

Director's report

July 2002 - July 2003

During this period Theatre NEMO has been busy promoting their work. Theatre NEMO plays a valuable part in the lives of those it has touched. We actively encourage people with mental health problems and carers to take part in drama and other areas of performance. Our aim is to break down stigma and isolation, and our experience so far has shown it is a powerful and truly worthwhile means of stimulation.

We are pleased to welcome Cllr Archie Buchanan who joined us in January as a Director of Theatre NEMO.

Over the last year we have run continues free workshops in music, movement and drama, we believe continuity and sustainability is the key to keep members interested and stimulated.

1. Workshop every Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evenings
2. Four performances in South Lanarkshire for Mental Health Week commissioned by South Lanarkshire Council, all very well attended
3. Community Creative Crafts once again invited us to perform at their fund raising event
4. A Christmas show in the Larkfield Centre again well attended with good feedback
5. We were invited by the Big Issue to contribute to their art exhibition for Fair Trade Fortnight as well as performing at the open day's at the end of the two weeks
6. Social Entrepreneurs Scotland asked Isabel to give a five minute inspirational talk at their first conference, Theatre NEMO also provided some entertainment during the day.
7. Taiko drumming workshops were introduced and we were invited to take part in the Adult with disabilities show on 12th May at the Moir Hall within the Mitchell Theatre. We were asked to start the show with our drumming as their motto was "Bang the Drum for adult Learning."
8. Scottish Human Resources invited us to show a video presentation at the Better Together seminar
9. A quote from a Thank you letter from Charlie Read Centre (N.S.F.) "It was wonderful to see many carers laughing and smiling" Theatre NEMO attended a social evening and provided some entertainment for the women's carers group.
10. The newly formed Network Steering Group in Edinburgh asked Hugh to come and help them produce a short documentary about disabilities and the difficulties people face. Filming will be done over the next few months
11. Our latest event was a night at the "Grand Ole Opry" This was a great success, we managed to raise £1,117.00. Theatre NEMO got into cowboy gear and our newly formed choir performed a few numbers. The choir is something we will work on and develop it was great fun.
12. Isabel attended a very interesting training day on Recovery, delivered by Ron Coleman.

We have got some great activities planned for the coming year. At the moment we are working on two twenty minute anti stigma performances for Lanarkshire Health Board, most of which will be filmed and produced in either video or D.V.D/ This will take place on 30th July in Bothwell Bridge Hotel. We are also in the process of applying for funding to publishing a poem book including art work and short stories. We have conformation from Borders that they will host a launch night on the 6th October they will provide wine, send out invitation and purchase copies to put on their shelves. We are also planning a Christmas play which we will write ourselves; there will be plenty of music involved.

Financial Support

The directors are Pleased to report the Financial Support from Various Funders in the course of the period. Thanks to recent input from the Community Fund. We are aiming to branch into documentary and information videos. There is so much to be done and so much that can be done to help people gain confidence and skills that can give them a better quality of life. Carers can also benefit either through participation themselves or just seeing the change in their loved ones.

The Community Fund Grant for Three Years Core funding
£21,000 received for this year £10,000 for running costs such as rent, telephone, stationary etc. and £11,000 for equipment. So far we have purchased Video Camera. Apple Mac editing package, Tripod and projector.

We have also received

£1000 Co-op Community fund

£250 Clydesdale bank

£200 Recreation Trust

£100 Glasgow Council Credit Union

We received a new Computer from B.T

£180 towards broadband costs from B.T

£500 Anonymous donation

It has been an exiting year for Theatre NEMO and with the help and support from various groups, next year will see a lot of people involved in promoting recovery through Theatre NEMO and the Art's

Financial Report

The group's financial transactions are set out in the attached financial statement which shows cash balance of funds on hand at the period end of July