



Blue Room

Contemporary arts
programme for learning
disabled adults with an active
interest in art

Developed with steering group
of learning disabled artists

Established in 2008

3 days a week at Bluecoat and
1 day a week at Norton Priory

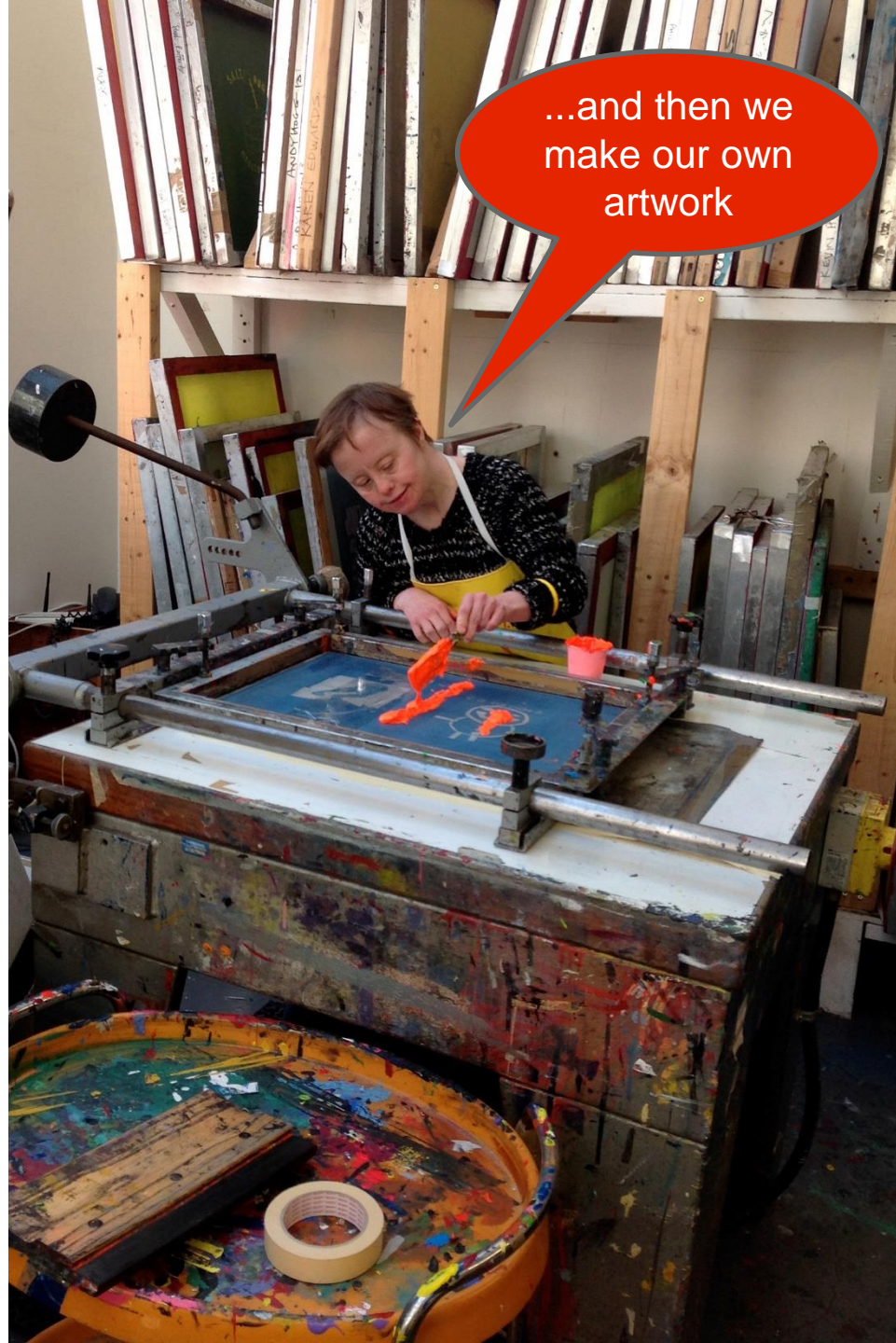
Sustainable model - funded by
personal budgets since 2012



We use art as a starting point to get us talking about lots of issues



We learn about
different artists and
ways of creating art



We enjoy coming to events at Bluecoat. We are part of the community here.



Some of us have
also got involved
in contemporary
dance at Bluecoat.





We now have our own studio at Bluecoat. I have space to focus on my own work.



I'm developing my practice with access to the print studio and a specialist technician.



Out of the Blue

Blue Room members interested in volunteering and leading

After school art clubs for children aged 5-11 established in 2011

Co-led by Blue Room members

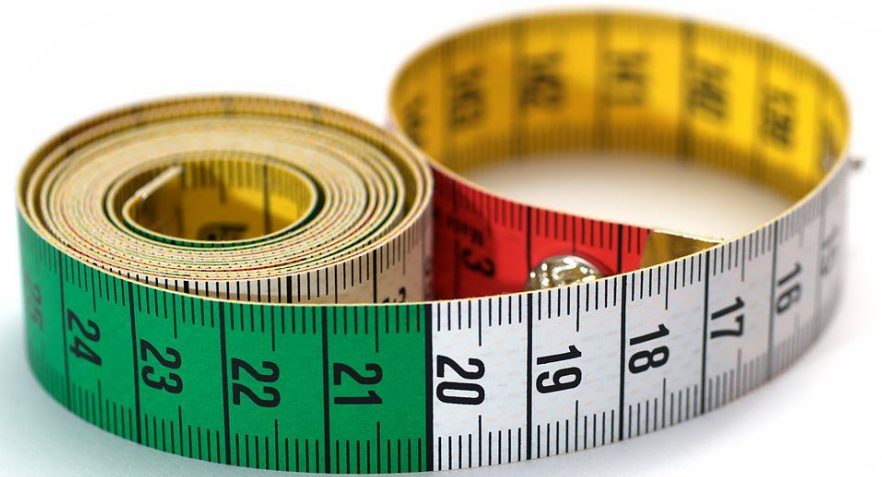
Targeted at disadvantaged areas

Grant funded (Children in Need and My Clubmoor) plus school contributions

13 Blue Room members involved in running projects for more than 200 children.

Measuring the impacts

- Accessible system for self evaluation
- Suitable for Blue Room and Out of the Blue members
- Identified Five Creative Habits of Mind
- Needed a partner to support research
- Philip Barker Centre for Creative Education at University of Chester





We work as a team



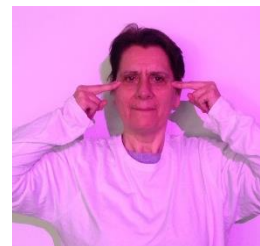
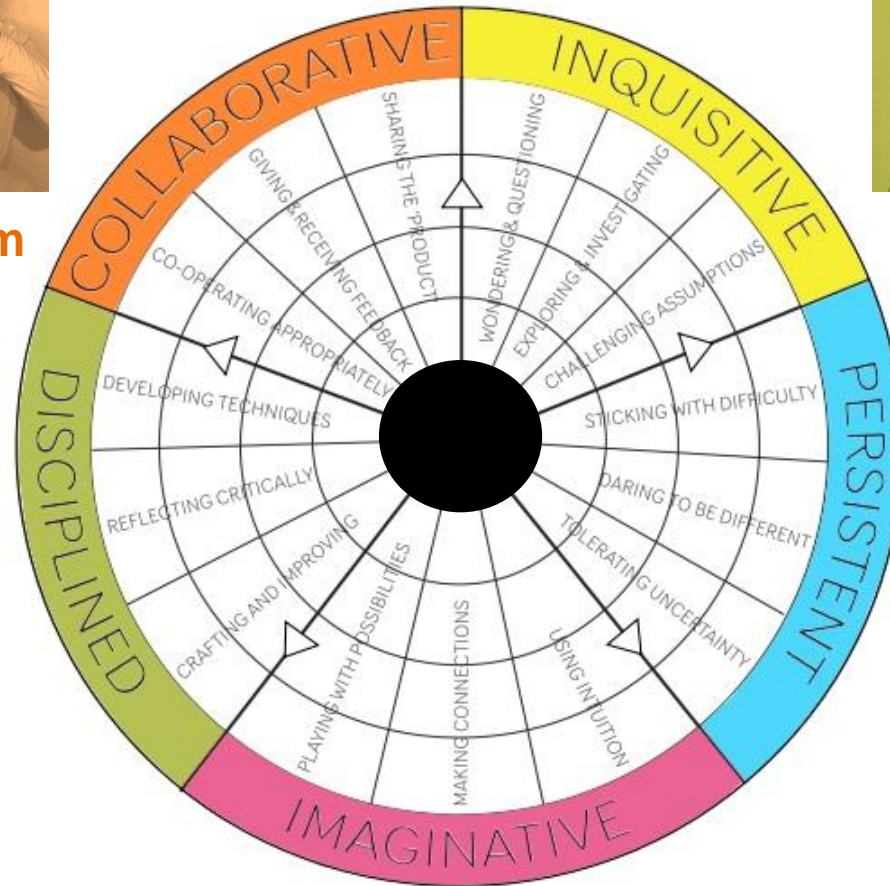
We investigate



We grow as artists



We keep trying



We use our imagination

Five Creative Habits of Mind
(Claxton et al)







Feedback time!

Did you...



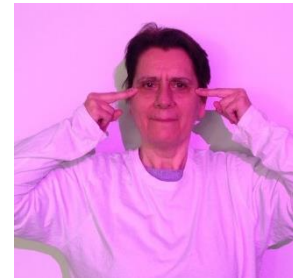
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