

D&G Innovation Project



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A FREE pilot arts project to support social and educational experiences for people age 14-25 affected by Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASD).

Join in the **Innovation Project** work with us (**professional artists**, community youth workers, partner organisations), **participants** (ages 14-25) with family/Carer and friends or become a **volunteer peer mentor** (ages 16-25).

Get in touch to find out how to get involved in this exciting project!

The **Innovation Project** is a creative 'action research' project serving to increase opportunities as chosen by participants and to support a wider understanding of ASD issues. Volunteer mentors can gain work experience and build up skills. Professional artists can provide creative learning in a supportive environment. Everyone can have fun!

The **Innovation Project** will enable young people (ASD diagnosed or not) to join in and lead a programming of social and creative sessions. These will improve access to leisure activities while increasing confidence, communication and developing other transferable skills with a focus on the individual needs and ambitions of the participants.

The 'Better Lives Partnership' has designed the **Innovation Project** pilot for the Stewartry and Wigtonshire of Dumfries and Galloway which we hope to subsequently roll out in East D&G. The pilot phase is funded by the National Autism Innovation and Development Fund until March 2017.

We want to create a team of professional arts education and community development specialists to facilitate experiences designed for and by ASD participants supported by peer mentors with creativity as the focus.

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