

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. Through our inclusive workshops we support mental well-being.

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## Summer Programme Success

We were delighted to have a funding bid approved by City of Wolverhampton Council to run a varied programme of face to face Arts activity for 10-16 y/os in the city over the 6 weeks Summer Holidays.

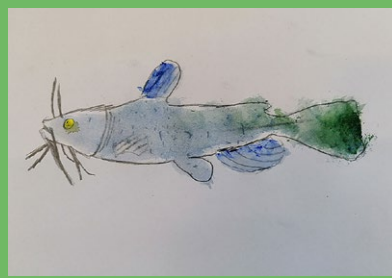
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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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These were our first face to face sessions since lockdown in March 2020 and we were understandably a little nervous!

However, with several important Covid 19 safeguards in place and working with 2 secure venues: Workspace, All Saints & The Way Youth Zone, we had no instances of Covid and were able to work with staff and young people safely to create some amazing and thought provoking work, at the same time as having loads of fun.

Just a few photos here and some more stories below which link into this project.

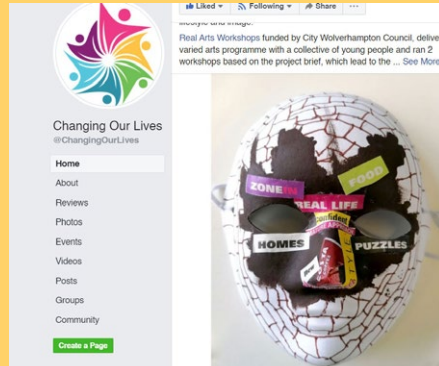


See more about this story on our Blog Page: <https://www.realartsworkshops.co.uk/blog--news/summer-success>

## Your New Normal, My Normal

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Wolverhampton Arts & Heritage

CO-OP  
FOUNDATION



We entered some of the young people's artwork from our Summer Programme into a project funded by Co-op Foundation.

The project is called 'Your New Normal, My Normal' and is part of the 'Common Ground' project which aims to tackle loneliness and break down barriers between young disabled people and their non-disabled peers.

All work submitted to the project was judged by a panel of experts and we are very pleased to report that 4 pieces created in our sessions were selected for the online gallery exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

We think exhibitions are a great way to celebrate the successes of people and go some way to building confidence in skills knowing that there is an audience for their work.

Link to the exhibition: <https://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/changingourlives/>

## Pom-Poms 4 Loneliness

<https://www.facebook.com/pompoms4loneliness/>



Alex from RAW delivering the pom-poms to Dave and Shona at Just Straight Talk's hub.

We were delighted to link up with Just Straight Talk's "Pom-Poms 4 Loneliness" project during our Summer Programme.

They are dedicated to the distribution of home made pom-poms in and around the Black Country. Each pom-pom represents a lonely or isolated person and by 'Pom-Bombing' they raise awareness about the situation that can face anyone. Our young people spent a day making pom-poms which they donated to the cause. In this way they are learning about doing things for others and using arts and crafts in a productive way.

<https://juststraighttalk.org/just-start-talking/>

## RAW on Wolverhampton CEP & Information Networks



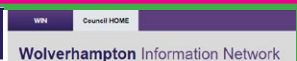
We are pleased to be a member of the Wolverhampton Local Cultural Education Partnership (CEP). Wolverhampton CEP believes that children and young people should be active in shaping the City's cultural offer.

<http://www.wolverhamptoncep.org/>

We can now also be found on Dudley and Wolverhampton council's Information Directories. The links to both of these services are shown.



<https://dudleyci.co.uk/services/real-arts-workshops>



<http://win.wolverhampton.gov.uk/kb5/wolverhampton/directory/service.page?id=9WeithacEGc>

## In Other News...

We were over the moon that one of our art groups won a poetry competition! We worked on a commission for Creative Black Country by revisiting some artwork made by Mossley Big Local Community Art Club.

It inspired some lyrics for a song which we entered the competition in the Mossley Matters Newsletter and won some vouchers which we spent on art materials for the group to do more work! You can watch the video of the song with the lyrics appearing on the screen on Creative Black Country's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GiHdISjvEM>



Gary from RAW with the prize for winning the competition



## GET IN TOUCH!

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