



Real Arts Workshops provide bespoke creative arts workshops in Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country area that break down barriers and develop confidence and self-expression. Links on this page are live when viewed as a PDF in a reader that supports urls

#Finleesl

RAW has been gifted some high quality art resources by the family of the late Leigh 'Finlee Russell' Saunders.

> Leigh was a talented painter, sculptor, film maker and musician and sadly lost a long battle with cancer in March 2021. He created an army of 'Smiley Dudes' - plasticine characters spreading positive vibes



eigh 'Finlee' Saunders.

ROOTS & PRIDE

Building





https://www.facebook.com/TheSmileyDudes/

We have made good use of these materials. Here are just a few examples (above) of demonstration pieces for our online sessions with various groups. We will continue posting further examples on our social media using the hash tag: #FinleesLegacy.

BuildingBridges

We are pleased to continue our association with British Deaf Association's "Deaf Roots and Pride" programme in Scotland and also to start work with young people in Northern Ireland via our "Building Bridges" art project.

Building Bridges is about creating 2D and 3D bridges using recycled materials - at the same time as encouraging young people to think about 'bridges' as a metaphor for planning their 'steps to success' and furthering their aspirations for the future. The young people told us:

"I learnt how to construct things using instructions, but using them in different ways to what you're supposed to and I found that really fun.

"I really, really enjoyed making my bridges – I managed to get

2 done, they were a lot of fun.

Bridges art project with .

I learnt that design number 1 is the easiest and you can get it done in one session. Design number 3 is the hardest, and it takes 3 years!!"

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We ran a successful programme of arts, crafts and BSL for young people in Wolverhampton during the Easter Holidays, funded by CWC and DfE, delivering from The Way Youth Zone in the town centre. The Young people did some amazing work (just a few examples shown here) and we even ended up with our own company mascot: "RAW-y". More about "RAW-y" in future newsletters!

Academy arning Ba

We enjoyed working on 2 separate projects at Percy

Shurmer Academy's Deaf Learning Base in Birmingham.

We made 3 huge cardboard 'Signing Hands' sculptures around the theme of "Deaf Identity" in May and our latest #BigLinkUp art project in June, which combines individual art works (this time in an Aboriginal dot painting style) into one huge wall piece to be displayed in school.

Well done everyone, we are loving your work!

https://www.facebook.com/BigLinkUpArtProject





ou can watch Gary's video talking about his own experiences as a Deaf business owner which was released during De ek 2021 here (click the link below or visit our website).

He also teaches you some basic sign language! Not to be missed!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-XN4BndrgU

Certificate of achievement	Certificate of achievement
This is to certify that Alex Vann has completed the course	This is to certify that Gary O'Dowd
Autism Awareness	Autism Awareness

Alex and Gary from RAW are pleased to have at online Autism Awareness Training. It was Aut Awareness Week in the UK in April 2021. to have attended



DEAF AWARENESS WEEK 2021

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