

## **Art Angel - About Organisation**

Hi, my name's Rosie Summerton from the Art Angel project based in Dundee.

The major difference about our organisation is that we are an arts advocacy project.

Most of the people that come to Art Angel have been many other places, and are at the end of their tether - they're looking for somewhere they can express themselves, where they can make friends. They can start to build up their confidence, esteem, and therefore start to speak out and communicate their wishes and needs in a much more powerful way; but also that they can go out and be part of the community through their work.

Many of them have re-defined themselves as artists, they're not thinking of themselves as schizophrenics or depressives any more, they're thinking of themselves as artists within a community, with something to say and something to share with society - which is what arts advocacy is all about - and we've found that after long term involvement, people feel that they can cope better with life through the support that they've had.