

Theatre Nemo

Report of the Directors Year Ended 31 March 2015

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Introduction from Isabel McCue Chair of the Board of Directors

Dear Stakeholders and Members

We are very ambitious about what we want to achieve. Our vision is to continue to promote social integration and community involvement through holistic approaches that support people to release their potential and move forward in their journey with confidence and empowerment that enables them to live a happy healthy life.

We are working towards greater recognition of who we are and what we do to enable us to have a strategic impact and we are ambitiously developing our business strategy to help us achieve this.

I am pleased to report that during the financial year we have been able to secure funding that has enabled us to provide extremely exciting and interesting projects. The following are a few of the projects we have been working on this year.

Seeing the Person, Seeing Ourselves

Funded by See Me Community Innovation Fund we have been working in collaboration with HMP Edinburgh and Positive Prison? Positive Futures to produce a Mental Health awareness resource for prison officers. The project is a pilot, so far we have engaged with male and female prisoners, senior managers and residential officers in a number of focus groups. We are now ready to deliver the first of three delivery cycles that will take place between April and August 2015.

Community Projects

This year we have provided a full program of creative sessions including Visual Art, Drama, Taiko Drumming, Guitar Classes and Animation. Our Community groups have written and performed some wonderful pieces of drama over the year giving a great insight of feelings and emotions linked with mental health issues, stigma and recovery.

A particular highlight of the year was our involvement in the Commonwealth Games. Funded through the Celebrate Lottery Fund we were able to produce a program of workshops and performances to celebrate the 2014 commonwealth games. Our Taiko Drumming and Choir groups performed at high profile stages in George Square and Glasgow Green during the cities celebrations. Staff and Participants were extremely proud of their contribution to the Games.

All of our projects this year have given people structure and support in moving on and having the confidence to try new skills, demonstrating the flexibility of Theatre Nemo to deliver high quality services efficiently with the greatest achievement being the reported outcomes for the people involved, with the largest feedback being that they were feeling much more confident, felt happier and less isolated in the community.

Reach Out

Towards the end the year we entered into a partnership with Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH). With funding from Alliance the Reach Out project offers a range of activities for individual in recovery from poor mental health, Theatre Nemo are providing an animation course as one of the activities. The course is delivered in partnership with SAMH who lead sessions focused on self-management. This project will continue through till August 2015 and hopefully beyond.

The importance of the funding we have received in this uncertain economic climate is paramount, and our successful applications have had an unprecedented impact on the people involved in the arts groups and for this we would like to thank all of our funders and look forward to continued funding opportunities in the future.