

Creative Communities Unit

Short Course Programme 2009-2010

Artists' Professional Development Programme (APDP): Developing Arts for Health

- Are you an artist, arts development worker or health worker interested in using the arts to develop health-based work?
- Would you like to learn more about developing practical arts for health projects?

Developing Arts for Health provides continuing professional development for experienced artists, arts development workers and health workers in the area of arts for health. The course will provide people with the knowledge, arts/health-specific skills and confidence appropriate for practitioners who wish to develop arts work in a health setting. You will learn about the structure of the health service and current health policies, as well as about the national and regional contexts of arts for health practice. The practitioner's view of the NHS will be examined, including how to negotiate at different levels within the health sector, how to communicate with NHS staff, and the role of arts and health workers. Finally, you will explore the issue of project evaluation, and will learn how to provide evidence for the success of your projects. You will also undertake a practical project and reflect on this area of work-related learning.

Who is the course for?

The course is designed for artists, arts development workers and health workers with some practical experience of participatory arts work. It is not necessary to have experience of health based work.

What is required?

Attendance is required at all sessions. The course is assessed by an individual presentation delivered to a small group of students and by a portfolio (2000 words).

When does it happen?

Day 1: Thursday 4 February 2010	10.00am – 4.00pm
Day 2: Thursday 4 March 2010	10.00am – 4.00pm
Day 3: Thursday 18 March 2010	10.00am – 4.00pm
Day 4: Thursday 15 April 2010	10.00am – 4.00pm
Day 5: Thursday 29 th April 2010	10.00am – 4.00pm

What are the levels of study?

The course is available at University Levels 3 (third year) and M (Master's).

What are the entry requirements?

We welcome applications from people with a wide variety of qualifications, skills and experience. The usual requirement for this course is a B.A. Fine Art or equivalent, and some experience of using the arts in working with communities. However, all applicants are considered individually, and experience may be considered in place of formal qualifications. Please contact us to discuss your application.

What does it cost?

We have secured funding from Staffordshire University Futures Programme to offer bursaries to all applicants applying for a place on the APDP. This means the price has been reduced from £500 down to £250 for everyone who is offered a place on the course.

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