

ArtWorks North East: Developing Practice in Participatory Settings

Call for artists/producers/art makers/academics/practitioners to make a valuable contribution to important contemporary research via participation in **FOCUS GROUPS**

ArtWorks: Developing Practice in Participatory Settings is a new initiative which supports the continuing professional development of artists working in participatory settings. A special initiative from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, ArtWorks is a workforce development scheme that seeks to meet the needs of artists at different stages of their careers - from the aspiring young artist embarking on training, to experienced practitioners who wish to progress their output. It is seeking to build on good practice to enhance the existing development infrastructure.

ArtWorks North East, led by the University of Sunderland with a wide range of partner organisations, is one of five UK pathfinder projects. The initiative will work by improving the training and continuing professional development infrastructure in higher education institutions and arts organisations.

FOCUS GROUPS

The establishment of FOCUS GROUPS is part of activities designed to bring together artists, academics, arts and social sector organisations in a series of critical dialogues, research projects and co-mentoring frameworks from which will emerge a better understanding of progression and employability where artists are engaging in participatory settings.

Art Works North East is seeking artists (newly qualified, mid career, well established) and academics to contribute to FOCUS GROUP meetings. The first meeting will be in week beginning February 6th 2012, facilitated and hosted by one of the following partner organisations.

Dance & Drama	Northern Stage	Kylie Lloyd	0191 2427213,	klloyd@northernstage.co.uk
Creative Writing	New Writing North	Sharon Taylor	0191 233 3878	sharon@newwritingnorth.com
Media	Tyneside Cinema	Holli McGuire	0191 2275511	holli.mcguire@tynesidecinema.co.uk
Music	The Sage GHead	Dave Camlin	0191 4435247	dave.camlin@thesagegateshead.org
Visual Art	Baltic Mill	Emma Thomas	0191 4404917	emmat@balticmill.com

By participating in Focus Group meetings you are agreeing to the session being recorded and information used for the purposes of the project.

Please tick the box if you agree to your contact details being placed on the PHF ArtWorks NE database.

If you are interested in being involved in one of the above FOCUS GROUPS please email the appropriate contact person by **Friday 16th December 2011**

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