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I am a highly experienced freelance drama/ theatre/ film practitioner, project manager and creative arts consultant. I create and direct inspiring, engaging projects through performance, creative consultations, long term projects and workshops for children, young people, adult and older people's groups.

CV split into four sections; Participatory projects mainly using drama/writing/poetry, Film and media projects, Youth theatre and Training/consultancy and lecturing.

Career break 2004-6 for first child and again in 2007 for second.

1. Participatory creative arts/heritage projects 2006-present

- March 20-June 20 **Close House**- Lockdown House Creations project devised and led for remote creative engagement for young people aged 13 -25 and staff
- March 16- present **Ledbury Poetry Festival** - Lead writing group for performance projects with vulnerable young people as part of Community Programme including remote engagement in lockdown April-July 2020
- Jan 16- present **St Davids Pupil Referral Unit** Creative bespoke mentoring projects one to one with young people excluded from school
- Sept 16- present-**Aspire**- weekly drama and performance project for adults with learning disabilities including annual pantomime
- Sept 15- April 20- **Courtyard**- Drama and creative writing project working weekly with challenging pupils from St Davids Pupil Referral Unit culminating in exhibition, performance and film.
- Sept 18- March 20 **St James Primary School** weekly drama and performance sessions for primary school children age 4-11
- May 19-March 20 **Rural Media** Project Manager of BIG WIG Heritage project with young people exploring heritage of wigs and gender-included creative film making.
- May 18- July 19 **SHYPP**- established and lead writers group for young people who have been homeless
- April 19- July 19 **Hereford Cathedral**- Mentor for young poet in residence
- Nov 18- April 19- **National Trust/ Berrington Hall** - Project manager and facilitator of arts/media response to Berrington Hall with National Trust staff, volunteers and young people from SHYPP.
- Sept 17- October 2018- **Herefordshire Libraries**- Space to Engage-Project manager and facilitator writing and performance animation of libraries project with young people from SHYPP who have experienced homelessness - performance, film, photography and touring exhibition
- March 17- August 18- **Hope Support Services**- Project Manager of Heritage Lottery Project with young people exploring heritage of blacksmithing in Herefordshire.
- Sept 17- May 18 **mediaSHYPP**- If you walked a mile in my shoes- commissioned to facilitate and direct writing, music and performance project with young adults with complex issues who have experienced homelessness
- Sept- Dec 18, Sept- Dec 17, Sept- Dec 16, September-Dec 15 and Autumns 2014-2008: **Courtyard**- Facilitator of Reading Room Play reading group with participants aged 55+
- Aug- Oct 17- **Courtyard**- River Tales- Drama and music project with people with dementia in residential care homes culminating in performance
- Sept 16- March 17 **mediaSHYPP**- My Voice- commissioned to facilitate and direct writing, film, photography project and performance with young adults who have experienced homelessness and other personal/ mental health issues

- Jan 15- June 16, **Courtyard** -Arts and Older People- Facilitating drama residencies with people with dementia in residential care and hospital settings across Herefordshire.
- July 14-July 16 **Close House** Stand Up Drama/ film project exploring bullying strategies working with diverse groups of vulnerable young people in schools and referral units
- Jan- March 16 **Courtyard/ Masters House**- Austen's Women-series of workshops/talks exploring Jane Austen's female characters
- April 12-Dec 16 **Close House** Creative arts associate-Facilitating creative projects with young people aged 13-24 years including directing 2 multi-arts showcases per year.
- Jan-June 15 and Jan-June 14 **Courtyard**, Hereford. Facilitation of Shakespeare performance workshops with year 4-6 pupils across Herefordshire.
- July-Oct 14 **Courtyard**, Hereford Women's Words-Director of community engagement project working with women across Herefordshire ending in community performance
- October 12-April 15 **The Wilson/ Cheltenham Museum & Art Gallery** Facilitating creative arts workshops for children aged 2-11 years who have experienced domestic abuse.
- March -September 14 **Courtyard** Facilitation of Arts and Older People story collecting project working with participants in their 80s and 90s. Audio exhibition created.
- September 13-April 14 **Close House Hereford**-Heritage Lottery project exploring employment working with young people & employers within Herefordshire. Film/ audio/ art exhibition.
- September 11 -April 12: y.art project **Herefordshire Council**. Facilitating arts workshops with young people across Herefordshire working at Close House, Teme Valley and Hereford Skate Park.
- January 11-September 12 **St James CE Primary School**. Facilitating film, drama and history project exploring the Mayor of Hereford with year 5 pupils funded by Heritage Lottery.
- January 10-October 10: **Lord Scudamore School**, Hereford. Local Food project, year 1 and year 4 pupils exploring local food production and heritage. Created resource pack for all Herefordshire primary schools.
- August 09 - Feb 10 and Sept-Oct 2010: **Herefordshire Council Archive Service**. Tales from the Archive, a performance project celebrating the treasures of Herefordshire's archives.
- October 08 - June 09: **Herefordshire Council Cultural Services**. Korean Stories, an intergenerational project with Korean War Veterans and year 10 pupils, exploring the Korean War, culminating in a DVD and educational resource.
- July - December 08: **NSPCC**, Pontypridd and nationally. Drama and photography consultation project with young care leavers to explore their messages to professionals involved with safeguarding children. Created photo book and posters.
- January - February 07 and April-July 06: **St David's Pupil Referral Unit**, Hereford. Performance project with excluded year 10 and 11 pupils, exploring relationships/choices/change.
- **Summary: Participatory projects created in York /Leeds/North Yorks 1997 – 2004** Wide range of project commissions, devised and facilitated for York East Arts/ City of York Council ,NSPCC York, Chapelfields Community Association, Home Office, Leeds Metropolitan University, The Project. Projects' focus included community arts/drama programmes for victims of sexual abuse, young runaways, Asian girls, teenage mums, disaffected young people and many more. Large community arts programme including, intergenerational work, schools projects, creative consultation and drama/ visual arts project with adults with learning disabilities.

2. Film directing and production 2010-present

- Sept 17 - May 18- **mediaSHYPP**- Six Stories of Home- Directed six films with young people exploring their personal stories of homelessness
- March -Sept 16 **mediaSHYPP**- Commission to direct new film with young people aged 16-19 through Into Film with young people experiencing homelessness, Two Kids Lost
- April-July 16 **Brookfield School**- commissioned to facilitate film and animation project with young people excluded from main stream provision.

- August 15- June 16 **Rural Media**- Project co-ordinator/ interviewer for films for Golden Fire app exploring cider heritage of Herefordshire
- February- September 15 **Ledbury Poetry Festival** commissioned with mediaSHYPP to make three promotional films for Ledbury Poetry Festival
- August 14- July 15 **Close House/ Ledbury Poetry Festival** -Director, The Story of Mary and Joe film and performance project for LPF 15 with vulnerable young people.
- January-July 13: **Courtyard** Director-Our Story Facilitating reminiscence sessions with older people in two day centres and making 12 short films of their life stories
- October 12-July 13. **West Mercia Women's Aid**. Director of films for Crush programme exploring the impact of domestic abuse in young people's relationships. National release.
- September 12-July 13 **Rural Media** Producer. Life Loves to Change. Produced large scale community engagement project in partnership with Ledbury Poetry Festival.
- March 11- December 12-: **Rural Media**. Freelance film worker, Shoot Out. Creating short films with youth groups through Herefordshire Youth Service and local voluntary organisations
- April 10 - September 12: **Rural Media**. Project co-ordinator - Refocus/Women's Aid. Directing four new films with young people affected by domestic abuse in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Facilitating regular film making sessions with young people.
- June 10 - September 11: **Rural Media** Project co-ordinator - Amplifying Voices, Kington. Working with local community in Kington, Herefordshire to create a new radio play for BBC Radio 4 and create an accompanying film.

3. Youth Theatre and Directing Theatre for Young People 1995-2011

Summary Youth theatre work: 1995 - 2011

- Director and deviser of drama projects, plays and youth theatre sessions for City of York Council, NSPCC, West Yorkshire Playhouse, South Leeds Youth Theatre, Big Youth Theatre Festival/ NAYT. Courtyard, Hereford

4. Training and Consultancy 2001-present

- Sept 18/1716/15/ Trainer- University of Gloucestershire/Social Work degree- train students in using creativity
- February - August 09: Trainer, Children's Society, Leading Edge. Training sessions and residential film project with young refugees to increase confidence and self expression.
- January - June 08: Consultant, Herefordshire Libraries. Created accessible resource packs for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils using the library.
- November 07 - January 08: Consultant, Herefordshire Lore Society. Created teacher's resource pack for Primary children for Slap of the Hand, a history of Hereford Cattle Market.

Summary Consultation work for Leeds City Council, Children's Society, North Yorkshire Children's Fund-youth arts strategies created, participative recruitment strategies and training delivered 2001-5

5. Lecturing 1997-2004

- September - December 05: Drama Lecturer, Hereford Art College. Part time Lecturer on Diploma in Professional Practice course.
- February 97 - April 04: Drama Lecturer, York St John College. Part time lecturer on CASMAP/ Drama degree programme, specialising in community drama & theatre. International project work.

Education

BA Hons 1st Class: Theatre, Film and TV with English, College of Ripon and York St John 1990-1994