

## Artlink Case Study 2

H is a fifty three year old unemployed married man from Hull. He is skilled in heavy engineering, but has in the past relied on short term contracts which have become scarce as a result of the recession. He is also seeking a change in direction and through an ongoing interest in the arts, which until recently has been a hobby is considering a career in community arts facilitation.

H considered his age to be a barrier to accessing new career opportunities, but he feels the Cartwheels course offers an opportunity which until now has been out of reach. Since enrolment and involvement with like minded people in similar situations, H has become more determined and enthusiastic about putting into practice his lifelong ambition to engage more with the arts. He is also excited about the chance to pass on new skills to others, and has a genuine hunger for success.

The course, through H's own admission, has the potential to open doors into the arts community within Hull, and access to those organisations who utilise the services of community artists and accommodate arts workshops.

H's ultimate aim is to work with beneficiaries of a similar age, whom he has an empathy with. Especially the unemployed older worker and it is with this in mind that he has been in contact with the Older Workers Employment Network (OWEN), to negotiate, plan and deliver an arts activity which will engage up to twelve unemployed adults.

H is hoping that a successful conclusion to the workshop will lead to more opportunities and freelance work closer to home. H, like his course peers has also been given the opportunity to volunteer on further Artlink projects to gain confidence and work experience in this area, before he commits fully to a career in this subject specific area.

H has covered all course learning outcomes in depth and has received ongoing tutorial support in preparation for his first community arts workshop. He knows that the organisation remain supportive should he need further advice on any of the elements covered on course whilst he plans his workshops. He has conducted training well over the target number of learning hours for the project, and is looking forward to engaging on a new career path, which he is hoping will include far more job satisfaction, and an element of flexibility of which he has become accustomed.