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A highly experienced freelance drama/theatre/film practitioner 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 participatory projects mainly using drama/writing/poetry then 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 projects 2006-2017

- March 17-ongoing: Ledbury Poetry Festival. Facilitating vulnerable young people's writing for performance project at July 17 festival with Close House and SHYPP.
- March 17-ongoing: Hope Support Services. Facilitating Heritage Lottery project with young people exploring heritage of blacksmithing in Herefordshire.
- Sept 16-ongoing: Courtyard, Hereford. Drama and film project working with challenging pupils from St Davids pupil referral unit culminating in exhibition and film sharing.
- Sept 16-ongoing: Aspire. Drama and performance project for adults with learning disabilities.
- Jan 16-ongoing, St Davids Pupil Referral Unit Creative projects one to one with young people.
- April-Sept 16: Ledbury Poetry Festival. Creating performance work with vulnerable young women for Ledbury Poetry Festival 16 and Tewkesbury Roses Theatre.
- Jan 15-June 16: Courtyard, Hereford. 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, Hereford. Stand Up Drama/film project exploring bullying strategies working with diverse groups of vulnerable young people in schools and referral units.
- April 12-ongoing: Close House Hereford. Creative arts associate - Facilitating creative projects with young people aged 13-24 years, including directing 2 multi-arts showcases per year.
- Jan-March 16: Courtyard/Masters House, Hereford. Austen's Women - series of workshops/talks exploring Jane Austen's female characters.
- Sept 15- April 16: Courtyard, Hereford. Drama and film project working with young people from pupil referral unit, culminating in film/ sharing.
- 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. Hereford Women's Words-Director of community engagement project working with women across Herefordshire ending in community performance.
- Sept-Dec 16, September-Dec 15 and Autumns 2014-2008: Courtyard, Hereford. Facilitator of Reading Room Play reading group with participants aged 55+.
- 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, Hereford. 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-February 10 and September-October 2010 (repeated): Herefordshire Council Archive Service. Tales from the Archive, a performance project with local people 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 power point 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 Centre, 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 projects devised and facilitated for clients who included York East Arts/ City of York Council, NSPCC York, Chapelfields Community Association, Home Office, Leeds Metropolitan University, The Project, Chapelton, Leeds. 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 2010-2017

- 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 many other issues.
- 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. Co-director/producer 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 Centre for Arts. 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: The Rural Media Company. Producer. Life Loves to Change. Produced large scale community engagement project in partnership with Ledbury Poetry Festival.
- March 11-December 12: The Rural Media Company. Freelance film worker, Shoot Out. Creating short films with youth groups through Herefordshire Youth Service and local voluntary organisations such as HOPE, Ross, Pupil Referral Units and Hinton Boyz.
- April 10-September 12: The Rural Media Company. 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: The Rural Media Company. 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 and Directing Theatre for Young People, 1995 - 2011

- Director and deviser of projects for clients, including City of York Council, NSPCC, West Yorkshire Playhouse, South Leeds Youth Theatre, Big Youth Theatre Festival/NAYT, Courtyard, Hereford. Youth theatre development worker for Interplay Theatre and for Leeds Drama Umbrella Project.
- Creating youth theatre with young people aged 4 to 25 including young people with multiple learning disabilities

4. Training and Consultancy 2001-2016

- Sept 16/15/ Trainer: University of Gloucestershire. Social Work degree- training 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 1997-2005

- September-December 2005: Drama Lecturer, Hereford Art College. Part time Lecturer on Diploma in Professional Practice course.
- February 97-April 2004: 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.