

**Education**

- 2006 BA Hons. (1st Class) Contemporary Crafts  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
2009 PTTLs Preparation to Teach in Lifelong Learning  
University of Wolverhampton

**Visiting Tutor Experience**

- 2016 Art Foundation Students John Leggott College, Scunthorpe  
2014-15 Art Foundation and Access to Art and Design Students -Sheffield College  
2010 3D Foundation Course -Manchester Metropolitan University  
2009 Fine Art Foundation Course -Solihull College and -Bedford College

**Training**

- 2016 MAPA (Management of Actual or Potential Aggression Training)  
2016 Safeguarding - Children in Education  
2016 Safeguarding - Adults with Special Needs  
2016 Introduction to Child Sexual Exploitation  
2016 Prevent for Practitioners  
2015 &16 Working with children with PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance Syndrome)  
2015 Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day course - QA level 2 Award)  
2015 Equality and Diversity Training  
2014 Creative Dementia Arts Network Conference, Oxford.  
2011 Praxis, Arts and Health. Working Creatively with Dementia Patients  
2011 Creative Alliance, September Seminars. Responding to Creative Briefs  
2009 Black Country Arts & Disability Network, Working Parts, Training for artists  
2008 PlayTrain, Birmingham Promoting Positive Behaviour & Self Esteem,  
2008 Re-Create 08; creative use of waste materials. Worcester  
2008 Yeoman Park School, Mansfield and Creative Partnerships Introduction to working with children with severe and multiple physical disabilities and learning difficulties.  
2007 Jewellery Making Using Recycled Materials, Bilston Craft Gallery 6 days.  
2007 Creative Partnerships Activate Programme, Quad Derby 12 weeks  
2007 PlayTrain, Birmingham The Ecology of Workshop.

**School Projects and Employment**

Mar 2015 - Nov 2016

Brantwood Specialist School, Sheffield. Full curriculum of creative textiles activities for young people aged 8 - 18 Steiner inspired school for students with ASD, Special Educational needs and Challenging Behaviour

2014 - Hodge Hill Girls School, Birmingham. Whole School Celebration Activity Day.  
Yrs 8 & 9- Felted portraits and pictures and Felted flower brooches.

2014 -Marshlands Special School, Stafford. Science Week  
Whole school 'Alien Mini-Beasts'

2013 Beech Street School, Eccles, Manchester. 2 days during Arts Week  
-Year 1 - Felted wall-hanging inspired by Monet's Waterlily paintings.  
-Year 4- Paul Klee inspired felted portraits

2013 -Derbyshire Schools Library Service Ilkeston and Ormiston Academy.  
Mixed Media workshops over two days. The *Dear SLS* project involved 6 artists and 240 pupils (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6).

2012, 2011 and 2010

-St Dominic's Independent School, Wolverhampton  
Year 7. Colour & Design; Feltmaking inspired by Hundertwasser's designs

2012 -Pupil Referral Unit, Burton Upon Trent  
Creative Felting Sessions

2011 -The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery (joint project with St Mark's Primary School, Stoke onTrent)

Felting with a Roman theme. Yr 4 pupils, 5 days.

2011 - The Bridge Centre Short Stay School, Lichfield. 4 half day art enrichment sessions with students (aged 14-16) who have been withdrawn from mainstream school behavioural and or health reasons.

2011 and 2010

-Walton Hall Special School, Stafford. Summer Holiday club felt-making sessions with children with multiple learning difficulties and disabilities. Resulted in a felted wallhanging for the school's multi-sensory room.

2010 and 2009

-Penn Hall Special School, Wolverhampton.  
*Sensory Snakes* and *Flights of Fancy* creative sessions

2009 -Forest Oak Special School, Solihull. Year3 Sculpture from found objects.

### **Museums and Art Gallery Education**

2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008

-Bilston Craft Gallery, Wolverhampton Museums  
Various Children's Felting projects during school holidays.

2012 -Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Inspired by Papercuts and Inspired by Weaving. Two sessions with the gallery's Youth Art Forum. Linked to *The Joy of Making* exhibition.

2011 -The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery (joint project with St Mark's Primary School, Stoke onTrent)

Felting with a Roman theme. Yr 4 pupils, 5 days.

2010 -St Chad's Art & Craft Group,Wolverhampton

Adult Learners outreach project for Wolverhampton Art Gallery. 6 half day sessions teaching a variety of art & textile techniques. Work made by the group was exhibited as *Threads of Our Lives: The Community Gallery*, Wolverhampton Art Gallery & The Adult Education Centre, Wolverhampton.

2010 Walsall Museum. Children's creative activities- Easter Bunny Glove puppets

2009 Westbourne Grove Church Artspace.

South London Home Educating Families Group.

Sculptural felt: working with felt & found objects. Outreach workshops for my own solo exhibition.

2009 Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre. Children's workshops relating Bob & Roberta Smith exhibition. *Modern Day Mottos & Common Sense with Attitude*. Recycled materials and textiles.

2009 Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke on Trent.

Mini-beasts on Safari. Workshop linked to gallery exhibition.

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2009 -Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery  
Fantastic Textural Felting. 1 hour taster sessions linked to *Taking Time: Craft & the Slow Revolution*.

2009 -Wolverhampton Museum & Art Gallery. Sculptural felt: 2 full day masterclasses for adult learners. Linked to "POP"Jan Haworth retrospective.

2009 Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham  
Felting Demonstrations in the *How Art is Made* gallery

2009 Solihull Arts Complex, West Midlands. Children's Saturday Art Club.

2007 Dr Johnson Museum, Lichfield. Children's experimental printmaking

### **Mental Health Wellbeing Projects**

2013 -Mencap Family Fun Day, Dudley, West Midlands  
Felting activities for children and young people with learning difficulties

2012, 2010, 2009 and 2008

-Birmingham Children's Hospital. Summer arts projects with young people from various mental health wards and CAMHS unit. Resulted in exhibitions at Artsfest and BVSC: Centre for Voluntary Action, Birmingham.

2012 -Oakdene Day Care Centre for Adults. Burntwood, Staffordshire.  
Felted pictures. A fun afternoon project with amazing results.

2012 -Borderland Voices, Leek, Staffordshire  
Felted Landscapes. Project funded by Rethink mental Health and Peak Parks

2011 -Arts and Health project at Penn Hospital. Working with older people living with dementia and other mental wellbeing issues.  
7 enrichment sessions where not only was the wellbeing of the patients improved but their felted artworks were exhibited in Wolverhampton Art Gallery as part of [The Joy of Making](#) exhibition.

2010 -Participants from Nuffield Centre and also Residents from Lichfield Retirement Village Lichfield took part in my *52 Weeks of Art* workshops at Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield.

2007 -Making Space, Lichfield District Council. workshops with adults at Lichfield and Burntwood mental health support centres.

### **Other Projects with Adults and Children with Physical Disabilities**

2012, 2011 and 2010

-G8Way Children's Disability Service, Staffordshire. Creative activities for Family Fun days

2011 - Newhampton Arts Centre. Activity day for disabled children and their families

2010 -Bilston Craft Gallery, Wolverhampton Museums & Art Gallery  
2 half day felting sessions with Blind and Partially Sighted Adults.

2009 -Walsall Creative Development Team: Disability Arts, West Midlands.  
Felting activities during consultation day with young people from Walsall Youth Forum

### **Outreach in unusual places**

2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008

-Libraries in West Midlands and Staffordshire.

Art activities for Adult Learner's Week and Family Learning Month

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2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009

-Felting projects at Children's Craft Birthday Parties and Creative Hen Parties. MiniBeasts, Cushions, Bags, Jewellery, Pictures, and Portraits

2013 -Hobbycraft, Tamworth. Felting Demonstrations, Charity Activities and Knitting lessons with Children.

2013 -House of Fairytales at Croft Castle, Herefordshire.

Facilitated drop-in craft activities for children and families as part of *Time Will Tell* exhibition (curated by Meadow Arts)

2012 -Fuse Community Arts Festival Lichfield. Drop-in workshops for children

2012 -Felting Demonstrations at Children's Party Fair, Solihull

2010 -Art Nation, (Audiences Central) Mander Shopping Centre, Wolverhampton  
Arts Council England, Art Outreach Project.

2011 -START(Stafford Art Festival). Drop-in family creative craft sessions

2009 Home Start, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Burton upon Trent.  
Spring Family Tree. Creative workshop for families.

2009 Chasewater Innovation Centre, Burntwood, Staffordshire  
Felted Jewellery Holiday craft activities for teenagers.

2008 Burntwood Wakes Festival & Burntwood Art Festival. Felted Bags Made Over Stones and Magic Ball Felted Mini beasts.

2006 Lichfield Cathedral. All Saints' Fair. Make your own halo. Early years drop-in session

### **Adult Education**

2012 St Chads Arts and Craft Group, Wolverhampton  
Felted Beads and Jewellery

2012, 2011 and 2010

The Spark, Lichfield and Martin Heath Hall, Lichfield.

Various privately booked adult felting workshops, Lichfield, (Felted Bags, Felted cushions, Nuno Felting and Felted Flower Brooches).

2011 Lichfield Embroiderer's Guild. Demonstration of textile art techniques.

2010 -*52 Weeks of Art*: Erasmus Darwin House, Lichfield, UK

Sculpture and Textiles Project. 8 half day sessions with groups of adults and children from various community groups. Work made by the participants was exhibited as part of 'Life the Universe & Darwin' community exhibition.

2010 -Midlands Art Centre (mac), Birmingham

Textiles Tutor for weekly adult Soft Jewellery classes (10 weeks)

2010 Rolleston on Dove WI. Felted Christmas stockings.

### **Social Enterprise Projects**

2010 -The Friary School, Lichfield, Staffordshire

Felting with year 12 students to facilitate their Young Enterprise Project.

2009 -Krasif Aid, Aldridge, West Midlands 2 full day workshops teaching adults various felting techniques (jewellery, bags and nuno felting) to enable them to train residents at Krasif Aid homes in Bulgaria.

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