Theatre NEMO

achieving good mental health and wellbeing for all

Annual Report 2012-2013



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The Community Theatre Group worked extremely hard to produce an ambitious devised piece for the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival 'Words Inc' which was performed in Platform on the 9th October 2012.

19 participants worked with a great team of artists and volunteers to produce this work which can be viewed on the Theatre Nemo web site. The group also took part in the set design and build.

In 2013 the group has been busy devising an Old Time Music Hall production which was performed in the oldest surviving music hall, the Britannia Panopticon on Trongate in Glasgow.

The cast of 17 performed on the 12th and 13th of April 2013 to 2 full houses.

Theatre Group



Choir

Throughout this year we have had a very constant attendance of 19 participants at the choir every week.

They have worked on a variety of songs which were performed at the East Kilbride Art Centre on the 14th and 15th October

(More info about other participant + Linda)



The animation group is a great introduction to Theatre Nemo for people who are particularly low in confidence and feel unable to participate in larger groups. This year it has been particularly well used by people leaving hospital care and we are receiving lots of referals from OT's and CPN's.

In 2012 the graoup produced a few great little animations including "Eye Robot"

2013 saw the same theme as with the Drama group, the Britannia Panopticon Music Hall. The completed animation premiered at the performances on the 12th & 13th April.

5 Participants were involved in the creation of this film

Animotion



Guitar

A huge thanks to our wonderull volunteers Andy and Chiara who put a lot of work into developing this new group which started in May 2012, throughout the year we have had 21 people attend the group, some of whom performed at last years AGM on 24th November 2012.



Hospital Projects

This year we have realy enjoyed delivering 2 very succesful projects in Stobhill Hospital

The first was a ten session visual art project which culminated in a series of 9 paintings on canvas depicting the patients idea of a recovery journey. The paintings are hanging in one of the main coridors of MacKinnon House. Over the course of the project 21 patients contributed to the project.

Starting January 2013 a group of 14 music loving patients worked with our staff to create an original song with some beutifully poetic and hopefull lyrics.

Stobhill





Hospital Projects

Music project working with a mixture of geriatric dimensia patients and adult acute.

Using traditional scottish and folk songs this project encouraged the group to sing together and play music together.

Parkhead





A series of creative projects were run at Barlinnie last year.

Comic Art, gave the participants the opportunity to write and illustrate their own comic, displaying a vast range of styles and talents within their drawing ability and writing.

Taiko is a very expressive music form, incorporating the whole body. Many of the participants found this project very cathartic and a great physical release.

Music project used voice and guitar. The participants worked upon songs, written as a group then recorded them to CD

Mentorship Development



Funders and Supporters



Achievments

On the 5th of Feb 2013, Isabel and Hugh McCue acumpanied by Martin MacDonald, Deputy Governor of HMP Barlinnie received the Robin Corbit award in recognition for our work with offenders.





Project Development

During 2013 - 2014 we will be continuing to deliver our core community activities with no current plans for expanding. This year we would like to link the groups more creativly and try to work towards creating work for 1 or 2 big events.

With that in mind the Animation Group and our Performance Group have started working towards an event to be held in the Britania Panopticon, a coservation project keeping alive the spirit of music hall in the oldest surviving music hall theatre in the world.

It is also our aim to build on last years contribution to the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival.



Project Development

There is a busy program for our hospital work in 2013, first we will be continuing our work in Stobhill with a ten week animation project.

In April we will deliver a 15 week project based in our studio in partnership with the forensic mental health services, we will be working with six patients from medium and low secure units to support indaviduals with their community integration.

For the first time, we will be delivering work with yorkhill hospitals child psychiatric services, we are starting with a 6 week pilot and we hope it will be the start of a strong working relationship.

Hospitals

Project Development

Prisons

History Project - Throughout 2013 we will be developing a piece of theatre documenting the social history and impact of HMP Barlinnie. This ambitiouse project will be bringing together pupils from smythycroft high schools, members of the local community and prisoners within HMP Barlinnie.

Taiko - Also running throughout 2013 we will be delivering 3 Taiko drumming projects, we hope to be able to establish a community program in partnership with Lodging House Mission.

Mentorship - In April we will be piloting a mentorship program working with prisoners pre and post release, with the aim of establishing a stable and intigrated life in the community.



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