

# Kirsty E. Smith   AllSensesArt   Curriculum Vitae

When working in schools and the community my mission is to,  
“Encourage and nurture imagination and creativity in a fun and enthusiastic way.”

## Educational Qualifications

2009

PTTLS Preparation to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector. University of Wolverhampton.

2006

1st Class BA (Hons) Contemporary Crafts Manchester Metropolitan University.

## Training

Apr 09

Black Country Arts and Disability Network, Wolverhampton.

*Working Parts*, Training for working with children with physical disabilities and learning difficulties.

Jun 08

*Promoting Positive behaviour & Self-Esteem*, PlayTrain, Birmingham.

Mar 08

*Re-Create 08*. Out of the box thinking on the creative use of waste materials. Worcester.

Feb 08

*Making dens/pods from recycled materials* Fernwood School, Woburn Sands. Assisted artist Jan Niedojadlo.

Jan-Apr 08

*Creative Skills Recruitment Project*, Yeoman Park School, Mansfield (Creative Partnerships.)

Introduction to working with children with severe and multiple physical disabilities and learning difficulties. Three one day sessions.

Jun 07

*Jewellery Making using Recycled Materials*, Bilston Craft Gallery, West Midlands. Six day course.

Apr - Jul 07

*Activate Programme*, Quad Derby & Creative Partnerships.

Oct 07

*Drawing with Light and “Faces”* Fulfen Primary School, Burntwood. Assisted artist Mark Riley.

Sep 07

*The Ecology of Workshop*, PlayTrain, Birmingham. One day workshop.

## Workshop & Outreach Activities

Oct 10

- **Wolverhampton Art Gallery** )
- **Burntwood Library** ) Halloween themed Spooky Mini-beasts activities.
- **Uttoxeter Library** )

- **Bilston Craft Gallery** Bilston, West Midlands.  
2 half day sessions with Blind and Partially sighted Adults.  
Felted purses and tablemats with dreadlock fringing.

Aug 10

- **Birthday party activity for all ages.** Falkland, Fife.  
Felted flowers, beads and magic felted balls. Working with family groups of adults and children.
- **Fishcross Primary School**, Alloa  
Felting enrichment session for teachers and teaching support staff. Felted Doughnuts.
- **Walton Hall Special School**, Stafford.  
Feltmaking session with children with multiple learning difficulties and disabilities.  
Resulting in a felted wall hanging for the school’s multi-sensory room
- **52 Weeks of Art: Erasmus Darwin Sculpture and Textiles Project**  
8 half day sessions with groups of adults and children from various community groups.  
Work produced was exhibited as part of ‘Life the Universe and Darwin’ community exhibition.

Jul 10

- **Birmingham Children’s Hospital**  
Ward 7 Summer Arts Project. Felted wall hangings.  
The young people on ward 7 took a full part in the design and making of these artworks.

Jun – Aug 10

- **Midlands Art Centre (mac)**, Edgbaston, Birmingham  
*Textiles tutor* for weekly adult Soft Jewellery classes & Children’s Fabulous Felt classes

### Jun 10

- **St James C of E School**, Derby  
Mini-beasts & their habitat. Yr 2 children.
- **St Dominic's Independent School**, Wolverhampton  
*Colour & Design*; Felting for Hunterwasser art project. Yr7
- **Walsall Museum**, Walsall, West Midlands  
*Mini-beasts* Children's Holiday art activities
- **Bilston Craft Gallery**, Wolverhampton Museums & Art Gallery  
*Felt a Coat for your Teddy Bear*

### May10

- **Northfield Quaker Preschool**, Northfield, Birmingham  
*Mini-beasts and their habitats*. A day filled with sensory experiences.
- **Tamworth & Glascote Libraries**, Tamworth, Staffs  
*Felted Flower Corsages*. Adult Learners Week Activities.
- **St Chad's Arts and Crafts Group**, Wolverhampton  
*Outreach project for Wolverhampton Art Gallery*.  
Six half day sessions with adult learners. Work produced was of such a high standard that it culminated in an exhibition at Wolverhampton Art Gallery Community Gallery.
- **Felting Birthday parties**. West Midlands and Staffordshire.

### Apr 10

- **Walsall Museum**, Walsall, West Midlands  
*Hand Felted Easter Bunny Glove Puppets*. Seamless felting workshop
- **Chasewater Innovation Centre**, Burntwood, Staffordshire  
*Felt a coat for your Teddy Bear* and *Make your own Felted Mini-Beast*  
Children's holiday activities.
- **Felting Birthday parties**. West Midlands and Staffordshire.

### Mar 10

- **Penn Hall Special School**, Wolverhampton.  
*Magic Carpet Journeys and Roller Coasters...*Project where children from Penn Hall School and adults from The Maltings Mobility Centre designed and made felted artwork to enhance various spaces in the Mobility Centre.  
Children with moderate to severe learning difficulties and disabilities and adults with physical disabilities.

### Feb 10

- **Manchester Metropolitan University**, Manchester. Visiting tutor; 3D BTEC Higher National Diploma. *Visual research techniques & experimental 3D drawing sessions*. Mixed media and found objects.
- **Wolverhampton Museum & Art Gallery**, Wolverhampton  
*Sculptural felt*: working with felt & found objects.  
Masterclass linked to "POP";Jan Haworth exhibition.
- **Felting Birthday parties**. West Midlands and Staffordshire.

### Dec 09

- **Wolverhampton Museum & Art Gallery**, Wolverhampton  
*Sculptural felt*: working with felt & found objects.  
Masterclass linked to "POP";Jan Haworth exhibition.

### Nov 09

- **Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**, Birmingham  
*Felting Demonstrations* in the "How Art is Made Gallery"
- **Solihull College**, Solihull  
*Visiting Tutor*. BTEC Higher National Diploma. Visual research & Working with textiles & found objects.
- **Solihull Arts Complex**, Solihull  
*Saturday Art Club*. Sessions linked to my own solo exhibition *Close Encounters of a Frillip Moolog Kind*
- **Forest Oak Special School**. Yr 11 pupils  
*Sculptural felt*: working with felt & found objects. Outreach workshops for my solo exhibition
- **Felting Birthday parties**. West Midlands and Staffordshire

### Oct 09

- **Hazel Oak Junior School**, Solihull, West Midlands

- *Sculptural felt*: working with felt & found objects. Outreach workshops for my solo exhibition
- **Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**, Birmingham  
*Fantastic Textural Felting*. Taster sessions linked to Taking Time: Craft & the Slow Revolution
- **Tamworth Library**, Tamworth, Staffs.  
*Make your own Felted Mini-beast*. Drop in activity for the library's Environment Day
- **RSA Academy**, Tipton, West Midlands  
Half Term Creative Feltmaking day: *Jewellery & Bags*

### Sep 09

- **South London Home Educating Families Group, London**  
*Sculptural felt*: working with felt & found objects. Outreach workshops for my solo exhibition
- **Krasif Aid**, Aldridge, West Midlands.  
*Nuno feltmaking for adults*. One day course.
- **Feltmaking Birthday parties**. West Midlands and Staffordshire

### Aug 09

- **Birmingham Children's Hospital**  
Four half day creative feltmaking sessions working with young people in mental health wards. Joint project with Playtrain. Work exhibited at Artsfest, Birmingham.
- **Chasewater Innovation Centre**, Burntwood, Staffordshire  
*Felted Jewellery* Holiday craft activities for teenagers.
- **League Family Camp**. John's Lee Wood, Leicestershire.  
*Felted flowers*. Felting session for family groups; adults & children.

### Jul 09

- **Walsall Creative Development Team: Disability Arts**, West Midlands  
Felting activities during consultation day with young people from Walsall Youth Forum
- **Children's Centre**, Burton upon Trent  
*Felted flower corsages*. Enrichment session for carers & parents of children with autism.
- **Lichfield Artists Studios**, Lichfield Staffs.  
Nuno feltmaking for adults. One day course.
- **Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**  
*Make your own had felted creepy crawly*. Workshop as part of Insect Week activities. June 09
- **Potteries Museum & Art Gallery**, Stoke on Trent.  
*Mini-beasts on Safari*. Workshop linked to gallery exhibition.
- **Uplands Junior School**, Wolverhampton.  
*Textile Bird Project* for school arts week.

### May 09

- **Krasif Aid**, Aldridge, West Midlands.  
*3D Feltmaking Techniques*. Adult day course.
- **Bilston Craft Gallery**, Wolverhampton Museums & Art Gallery.  
*Hand felted Jewellery*. Family workshops
- **Brockencote Hall**, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire.  
*Textile Corsages*. Adult workshops
- **Penn Hall Special School**, Wolverhampton.  
*Sensory Snakes*. Mixed media making and sensory session. Children with Multiple and profound learning difficulties and disabilities.

### Apr 09

- **Bilston Craft Gallery**, Wolverhampton Museums & Art Gallery.  
*Hand Felted Easter Bunny Glove Puppets*. Family workshops.
- **Our Lady of St Rose of Lima Primary School**, Birmingham.  
*Introduction to feltmaking*. Children's Holiday Club.

### Feb 09

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

### Jan 09

- **Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre**. Workshops relating to show by Bob & Roberta Smith.  
*Modern Day Mottos & Common Sense with Attitude*. Recycled materials & textiles.
- **Bedford College**, Bedford. Visiting tutor; Foundation & BTEC Higher National Diploma.

### Nov 08

- **Phoenix Nursery School & Christchurch C of E Nursery School**, Wolverhampton.

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*Mini-beasts*, Wolverhampton Art Gallery outreach project. (Nov 08-Feb 09)

### Sep 08

- **Wirksworth Festival**, Derbyshire  
*Felted Vessels (Norwegian wool)* Adult master class.

### Aug 08

- **Birmingham Children's Hospital** (project managed by PlayTrain).  
*All About Me*: Worked with young people in mental health wards. Work exhibited in Artsfest08.
- **Bilston Craft Gallery**, Wolverhampton Museums & Art Gallery.  
*Felted Bags Made over Stones*. Family workshops
- **Burntwood Wakes Festival & Burntwood Art Festival**, Lichfield District Council  
*Felted Bags Made Over Stones and Magic Ball Felted Mini beasts*.

### Jul 08

- **Wirksworth Junior school**, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.  
*Firebird Window display project* for Wirksworth Festival. Yr 2 & 3

### Sep 07– Jul 08

- **Model Village Primary School**, Shirebrook, Derbyshire. 1 day per week.  
Final large projects *Superhero Wall hanging & Nuno Felted Den*.

### June 08

- **Hey-Diddle-Diddle Pre-School Nursery**, Chorley, Staffordshire.  
*Felted Dream Bouncers*.

### May 08

- **Ilkeston Festival**, Erewash Museum, Derbyshire.  
*Magic Felted Balls*. Family workshop.

### Feb 08

- **Burton-upon-Trent library**, East Staffordshire Borough Council.  
*Magic Felted Balls*. Family workshop.

### Dec 07

- **Making Space**, Lichfield District Council. (mental health support centres for adults)  
*Felt making with a Christmas Theme*. 2 half day workshops.

### Oct 07

- **Big Draw** public art event. Lichfield District Council. *Experimental printmaking*.

### Jun– Jul 07

- **Borrowwood Junior School**, Derby.  
*Interactive Sensory Weather Pod*. Felt making with year 3/4 children. Five half day sessions.

### Dec 06

- **Whittington Girl Guides**, Whittington, Staffordshire. *Textile Jewellery*.

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