

Artist's Project Brief for Fresh Art @ Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital, working with older adults, dementia treatment assessment ward and in the community

Fresh Art @, a partnership project supported by Creativity Works, Avon & Wiltshire NHS Mental Health Partnership Trust (AWP), Bath Museums and Sirona Care & Health, creates new artwork to enliven NHS communities, created by people with experience of mental health, enabling them to explore, develop and grow through creativity and contribute to community projects.

This year **Fresh Art @ Ward 4**, **St. Martins** will be focusing on providing creative engagement for people affected by or caring for those who have experience of mental health and people living with dementia.

There will be 4 sessions delivered on Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital within the dementia treatment assessment ward and 12 sessions delivered in the community at Bath Museums.

The project offers participants an opportunity to learn new creative skills in a friendly, supportive environment. It provides a chance to make new friends, share experiences, promote wellbeing and have FUN. The museums provide resources that can be used as inspiration and the artist will provide a range of inclusive creativity activity. Some of the artwork made by participants and staff will be donated to the Fresh Art Project and will be displayed at Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital, dementia treatment assessment ward. There will also be an opportunity to exhibit work as part of the Bath Fringe Festival end of May – June 2016 and other community events.

Fresh Arts @ Ward 4, St. Martins project has two artist opportunities commencing February 2016

- To deliver a series of 12 creative sessions within Bath museums (The Holburne Museum, No 1 Royal Crescent and The American Museum) weekly from 18th February 2016. This community project will be for people affected by or caring for those who have experience of mental health
- 2. To provide a series of 4 on ward sessions within Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital, dementia treatment and assessment ward. These sessions are for older adults living with dementia and their carers and staff who visit the ward.

If you are interested in either or both of the above opportunities please provide a project vision for delivering a series of creative sessions.



Please keep your plan to no more than 2 sides of A4. Include any relevant experience of working in a ward environment with older adults living with dementia and carers and working in the community with people affected by or caring for those who have experience of mental health and how you have addressed some of the potential challenges.

BRIEF:

To provide the Fresh Art @ steering group with a vision of how you would deliver a creative engagement programme for the project you are interested in:

- 1. 4 sessions for older adults living with dementia and their carers and staff in a ward environment and how you can address some of the potential challenges of working with this audience.
- 12 sessions for people affected by or caring for those who have experience of mental health in a community setting within museums and how you can address some of the potential challenges of working with this audience. 15 places are available on this 12 week project.

All sessions will be supported by a mental health worker and the Fresh Arts worker

Participants will be encouraged to donate some of their artwork made during the project to enliven the environment for residents and staff on Ward 4 at St. Martins Hospital, dementia treatment and assessment ward, promoting conversation, be thought provoking and inspirational within the ward. There will be also opportunities for all artwork to be exhibited at public venues and B&NES events and festivals.

Project Context

Fresh Arts @ is a partnership project supported by Creativity Works, Avon & Wiltshire NHS Mental Health Partnership Trust (AWP), Bath Museums and Sirona Care & Health.

Building on the success of the Fresh Art @ projects planned and delivered in 2013 - 2015 for Hillview Lodge psychiatric Ward and Bath NHS House, the steering group aims to further develop the project drawing on the experience and learning from the two previous years for Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital dementia treatment and assessment ward.



Creativity Works will manage the socially engaged artists. Creativity Works is an Arts organisation that delivers high quality socially engaged art and participatory arts projects that make a real difference to people's lives. The guiding principle of our work is that creativity inspires and empowers people to explore, develop and grow. Creativity Works is an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation, based in Radstock, NE Somerset.

Project Design

The artist/s will work alongside the Fresh Art @ steering group, Creativity Works staff, Fresh Arts worker and volunteers, Museum staff, Sirona healthcare staff and AWP staff to deliver a high quality progamme / project which gives older adults living with dementia and their carers at Ward 4, St. Martins Hospital and people living in the community experiencing mental health and their carers a new and positive experience.

Artist's Responsibilities

- Work alongside the Fresh Art @ steering group to devise and create a suitable programme of work
- Consult with the Bath Museums about their collections to develop an inspiring programme of engagement and activity
- Have clear and consistent communications between the artist/s, volunteers, and Fresh Art @ project steering group
- Carry out risk assessments prior to any of the activities and adhere to all relevant policies
- Make or identify connections with the museums collections and wider community events and activity that might support further progression
- Contribute to an exhibition event during Bath Fringe Festival and other public events
- Liaise with Fresh Art @ steering group about how the project is to be evaluated and monitored

Context of St. Martins Older Adults, Dementia treatment assessment ward

The residents have on ward nurse led activities and therapies during the week and visiting times for family and carers. Staff are very receptive and enthusiastic about



changing the artwork on the ward on a regular basis and how it will contribute to a positive ward experience.

Approach:

- To create high quality artworks/outcomes through creativity, conversation, relationships and place
- Work in a flexible and emergent way allowing the outcomes to be determined through conversation and dialogue with all participants
- Devise frameworks allowing people to be part of the process in different ways (from casual engagement to decision making)
- Start the process from where people are at, their current experiences, activities ideas and feelings, involving people in decision making
- Consider good ways to communicate with wider audiences using the unexpected, humour and surprise.
- Be open to new people coming to the group once it has started

Budget

Artists Fees per session	£75
Materials per session	£25
Meetings	£50

Dates for the Community

To be arranged with the St. Martins Ward teams and Bath Museums.

If you would like further information about the on ward sessions please contact Rose Pickett at rosepickett@nhs.net

Dates for the Community group sessions held within Bath Museums

Thursdays 2 – 5pm

18th, 25th February and 3rd, 10th March 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th April 14th, 21st, 28th April and 5th May

Holburne Museum
No 1 Royal Crescent
American Museum

Participants will be able to access the free bus service to and from the American Museum from central Bath



Please read the attached Artists Project Brief and return your application to Philippa Forsey by Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Applications can be emailed to philppa@creativityworks.org.uk or posted to: Creativity Works, 1 Wells Road, Radstock, Bath BA3 3RN