



PRESS RELEASE **for immediate release**

Creativity Works is very delighted to announce that as a result of a successful application to Arts Council England's National Portfolio funding programme we have been awarded three years funding from April 2012. The funding is to develop our creative arts projects with communities and evolve a new business model around partnership working and consortia development for public service delivery in Bath and North East Somerset and the South West. The funding will also enable Creativity Works to develop our innovative work in wellbeing and health initiatives such as the *Creative Links* project, develop more work with children, young people and with artists. We aspire to maximize the impact that creative community engagement can achieve.

A *Creative Links* participant commented "The most important area for me which the Creative Links groups have helped with is being part of a group of people with similar concerns regarding our lives and how to deal with life generally...[it] Has allowed me to feel altogether better about myself, also to use the new confidence to step out more into other areas I enjoy."

The Arts Council stated that Creativity Works has "the potential to make a contribution to the goals set out in *Achieving great art for everyone* ... that the organisation would contribute well to a national picture of funded organisations which is balanced across size, type, artform, geographical spread, diversity and contribution to our goals."

Director, Lesley Featherstone, goes on to explain that "the Arts Council's Portfolio funding is a great accolade for Creativity Works and demonstrates the Arts Council's respect for our creative work with communities and artists."

Creativity Works, is a charity specialising in delivering creative projects with communities. We believe creative activities encourage individuals and groups to explore, develop and grow. Our projects are targeted at specific communities, in areas of wellbeing and health and with people of all ages. We have worked across Bath and North East Somerset and Bristol since 1981.

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