

HAMILTON MAS

the micro arts space by the sea, Felixstowe.



Pilot Project Report - Felixstowe Town Council

Project Start April 2020

Hamilton MAS thanks Felixstowe Town Council Civic and Community Committee for the award of £1000 grant towards the funding of the artYsPaceS pilot project.

This award has garnered additional support through the Suffolk Libraries BLOC (Building Libraries on Creativity) programme and now the Arts Council Covid 19 Emergency Response funding. This funding was key in enabling the pilot scheme to begin.

Project Partners

Hamilton MAS, Level Two, Suffolk Libraries BLOC and Suffolk County Council Children and Young People's Services.

Project Pilot Participants

The artYsPaceS opportunity is offered to young people with complex access and inclusion needs – currently recruited through referrals.

Hamilton MAS has planned and begun the pilot of the artYsPaceS programme and the Arts Award (www.artsaward.org.uk) is now included this year's programme. With the hope that if the pilot is successful it will become a rolling programme.

Two young people recruited and participating individually on a weekly basis.

One young person is working towards his Silver Arts Award and has volunteered to become a Volunteer Studio Assistant for an hour a week.

One young person has begun working towards her Bronze Arts Award.

One young person has been recruited her participation is on hold due to Coronavirus lock down.

We hope to recruit up to five young people to pilot small group work.

Currently all sessions are one to one – as yet the young people not expressing confidence to work with other people. Both young people currently on the pilot scheme experience extreme anxiety, depression and one young person is also

neuro-diverse. The aim is to work towards group sessions within the seven-month pilot.

Pandemic Project Reworking

The Coronavirus emergency required an immediate and radical project pivot to digital delivery of one to one creative sessions and additional planning for future safe socially – distanced, studio sessions at Hamilton MAS once lock down is lifted.

artYsPaceS now provides guided and supported studio sessions as ‘one to ones’ through remote digital working.

The aim is to try out small group working on digital platforms with the agreement of the young people currently taking part in artYsPaceS.

Hamilton MAS is investing time and resources to research and trialling safe and effective digital delivery platforms.

Felixstowe Town Council Funding

£1000 used to fund the feasibility, monitoring and evaluation planning days (3 days at £200 and 10 x artYsPaceS hours at £40).

This is an extremely valuable contribution to the total budget for the project of £7600.

The work that it enables will build capacity within the community of Felixstowe to support more young people, from a very marginalised group, and their families - helping them grow in self-esteem, gain qualifications and enjoy themselves through creative activity.

Sincere thanks on behalf of Hamilton MAS and the artYsPaceS Project.

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