

ABOUT CELF

Founded in 1998, Celf o Gwmpas provides opportunities for the most disadvantaged members of our community to have a creative life and participate fully in society.



Our Statement of Purpose describes our work as:

“Creating social inclusion, inspiring artistic ambition and providing a resource for the wider community.”

We work with learning disabled young people and adults, people facing mental health challenges, young people with behavioural issues and young carers and people affected by dementia.

We bring disabled, socially excluded and isolated people together to learn new skills, have new experiences and improve their self esteem. We also help disabled artists find the community, funding and environment necessary for the continued development of their artistic practice.

Celf o Gwmpas also runs “Centre Celf” the former Drama Centre in Llandrindod Wells. It is a multi-use arts, community and conference space welcoming over 14,000 visitors a year.

REACHING OUT DRAWING IN is a two-year pilot project that aims to combat rural isolation and increase wellbeing through high quality participatory arts sessions.

A significant strand of the programme is designed for people living with dementia and their carers. 78 weekly creative workshops are held over 2 years at “Centre Celf” with a further 100 creative sessions taking place in different community settings - including in people’s own homes- throughout Powys. A parallel strand of work is offered for learning disabled adults which offers another 78 weekly creative workshops at “Centre Celf”. In addition, two artists in residence - Poet & visual artist, Helen Ivory and poet Ira Lightman are working with groups with a range of support needs both at Centre Celf and at Gilfach Nature Reserve. Experienced artist / facilitators offer workshops in various artforms including painting, collage, mosaic, print-making and music.

In addition to evaluating the impact on participants’ wellbeing, the programme is exploring the potential of adopting a social prescribing model by developing new referral routes into the programme in partnership with health and social care professionals, statutory bodies and third sector organisations.