



Artsminds

Artsminds Gathering 28th June 2005 - Update

Artsminds 1st Birthday gathering topped off an already successful year, with Jake the Juggler, lots of presentations, the launch of a consultation to help define Artsminds, a fabulous cake and the biggest turn out we have had!

Thank you to all of you that came and celebrated with us.

The evening started with an update of the ideas generated from the Artsminds mini planning group about how to take Artsminds forward, which helped to set the scene for the rest of the evening.

Rachel Hemmingway from Arts and Business South West detailed their professional development programmes and the support they can offer Artsminds members. Kirsty Carter told us about Artsmad, the arts and young people initiative. Gill Nicol from Artsmatrix described the services they offer as well as their new mentoring service (details below) and Sally Moss from the National Trust gave us the inside scoop into their new headquarters here in Swindon which is now open.

Not only was the evening crammed with presentations but Deryck Newland from TheatreWorks hosted a speed networking session that got everybody talking to everybody else –exactly what Artsminds is all about.

A consultation survey was carried out amongst those attending to get their input into the role and the activities Artsminds should be carrying out. This will be distributed to the wider Artsminds membership in due course so keep your eyes peeled.

Given out for all those attending was a party bag stuffed with information from some the presenters, event brochures, a Citrus calendar, the latest copy of Frequency magazine and an overview of the work achieved last year by Swindon Borough Council Arts Services. With balloons and a piece of cake our 1st birthday was celebrated in true birthday style.

For those of you unable to join us the presentations and information from the evening can be downloaded from the following places:

Helen Miah - Artsminds presentation - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds006.pdf
Rachel Hemmingway presentation - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds007.pdf

Arts & Business can help you - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds008.pdf
Arts & Business Skills Bank - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds009.pdf
Arts & Business Board Bank - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds010.pdf
Kirsty Carter presentation - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds011.pdf
Artsmatrix information - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds012.pdf
Artsmatrix mentoring information - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds013.pdf
Sally Moss presentation - www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds014.pdf

Information on Theatre Works can be found at www.theatreworks.org.uk

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