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In Flight News



Magic Carpet

What's Happening?

Over the last few years we have struggled to win the confidence of the major trusts, but not anymore it seems!! We have an exciting time ahead, with several major funding bodies supporting the following new and exciting projects:

The LankellyChase Foundation has generously contributed towards our core costs until March 2011. **Positive Steps** have funded a short term project introducing 12 participants to taking Open College qualifications. **Say No to Bullying** is a project that will support people with learning disabilities to develop the skills to share their experiences of living in the community. Their final performances will be shown in schools educating young people of the lives of people with learning disabilities. **Dance and Movement:** supported by Devon Community Foundation and Comic Relief this weekly movement group will start in October. **TotalArts:** Developing our work at Wonford House Hospital, the Arts Council have agreed to fund an exciting year long project, with Exhibitions, artists in residence and a community workshop. AND!! **Moving On,** a three year Big Lottery funded project supporting up to 7 weekly groups in Exeter and a social network that will tie it all together. Phew, that's quite a bit of work to be getting on with! Everyone involved with Magic Carpet is looking forward to raising the bar for creativity in Exeter and beyond for those people we work with.

Following on from the success of our Christmas gig with the fabulous Spin2 and Dave Wood we ran an 'Open Mike' session in Belmont Park Community Hut. Over 30 groups and individuals performed fuelled by great cakes supplied by Heavitree WI. We are planning 2 Open Mike sessions in 2010.

Creative Carers

A big thanks to the Big Lottery as we waved goodbye (for the moment) to our Creative Carers project. Over the past three years the project has evolved from offering one off creative workshops to a programme of regular sessions with a core group of participants, and periodic special events. We have worked with carers from the ages of 5 years to 70+ across Exeter and East Devon and delivered sessions designed to respond to the needs of carers. The project engaged with over 500 individual carers! A range of creative workers, including visual artists, storytellers, musicians and drama workers have contributed a wealth of skills and experience to create a dynamic and responsive programme.

'These sessions have really opened up my life. I have met lovely people and so talented. It has given me the courage to try things myself and I am slowly gaining confidence in my ability. I look forward to these sessions. They are never boring and I have learned a lot' (Exeter carer).



Young Carers Day

Supporting and Sponsoring

Most charities need to fundraise to survive and thrive and we are no different. If you would like to support, in anyway and however small, please get in touch and make a difference in your local community. We would love to hear from you.

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There are Magic Carpet activities in Exeter and East Devon running each week of the year. Our community based groups are below. Each week we also have five sessions at Wonford House Hospital on the wards. We are in the PHEW (Exeter Mind) café most weeks offering arts activities to those that use the café. If you or anyone you know is interested in any of our groups please get in touch with the Magic Carpet office.

Our Regular Weekly Groups

Group	Location	Times	Day	What do we do	Who is it for
DramaMoves	PHEW Centre	AM	Mon	Drama	People with mental health issues
Tuesday Club	Exeter Phoenix	PM	Tues	Visual art and making	People with learning disabilities
Movement	Exeter Phoenix	PM	Tues	Movement	People with mental health issues
Honiton Day Project	British Legion Club	11 -4	Weds and Thurs	Arts, drama, music and storytelling	People with learning disabilities
Thurspians	Acorn Centre	AM	Thurs	Drama	People with learning disabilities
Creative Changes	Exeter Phoenix	AM	Fri	Arts and drama	People with learning disabilities
ArtWorks	Exeter Phoenix	PM	Fri	Tactile visual and sensory arts	People with severe learning and sensory disabilities
Snapdragon	Exeter Phoenix	PM	Fri	Visual art and making	People with learning disabilities

Volunteering with Magic Carpet

All our weekly groups have volunteers supporting them, volunteering make positive contributions to society and is great for the people we work with. With lots of new groups going to be taking place from early 2010 volunteering will be at the heart of all of them. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please ask them to get in touch.



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