

Sticky Fingers Arts with Ardmaine Nursing Home

Sticky Fingers Arts in Newry used a variety of arts medium to bring 10 of their young people aged 4 -16 together with 10-14 residents of the local Ardmaine Nursing Home, aged 70+. They enjoyed ten weekly intergenerational workshops based in the nursing home and the project proved most invigorating for all those involved. The inter-mingling of the two very different generations provided the opportunity for immeasurable benefits through arts and creativity.



Comments from project leader:

I think the older people got great benefit from the social interaction with the children. Because of this project one of the older children has organised along with 2 of his friends to start helping several older people in his street. He said that going to the nursing home sessions helped him realise how vulnerable older people can be.

Comments from younger participants:

It's important that young people go into homes like this one to talk to older people so they don't get lonely.

Just because someone does not talk much, it doesn't mean they are not interested in you.

The older people looked happy when we went to visit and do the art. I think the older people will miss us coming in each week.

I had never been to a nursing home before and I was not sure what the people would be like but they were lovely and friendly.