

Bazooka Arts - About Project

Our exemplar project is called Creating Connections. We're hoping to bring people that have been marginalised through disability, mental ill-health, and through age-related issues, into arts projects in their own community.

We're also going to work with agencies that provide support for people, and agencies that provide arts as well in North Lanarkshire, on building an 'arts for adults' network.

So what we'd try and do is capture everything we can that shows us the individual journey of somebody, who maybe came in, and got involved in a taster workshop but was initially apprehensive, and then chart their journey through their project involvement to see the different stages.

Lots of participants are very enthusiastic about taking part in the project, audiences, professionals and agencies we've come into contact with.

Some of our participants are running their own theatre company now, so they've moved on to the next level of the project - they have their own constitution, program of work, they're fundraising.

We have art groups that are self-running. And the professional agencies that we're involved with are helping to try and build the project into a lasting way of connecting people to art, and improving people's quality of life through that very thing.