

Welcome...

to the new Creativity Works newsletter.

Here you will find information on upcoming opportunities and current and future projects. Please feel free to circulate this email within your organisation or contact database.

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Co- Create

Creativity Works is pleased to be offering three professional development events.

1. Mental Health First Aid Training for socially engaged participatory artists. **Date and**

Time: Tuesday 15th March 9.30 - 3.30pm **Venue:** Percy Community Centre, New King Street,

Bath, Somerset BA1 2BN **Price:** £25

2. The Dream of Possibilites, seminar on Quality Social Engagement with Jill Carter **Date:**

3 March 9.30am- 12.30, **Venue:** RWA Fedden Room, Bristol. (Please see article below 'Jill Carter'.) The event is free through support from Creativity Works funders.

3. Revealing the Process of a Successful Creative Arts and Wellbeing Project,

in relationship to artistic quality, culture and social change with Marina Sossi **Date:** End of March,

Venue: Central Bath TBC **Price:** £25

co|CREATE is a forum lead by creative charity Creativity Works for artists and creativity professionals on quality social engagement process and practice.

info Booking is encouraged for the co|CREATE Mental Health First Aid Training- 01761 438852



LOTTERY FUNDED

Big Local Trust: Getting People Involved

The Big Lottery Fund's, Big Local Trust, **Getting People Involved** application process is now open and Creativity Works has been appointed as the lead organisation to take forward an application for the communities of Radstock and Westfield. As part of a developing consortium of community groups, Creativity Works will be working with the Big Local Trust to get people involved in the first phase of a 10 year, £1M, neighbourhood development project.

The proposed activities with the communities of Radstock and Westfield are, to:

1. Set up and manage a Community Website with social networking and interactive capacity to facilitate the development of a strong community voice.
2. Develop and run events and projects to involve people and develop a process of visioning which uses a variety of creative, digital and educational approaches.
3. Provide training which supports people to deepen their involvement with the community.

This work is due to take place between February and autumn 2011. The Planning Group expects that the people of Radstock and Westfield will come up with some inspiring ideas to support community development over the next ten years.



Photo credits - Jill Carter

Jill Carter- Dreams, Masks & Mirrors

Dates: 20 February - 3 March 2011 (Open view Sun 20 Feb, 2-5pm)

Venue: Royal West of England Academy, Fedden Gallery,

Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1PX

Creativity Works are delighted to be hosting an exhibition by Jill Carter.

Entitled *Dreams Masks & Mirrors*, the exhibition explores ideas around the notion of play, fairytale and myth in the form of

a collection of photoworks and curiosities.

Jill Carter was commissioned, as artist in residence by Creativity Works, to respond to a community festival in Radstock. In association with this exhibition is the co|CREATE seminar on March 3rd on Quality Social Engagement. **Please see above.**

'Recipes for Life and Wellbeing'

(As part of Keynsham Youth Arts Project)

Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th Feb, 2nd, 9th, 16th March 2011

Times: 7 – 9pm **Venue:** Time Out

Suited and Booted, in partnership with Creativity Works, will be running

'Recipes for Life and Wellbeing', a creative project throughout February and March to develop a wellbeing focus using digital arts. Based at the 'Time Out' youth centre in Keynsham,

Suited and Booted will run a variety of creative sessions where young people will be given

opportunities to reflect and talk about factors that affect how they feel and how they manage their mental wellbeing.

These ideas will become an easily accessible digital media toolkit, including videos on YouTube, and downloadable iPhone and digital social network apps.



'Gaps'

Creativity Works will work with a resident artist to develop and deliver a creative programme of arts activity, on the back of three existing arts and health 'Creative Links' projects. This Arts Council project will be called Creativity|LINKs and will build on the development of :

Inspirational Art group (self support art group for people with mental health difficulties) in Bath

Recipes for Life for young people in Keynsham (see above)

My Time My Space for women with post-natal depression in Radstock

A Word from the Director, Lesley Featherstone

Our new name and brand are important to us. I hope that our new name, **Creativity Works** signals that we are pro-active organisation and excited about new ways of working, about developing new partnerships to creatively address the localism agenda and the vision of the Big Society. I believe we have the expertise, experience and the skills base to contribute to local services.

Sustainability and the Voluntary Sector

The situation facing many charities and voluntary sector organisations is complex. The recession, Government change, the Public Spending Review and National Health Service Reform have all had an impact on short term financial sustainability.

In response to these challenging times we have worked hard to develop more diverse funding streams. We are also currently improving our external communications and developing our evidence base. Furthermore we have researched, brokered, piloted and evaluated new partnerships for delivery and carefully researched how we can respond to new policies from the Coalition Government, address changes in local government, adjust to the Public Spending Review and prepare ourselves to address National Health Service Reform.

We are still however facing a period of transition, where policies and ways of commissioning services are changing. During this time we are poised to deliver on key political and social agendas, but are in need of some additional support to ensure that we can continue to operate and contribute to the delivery of key social outcomes.

How you can help us in this

If you would like to support us financially, either donate now using the 'Donate' button on the website, or please get in touch to discuss possibilities for financial support that would assist with project activity, community events and support for local people to take up new opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome any suggestions you might have to assist us during the coming period of transition.

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