

Exploring African Art



Art Opportunities, our vocational day service in Alloa, held their African Art exhibition on 24th April which was a huge success. The talented artists within Art Opportunities created unique pieces inspired by an African theme. The artworks included coloured animals and African inspired masks.

Each piece was created from a variety of mediums including fused glass, acrylic paints, oil pastels, textiles and hamma beads. The artists enjoyed exploring a variety of techniques including balloon popping and bubble blowing to create abstract backgrounds on some of the colourful paintings.



This African theme also inspired our Central Area Service Musical Theatre Group, who held an amazing performance based on The Lion King on 30th May at New Struan School which was a big hit with families and the public. The performance was captured on film by The Untold Motion Picture Company which was a highlight as we have been able to watch this back. The show was outstanding and each performer got an opportunity to show off their individual talents. This year's show, which featured a much larger script, was well received by the audience who gave the group a well-deserved standing ovation!

The costumes, props, set and supporting artwork were all uniquely created by the artists within Art Opportunities and the night was a huge success for all involved!



Workshops and Sensory Techniques



Individual Art Opportunities artists are featured regularly to provide a new platform for their work to be showcased. Everyone's talents are unique and well admired within Makers Cafe.

We have been continuing to develop our resources and techniques within Art Opportunities. Some of our team enjoyed an acrylic pour workshop which the individuals we support have enjoyed using. We have also perfected our balloon popping technique and use of sensory experiences to create abstract backgrounds.

Our next exhibition date will be coming soon so keep a look out for our posters!

Happy Birthday Stevie!

Stevie Dickson had a 21st birthday party on 10th August which a lot of our supported individuals attended and really enjoyed! The party even had a photo booth which was enjoyed by all.



Success for Makers at Clacks Business Awards



On 30th August, Makers Cafe and Community Hub won 'Best Not-For-Profit Organisation' at the Clacks 2018 Business awards.

The Clacks 2018 Business Awards recognises the efforts of the people and companies who drive our local economy.

Our Makers team attended the awards evening and were thrilled to be selected as the recipients of this award. We're so pleased that the team's hard work, motivation and dedication has been recognised within our community. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the amazing customers who support the cafe!

A Haircut for Matthew

One of our supported individuals, Matthew, has been struggling with getting his haircut. We were lucky to have Marky's Barbers in Grangemouth come out to Chrysalis and with staff support Matthew now has a stylish new hairdo!



Central Staff get muddy for Scottish Autism!

A group of staff from Central Area Services participated in the Girls Big Dirty Day Out on 18th August in order to raise funds for Founders House and Chrysalis' Sensory Room. The girls really enjoyed the day and got very muddy as they worked their way through the obstacles. Well done everyone!



Founders House Opens in Alloa



From left to right: Jackie Latto, Director of Autism Services, founding parents Jessie Milligan and Olga Fraser, and Felicity Lister, Regional Manager

In July we were delighted to launch our new residential service in Alloa, Founders House. The name of this service was chosen to honour the parents who founded Scottish Autism in 1968. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary year, we were fortunate to have two of our founding parents, Jessie Milligan and Olga Fraser, to officially open the service and cut the ribbon. All of our supported individuals at Founders have settled in to their flats extremely well and some have also gained back more independence which is fantastic.

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