



BDP CREATIVE COMMUNITIES TEAM



RISTOL RECOVERY RCHESTRA

Creative people attracted to substance use?

Drugs work
attracts
creative people
working in it

Why?

Existing flexible
& creative
structured group
work programme
at BDP

Something new?

No more words!





November 2014











Stepladder
Drama Group
formed

April 2015







February 2019

bournemouth symphony orchestra













How?

External arts specialists





Jonathan James
Bristol Recovery
Orchestra
conductor



Isolde Freeth Hale
Rising Voices Choir
Leader



Giulia Bianchini Stepladder Drama Lead Facilitator / Evil Dentist

Volunteers

MEMBERS!

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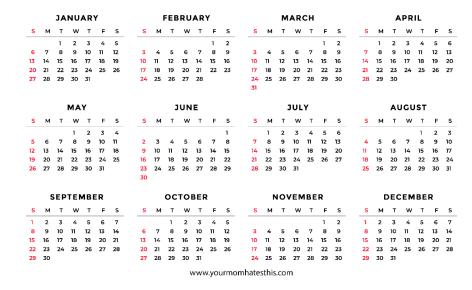
Peers

How?

Check in's and debriefs – a therapeutic space without being therapy

Musical and drama content is co-created and suggested by members

2019



Weekly groups all year round

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Open access until the last minute – challenging but important, and resilience building for both staff and members!

No experience necessary. Just to be in a fit state to engage (not abstinent groups)

Safety First

Fun
Ideas
Reflections
Stages
Trust

How?

Regular performances

I was just amazed by the audiences response. Honestly I kne be quite a / r people new it here and would be g

debriefs

was just so bowled the audience, by the end We did proud Jall, me everybowy.....

with supported

It's almost like a drug I come to get that emotional fix

Who?



- 52 members are registered across the 3 groups
- 22 attend more than 1 group (42%)
- 22 members have been engaged for >2 years (42%)
- 8 have attended since the groups started (5 years) (15%)
- Members from 11 different postcodes (Bristol, Bath & North Somerset), travelling 1-3 miles on average to attend



Mostly aged over 36 (88%)

50% are 46 – 64 years old

- 29% identify as having a disability
- 17% from Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic backgrounds

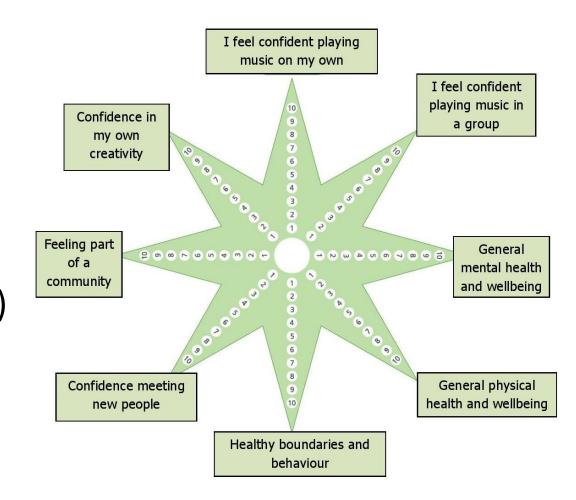
How are we learning from this?

Outcomes stars

 Warwick and Edinburgh Mental WellBeing Scale (WEMWBS)

Participant feedback (written/verbal)

Audience feedback



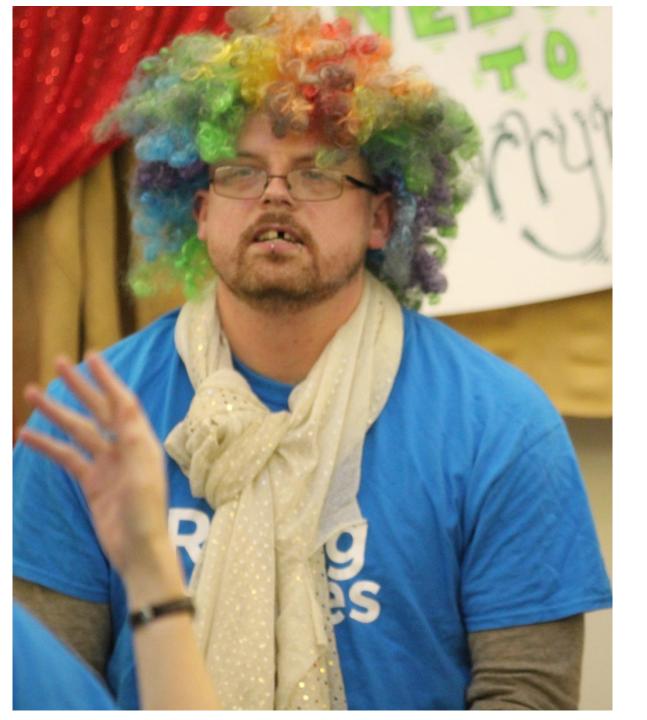
What have we learnt?

An example of recent outcomes achieved through the first 2 months of orchestra, was that we saw a...

- 31% rise in confidence in meeting new people
 - This was at 19% in Feb, compared to 50% in April

17% rise in healthy boundaries and behaviour

12% rise in confidence in personal creativity AND playing music alone



Ryan's story





Zoe's story





