

# Play Resource .... offering Creative Paths Arts Programme!

## What is Creative Paths

This is the arts programme designed to increase children and young people's participation in the arts and creative play.

It offers groups access to:

- High quality affordable workshops and arts projects in a variety of community and educational settings
- A range of arts training that supports personal and professional development of anyone working with children and young people.

Creative Paths gives groups access to experienced artists, fresh ideas, new skills and increased confidence to deliver arts activities.

## The Value of Arts & Creativity

Play and creative expression are essential for a child's learning and development. Fun and enjoyment gained through engaging in arts activities produces a more positive attitude to learning. It enables young people to develop self esteem, confidence and a sense of pride.

## Bursary Scheme

Our application process offers a bursary that covers 60% of the artist's fees to groups in areas experiencing social and economic deprivation, including inner city and rural areas.



## Creative Paths Approach

It is a journey of discovery between the participants! Children and young people, teachers, youth workers and artists all collaborate on the project to determine a successful outcome.



### It will

- Deliver high quality creative experiences
- Promote active learning and development
- Offer access to a wide range of creative materials, including scrap
- Nurture environmental awareness and creative thinking.



## Arts Outreach Projects

We arrange for an experienced community artist to deliver projects at your centre. Each workshop or project is tailored to suit the age and ability of your group.

Projects can be designed with any specific issues or learning objectives in mind. They can range from short workshops to extensive arts projects run over a period of time.



## Arts Training

Looking for training and development for your volunteers, youth workers or staff working with children and young people in a community setting? We can arrange a training programme to suit your requirements.



Participants will have fun unleashing their creativity, and develop confidence to integrate arts activities into their own programmes and bring new ideas and skills to the work place.



.... Embark on a Creative Paths project and see where the journey takes you!

## What participants say

*"Working together to explore different ways of creating their wigwam helped them learn to work as a team, and strengthened their social and language skills. The children were clearly happy, motivated and excited while creating and playing in the wigwams!"*

**Holy Child Nursery School, Belfast**

*"The project was a success as the teenagers covered issues affecting them, like bullying, drugs and alcohol abuse. Doing art gave them a chance to express themselves"*

**Quaker Cottage, Belfast**

*"The artist was able to engage with the group from the outset and used their skills to encourage the young men to develop their art skills. It was a great success and drew parents and neighbours to see the work created. The teens participating had a very positive experience and wished the project could continue all summer!"*

**All Saints Youth Club, Ballymena**

## How to Apply

The programme is flexible and easy to access. You simply have to be a member of Play Resource, working with children & young people aged 3yrs - 25yrs.



To request a Creative Paths application form call 028 9035 7546 or visit [www.playresource.org](http://www.playresource.org) to download the forms.

Creative Paths takes place in a wide variety of settings including: community centres, youth clubs, schools, nursery schools and playgroups.

### Membership includes access to

- the Scrap Store
- the Art & Play Shop
- a range of Ideas & Inspiration
- Creative Paths



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