

1970 Born in Carlisle, Cumbria. Lives and works in London.

1995-98 Ba Hons Fine Art, London Guildhall University. (Sir John Cass)

1989-94 Practising artist with own studio and gallery, CARLISLE

Selected Arts Projects

- 2011 'Making the Ordinary extraordinary,' workshop and lecture. Arnold House Preparatory School, London.
- 2010 'Bring out the Banners,' **The Arts Council**, 'Be creative Be well,' Commission, The Hub, Hounslow.
Working with six community groups on artworks for the community centre.
- 2010 Waterwheel, House of Fairytales, Working with students from Oxford Gardens Primary School making recycled art for the Thames Festival.
- 2010 Transformation 2010 **Emergency Exit Arts** Working with EEA and students from Thomas Tallis and Kidsbrooke Secondary school on transition project and artworks for the Thames Festival parade.
- 2010 **People's Day Festival**, Lewisham Council Commission to make outdoor flags/banners working with students from Holbeach Primary School.
- 2010 Recycled Sculpture Day, Working with families and young children, Cowgate, **Newcastle**.
- 2010 YAYA (**Young artists Young adults**) Arts Partnership Nottinghamshire, Vibe Festival, Eastside.
- 2010 Mentoring GCSE Art students, Cannon High School, Edgware, LONDON
- 2009 Arts Day Inset, Theatre Resource Chipping Ongar, ESSEX.
CPD for professionals working with disadvantaged groups.
- 2009 Arts Week, Rokeby Independent Preparatory School, Kingston Upon Thames, SURREY
Facilitating whole school workshops with "Earth" as the theme.
- 2009 **House of Fairytales with Gavin Turk**, National Trust, Clumber Park, Nottinghamshire.
- 2009 Environment Days, Holland Park, Duke of York Square, **Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**.
- 2009 Taster Workshops, Theatre Resource, Chipping Ongar, ESSEX.
Arts workshop aimed at neglected and excluded communities.
- 2008 **Lecturer** 'Graduate Week 2008' **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design**, LONDON.
- 2008 Banner Commission 'Re-Create' A national conference on creativity and re-use, Worcestershire.
- 2008 'Community Artwork and workshop, 'Canary Green Day', **Canary Wharf**, LONDON.
- 2007 Banner Workshops (Carnival / Multicultural Week) Cheddington Combined School, Bucks..
- 2005 Parents and Young children workshops, **Surestart**, London Borough of Newham.
Leading a workshop encouraging creativity between carers and their children.
- 2005 Creative Partner, **Creative Partnerships**, Basildon, ESSEX
A two week Residency collaborating with an actor on creative proposals for a Junior School.
- 2005 Atrium Art Installation, Essex County Council, Chelmsford, ESSEX
Working with Primary schools to create a public artwork for Essex County Council Headquarters.
- 2005 Big Arts Week, Visiting Artist Montgomery School, GERMANY
Invited to run arts workshops in MOD Junior school
- 2004 World Aids Day Residency, Stanway High School, Colchester, ESSEX.
Six week project working with students creatively exploring issues and concerns about Aids.
Curating an exhibition of work for the Livre Gallery, Colchester
- 2004 Lecture and tutorials, Colchester Institute of Art, Colchester, ESSEX.
- 2004 **Visiting Tutor**, Centre for Art and Design in the Environment (Writtle College)
Teaching BA Hons. students on the **Environment and Art** programme
- 2004 Firstsite @ the Minorities, employed by the education department to run workshops on Gambiarra - New Art From Brazil.
- 2004 Y2K4 Teenagers Art Workshop YMCA Chelmsford
- 2004 Firstsite @ the Minorities, Workshop leader, Artclub
Art club working with teenagers for eight weeks
- 2004 Unlock Heritage Day, Schools Banner Project, Rochford, Essex.
Working with four Primary Schools to create Banners to celebrate Local History.
- 2003 Chelmsford Borough Council Banner project, Childrens Art Workshops.
Working with a local Womens' Refuge Centre to create artwork for Banners for outdoor display
- 2002 Waltham Forest, (EIC) **Gifted & Talented Art Project**, Mission Grove Primary School, London
Art sessions supporting Gifted and Talented students
- 2002 Waltham Forest Banner Project (NOW) Walthamstow High Street, London.
Working with G&T students to create public artwork
- 1999 Group Leader, Magic Me "Portraits", Intergenerational art project, Tower Hamlets, London.
Co leading art / drama workshops in Residential Centre with young people and elders

Personal Assistant (PT) to an author with Friedrich_s Ataxia, Waterloo, London Oct 08 –July 09

I worked two days a week assisting a disabled author. Peter was blind so one of my main roles was adapting his speech into sentences.

Learning Mentor P/T Transitional Care, Dagenham Nov 05 – Oct 08

I worked one to one with predominantly ASD students who had been excluded from mainstream education. Duties included: helping to re-integrate students back into appropriate schools, liaising with family, training providers, educational psychologists, Senco etc I devised academic programmes of study, (Numeracy, Literacy, Art) and also helped with self directed projects.

Primary Learning Mentor Mission Grove Primary School Walthamstow, E17 London May / 01 – April 03

I worked in a PLSU with children in Key Stage 1 and 2. A key objective of my role as a PLM was targeting, supporting and providing mentoring for students who have barriers to learning. I was responsible for the Gifted and Talented programme, which resulted in a major public art commission for the students by Waltham forest. Duties include. Developing Individual Action Plans * 1 : 1 work *developmental group work * Liaising with external agencies* Home visits * Transition work * Maintaining comprehensive recordings of mentoring sessions *Attending case conferences / reviews * Running Lunchtime and After school clubs (Artclub, Art for Gifted & Talented, Singing) Responsible for managing allocated budget for learning materials

Special Needs Support Assistant Havelock Primary School Havelock Road, Southall Oct 99 - May 2001

I worked as a SENSA in a predominantly Asian neighborhood supporting children in Key Stage 1 &2. Many suffered from low self esteem. I worked with refugees, asylum seekers and (EAL) children with English as their additional language. Duties included: *implementing Individual Support Plans * Working with small groups on improving literacy * Liaising with Speech Therapist, Educational Psychologist etc * Practicing Phonological development * Meeting with Parents * Offering support to children temporarily excluded from class * I also taught a weekly art class.

Sitter (PT Respite Care) Ealing Social Services Acton Town Hall, Acton Nov 2000 - May 2001

I Provided care and support to three families with autistic children. * Supervising, taking care of and playing with children both inside the home and outside * diffusing emotionally intense situations * personal and domestic care * academic support * preventing self harm * Report writing.

Support Worker Kidsactive, Pryor's Bank London June 1 - Sept 30 2000

Kidsactive specialises in play and opportunity for disabled children. I worked at their private playgrounds, in the homes of the children and also on their holiday play schemes. Duties Included *Supervising children * Personal and domestic care * Maintaining a safe environment * Maintaining healthy interactions * Modeling good behaviour * Encouraging and allowing the individual to play and release emotion *

Solo exhibitions

- 2007 A Fakes Progress, **The Foundry**, LONDON
- 2004 Hay Gallery, Colchester Institute, Colchester, ESSEX
- 2004 GE Club, **Great Eastern Hotel** LONDON
- 1998, 'Actually, at the end of the day, basically, as you do.' the Basement gallery, LONDON
- 1997 Motor Project,. The Basement gallery, LONDON
- 1993 Inside/ Outside. Rosehill Theatre, Whitehaven

Group exhibitions

- 2009 Paper and Paint, Flux Factory, **NEW YORK**.
- 2009 Hop, Skip and Jump, Liquid Studios, HackneyWicked Festival, Hackney Wick, LONDON.
- 2008 Site Specific Outdoor Installation, Hackney Wicked Arts festival, Hackney, LONDON.I
- 2006 Recent Trends in painting since 2000, City Gallery **Leicester**. (Offsite)
- 2006 Works on Paper, Flux Factory, **NEW YORK**.
- 2006 The 9 x 5" Show, International Noise, Sydney, **AUSTRALIA**
- 2005 Secret, Postcard Exhibition, Gulbenkian Galleries, **Royal College of Art**, LONDON.
- 2005 Back to Mother, Mother Studios exhibition space, LONDON.
- 2004 Twelve, Brixton Art Gallery, LONDON
- 2003 Activate, Rivermead Gallery, Chelmsford, ESSEX
- 2003 Group Show, Buckenham Gallery, Southwold, SUFFOLK
- 2000 Carry on Spectacle Natural Light Gallery, LONDON
- 1993 **Los Angeles Art Fair**. AMERICA
- 1993 RGI 132nd Annual exhibition, **McLellan Galleries**. GLASGOW
- 1993 Windows of the Soul, **Florence**. ITALY.
- 1991 Forty Young Artists, Tabernacle Gallery. LONDON
- 1991 Summer Show, **The Centre of Polish Sculpture**, Oronska, POLAND
- 1991 Wild Thing, Muzeum Miasta Gdyni. POLAND
- 1990 Alcohol, Young Unknown's Gallery, LONDON
- 1990 British Art In Albi, Impact Gallery Of Contemporary Art, Albi, **FRANCE**

Training and self development

First Aid, Transition Care

"Leading Groups" Youth Music

"Self Esteem Workshop" Waltham Forest Pyramid Training Scheme

DFEE *National Primary Learning Mentor Training Course*

Advanced Course A *Curriculum for Living* Landmark Education

The Forum. *Creating the Life You Want* Landmark Education

"Communication" Ealing Social Services

"Play" Ealing Social Services *"Bullying"* Ealing Education Authority

"What makes children tick" Ealing Education Authority

"Managing Behaviour Parts 1 & 2". Ealing Education Authority

"Principles of Accelerated Learning parts 1 & 2" Ealing Education Authority

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