

Artlink - About Organisation

I'm Alison Stirling.

I'm Jan Bert van den Berg.

Hi, er, but I'm a different person, this isn't going to make sense!

Well, you're Anne Elliot.

And this is...Anne Elliot...Well hello there.

We're an arts organisation and we work in hospitals.

We're based in Edinburgh, and work in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

Each project is designed around the people that we meet with in hospitals - patients and staff primarily, and sometimes visitors.

So we do things like, everything from music events to practical art workshops in the studio, here at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

People who take part in the projects keep coming back, they keep getting involved in more projects, so it's opening up a greater sense of communities in hospitals, getting people to know each other for what they're interested in, rather than what they do - and that includes the patients.

And I suppose the most important thing as an arts organisation is that actually, some of the outcomes are very good artworks.

And also I think because Artlink's been running for such a long time, it actually is able to support people from all different sorts of backgrounds, with all different sorts of interests - because if we can't do it, we know somebody who does, or can.

Here here!