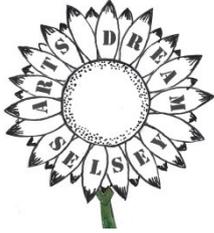


Arts Dream Selsey By Chris Butler--(Director Arts Dream Selsey October 2016



Arts Dream Selsey (ADS) was founded in October 2012, as a voluntary arts organization and is now a Charitable Company and aspires to promote, maintain improve and advance education and appreciation of the arts in all its forms among the people of Selsey and district community.

When we started we were a small group of arts enthusiasts, responding to the 'dream' aspiration of complementing the work of Youth and Sports Dream. Youth Dream was our first 'sponsor' and got us going with a £200 donation for insurance. We are now a Charitable Company limited by Guarantee with an annual turn-over of 30K a year.

We are a project organisation and our projects have been funded by for example The Heritage Lottery, Arts Council England, Sussex Community Foundation, The Big Lottery Fund, West Sussex ,Chichester District., Selsey Town Council and many local businesses especially High House Insurance

In line with our objectives to work collaboratively with artists, and organisation much of our work has been about bringing groups and people together, so for example our Seley 57 World War one project was a collaboration between Arts Dream Selsey, The Research group of U3A, The Selsey Society-Local History Group, The British Legion, The Selsey Archivist and the Academy Selsey.

Our Drama Production The End of the Journey, was a collaboration between amateur community, and professional actors, our very own Gillian Plowman a professional writer and Professor Pamela Howard, the internationally renowned Scenographer and Director. Our most recent highly acclaimed success Tonight at the Pavilion Charlie Chaplin,performed in the Cinema Museum London was a collaboration between Arts Dream, the publishing company Can of Worms Press and the Cinema Museum Kennington. Our most recent Awards for All funded Summer Skills Project was a collaboration with the local Bognor Theatre group Making Theatre Gaining Skills

We have had many firsts! We started the 60 strong Selsey Community Choir, brought swing jive classes to Selsey and established a full programme of Art activity and demonstrations by professional artists. Currently 100 people use our services on a regular basis, and in 2015 5000 people were involved in Arts Dream Activities. We brought Opera to Selsey and a swing jive band the 'Revolutionaires' The swing jive concert was a great success attended by 200 people. The 'Revs' was an outstanding audience development project as people came to see the band from for example Southampton, Brighton, Worthing and Guildford. Lots of them had never heard of Selsey but loved the Academy as the venue for the event and can't wait for us to do it again! Sadly we have had to put on hold many of our new activities scheduled at the Academy but hope in the not to distant future to accommodate once again new and exciting events.Gillian Plowman's play Tonight at Pavilion Charlie Chaplin has been published by Frenches yet again establishing the work of Arts Dream in a national context. Soon this may become international as there may be an opportunity of taking our sSelsey production to the Cinema Museum in Geneva.

We have had three major Summer Art Exhibitions, that were incredibly successful the latter a collaboration with the Selsey Camera Club, was the most positive yet, again indicating the benefits of collaborative projects Our Sports England funded exhibition project linked to Patrick Moore's involvement with Selsey Cricket Club has currently been seen by 4000 people.

One of our most exciting developments has been Arts Dream producing its own original Drama productions. New original plays are a way of complementing the other Drama activity for our community and offering a broader offering. The End of the Journey, Tonight at the Pavilion Charlie Chaplin, and Tonight at the Pavilion Laurel and Hardy were all sell out performances with over 500 people seeing each show.

We also work 'behind the scenes' for Selsey and have supported our community in advocating for Performance Space so the drama production work in Selsey can be the best it possibly can be. We have also conducted a consultation process for Chichester District Council on Public Art for Selsey, and written a development paper for Chichester District Council on the Selsey Pavilion. We have supported a number of smaller organisations with marketing, and developing an on line presence, and crucially have revitalised the Pavilion for future use as a community venue.

In 2015 Arts Dream had over 7000 users, with participants, audiences for live events and on line.

Arts Dream- 'dream team committee' are an amazing team of volunteers that work tirelessly to enhance the profile of the arts in Selsey, and to develop arts opportunities for all. Thanks must go to them and of course to you and all the local businesses in Selsey who have supported our efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

We know the arts transform's people lives, and with your continued support we can harness the power of the arts to inspire, educate, entertain and ultimately enrich all our lives

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