Local Trust programme. This area will receive at least £1 million of lottery good cause money over a ten year period through the Big Local Trust. 'Getting People Involved' has started a process of visioning that will underpin future community development and raise awareness of the future investment of the Big Local.

Visiting artists Paul Howard, Neil Light, Eleanora Ferry and Marina Sossi led creative drop-ins in the communities of Radstock and Westfield. Artists met people where they live, work and play asking questions about what community means to them. Local partners included Wansdyke Play Association, SWALLOW, Somer Housing and Somer Valley FM.

To watch, listen and read the results from the creative consultation go to www.biglocalradstockandwestfield.org.uk for various media.

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