



tees valley arts...

promoting creativity in lifelong learning: art, creativity, well-being, fun, imagination, expression, inspiration, raises awareness, raises aspirations, builds confidence, encourages communication, change, motivation, celebration, achievements, stepping-stone, opportunities, insight, respect, tolerance, opens new doors, diversity, citizenship, friendship, working together, skills, training, education, creative learning, progression.



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global inspiration for local people with disabilities



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- Music workshops
- Creative writing workshops
- CD and DVD recording and production
- Commissions and sales
- Outreach workshops
- Accessible musical instruments

I think without doubt that everyone has enjoyed the project. It has not only been great fun for the participants but it has also helped improve their skills. It has helped their ability to listen to and interact with one another in both musical and social interaction, it has greatly improved most of the members coordination skills. The project has helped build peoples self-esteem and confidence.

small world: Big Drums member

Music, Creative Writing, Drama, Performance, Recording

small world: Big Drums offers regular music and creative writing workshops for people with physical disabilities, learning difficulties and mental health issues at Linthorpe Methodist Church, Middlesbrough.

small world: Big Drums encourages members to develop original ideas and new skills in a supportive environment. Working together the group create new music and writing that is recorded and edited, to make CD's and DVD's that are available for sale.

small world: Big Drums also provides further opportunities for more people to benefit from the project, by undertaking outreach work. The group also hope to interest members in different artforms and develop the group's potential for live performance.

small world: Big Drums encourages its members to get involved in the development and management of the group, initially by taking part in regular feedback sessions that help to determine future projects, and when they are ready by joining the Steering Group.

The Steering Group also includes representatives from **tees valley arts**, Social Skills Centres in the Tees Valley, Middlesbrough Social Services, and local artists, who work closely with the members and the Project Co-ordinator to promote the groups' aims and to work towards the development of the group as a social enterprise.

The project is supported by **tees valley arts** a cultural development agency which operates throughout the Tees Valley, working with educational and cultural organisations, local authorities, voluntary and community groups.

tees valley arts' creative programme works with people, communities, schools and organisations to devise programmes that use arts activities to raise the aspirations, achievements, motivation and self-esteem of Tees Valley individuals and communities.

