Mental Health Workshop

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What is it?

• Co-producing with culture and arts to improve health and wellbeing and reduce social isolation
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What’s already going on?

• Some positive examples already in County Durham with providers using dance, singing, poetry, printing, painting with specific client groups

• Activities linked to big events like Lumiere, Book Festival, Brass Festival

• Conference at The Albany Theatre in Deptford, London
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What we want to do next?

• Build on what is already going on
• Use culture and arts to open up spaces/activities for new participants and a wider audience
• Share the learning/promote the benefits/raise the profile
• Stimulate more regular opportunities rather than just one-off high profile activities
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Next Steps

• Adults and Health Commissioning, Tin Arts, Equal Arts and Culture and Leisure are meeting to work out how things are developed in County Durham
• Identify opportunities with partners
• Initial ‘taster’ days
• Scale and scope to be determined

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