



Artsminds

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Artsminds Gathering Monday 25 September 2006

Held at the community crossroads, Artsminds members were treated to an explanation and insight into the Rolling Exhibition hosted at the Community Crossroads. Part of the Brunel 200 celebrations, the Rolling Exhibition is a picture of not only Isambard Kingdom Brunel's life, but Swindon's heritage and Swindon's birthday celebrations. Martha Parry, Sally Taylor, Andy Preston, Bill Cox and Merlina Waterworth have all been involved in making the Rolling Exhibition happen – huge congratulations to them. Get along and check it out if you have not already.

The Artsminds planning group met recently and discussed Artsminds in great detail. Focusing on the structure, the deliverables and the values of Artsminds. A kind of mini review that looked back at when Artsminds was set up and whether it was still delivering what it started out to do. The consensus was that it was, although there had been some confusion and some deviation from its original goals. From this a set of actions were agreed and the outcomes presented at the gathering, which included:

- Publicising the purpose of Artsminds more clearly
- Establishing a development team to help move Artsminds forward
- Development of a 6 month plan of activities and areas to focus on
- Restructure the gatherings to help deliver the plan
- Marketing material created as a result of the above

The first development team meeting was held on the 3rd October to discuss the above in more detail and to action the items suggested.

The presentation given at the gathering can be found at www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds202.pdf.

The minutes from the Development Team meeting can be found at www.swindon.gov.uk/artsminds203.pdf

Open sessions were held by a whole host of members, including details of the Swindon Cultural Partnerships art competition, Frequency's new radio show, ArtSite and a special performance from Dr Joel with his vocal percussion.

Another great night of debate, discussion, networking and information!

**debate, discuss, plan, share,
collaborate, partnership, network....**

