

rEvive 2016

Art in an Empty Shop

rEvive 2016 Art in an Empty Shop an ArtsErewash project, funded by Arts Council England, and Erewash Borough Council.

- Bringing local artists into the heart of Long Eaton and Ilkeston to revitalise town centres.
- Filling empty shops with creative workshops, performances, and exhibitions.
- Engaging local residents and visitors in creative activities.

The Former Boots Opticians Shop, Market Place, Long Eaton was reopened in Summer 2012 as an Arts venue and continues to host a huge variety of workshops, exhibitions and events.

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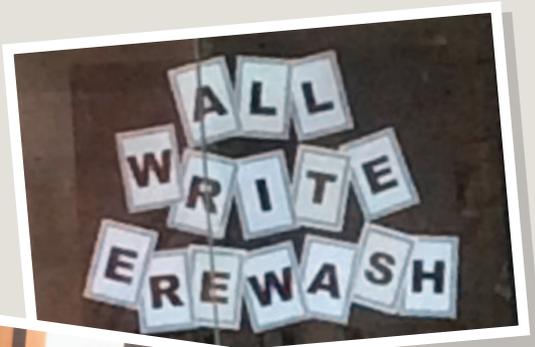
" An ingenious way of bringing art to the people **Alan Yentob** (BBC programme 'Imagine')

" Helping local individuals and groups to work with councils in converting less glamorous spaces to good use **The Times**



Life Story Writing

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ALL WRITE EREWASH 2016

Write Something - Make Something.

Life Story Writing facilitator Chrissie Hall led informal writing and creative art sessions throughout summer 2016, supporting members of the community to meet, talk about then write stories from and about their lives.

Collaboration

In a happy collaboration with Derbyshire artist/maker Julie Genner we reinterpreted our stories artistically on fabric shopping bags. We shared the space with exhibiting Photographer Howard Johnson, who helped create the exciting window displays, enabling the wider community to enjoy our stories and our artwork.

Marketing

Press • Social Media • Arts Derbyshire • Arts Development networks • Flyers • Erewash Sound



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Work in Progress

Getting creative about Life in Canada, Iran, Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Erewash
Sharing our time, stories, prose, poetry, pictures and biscuits.

Overcoming challenges:

- Fitting it all in a small space.
- Keeping to time constraints.
- Open door policy – weather, traffic and visitors.
- Participants prefer 10.30 start to allow use of Goldcards on buses.

Outcomes:

We learned new skills and reignited forgotten ones. Enjoyed goodwill and friendship; found common interests; shopped locally before and after sessions; created 19 fascinating pieces of life writing, all being archived as part of our local social, family and economic 20th and 21st C history (herstory) and offered to local publications and websites; We created two amazing window displays and unique related artwork shopping bags for users or keepers!

During the project we welcomed the Judges of Erewash in Bloom 2016 who enjoyed Howard Johnson's exhibition, inspected our new All Write Erewash window displays and heard about rEvoke from volunteers and participants.

Six participants had their work accepted for publication by the Editor of Ilkeston Life.



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