

Party in the City

The opening night of the Fringe Festival on Friday, 23rd May will see **nesa** taking part with an exciting one-night-only photography exhibition 'Creative Links – Ramblings' at Invention Studios, Lower Borough Walls. The Private View is from 5-7pm, so please come and join us – the party and exhibition will continue until midnight – don't miss out on the festivities. RSVP **nesa** 01761 437251

'Fit For Life' & 'My Time My Space' DVDs available FREE

nesa has recently re-edited and re-produced two short films of its highly acclaimed arts and health projects, 'Fit For Life' – working with children in obesity prevention and healthy living education and 'My Time My Space' – working with women dealing with postnatal depression. This new, shorter, version of the two films on one DVD is available from **nesa**. If you are interested in having a copy, please send an A5 or larger stamped addressed envelope (70p 1st Class/60p 2nd Class) to our office and we will send one out to you. Contact us if you have any queries.

Staff Changes

Sam Williams, **nesa's** Marketing Officer for the past three years was unfortunately made redundant from her post in March. She will, however, be seen in the office from time to time and will also be beavering away on **nesa's** campaigns at home as a Freelance Arts Marketing Consultant.

Sheila Hedges, **nesa's** IT and Admin Manager will also be leaving the team at the end of April as she will be taking well-earned retirement. We wish them both the best in the future.



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The next issue of *Creative Change* will be out in July 2008.

Further information about **nesa** and our work can be found on our website www.nesacreativechange.org.uk



Welcome to our March Newsletter. Spring is in the air and we are looking forward to a new financial year, leaner and keener, to continue our arts activities with communities. We've been busy, as ever, and have some major events planned for the coming months. nesa is committed to providing activities that communities want, so please do get in touch with us if you have any ideas or suggestions.

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Creative Places

nesa's 2008 neighbourhood arts project for Radstock and Peasedown St John has been inspiring creativity in those communities since December 2007. There have been recent developments when three Artists-in-Residence were selected from a huge response to the adverts and Andrew Bolton, a public artist and mosaicist, together with creative duo 'Once' (Rebecca Gee and Refkah A'Court) are starting work in the communities in March. Welcome on board!

Creative 'taster sessions' were run in December with a Christmas theme and attracted in people aged from 3 to 63 to take part and learn more about Creative Places and how we can work with them and their community. Further creative sessions, their medium chosen from research done with the communities in December, have been running for 10 weeks since the end of January. These have included dance/movement, ceramics, container gardening, singing and jewellery-making. Look out for more sessions with the Artists-in-Residence.



Creative Links update

The Creative Links project for people with long-term mental health problems ran a ceramics course in Radstock last autumn, and the project is continuing and progressing at Peasedown St John Youth Centre, as part of **nesa's** Creative Places projects.

Creative Links has also been running Digital Photography and Rambling workshops in Bath and Ceramics with a women's project in Bath last autumn. Participants are progressing onto a computer course run by the Community Learning Services this spring.

In December, **nesa** held a Creative Links review/consultation of the arts and health projects with participants, with a Christmas lunch, to find out the benefits of attending arts sessions and the difference it has made to people's lives.

Creative Links will be developing a wider remit of work over the coming year to support the work of Arts and Health throughout B&NES. University of the West of England (UWE) will be working with us to develop research looking at the way **nesa** works and the benefits of the arts to health.

nesa @ Bath Fringe

nesa is staging two exhibitions and an **art|speak** event during Bath Fringe Festival. **art|works** – Inclusional Perspectives will be opening at Mauger Modern Art in Bartlett Street on 27th May, running until 6th June; and Creative Links – Ramblings, a special one-night expo on 23rd May, as well as our interactive **art|speak** – creativity|works day on 27th May. So keep an eye out for us – and pop in and take a look at what we've been up to!

art|speak – creativity|works Tuesday, 27th May 2008

nesa's regular networking and training days for artists and facilitators working in participatory arts – **art|speak**, is happening again during Bath Fringe Festival in May. A day with a difference, we will be examining the strengths of participatory artworks and inviting exciting discussion, as well as challenging you to look around the Fringe Festival Visual Arts Exhibitions and Interventions in Bath and make your own artwork. A picnic lunch is provided and tickets are only £10, but are limited, so register your interest NOW! 01761 437251, info@nesacreativechange.org.uk. More info on our website www.nesacreativechange.org.uk/news.php



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art|works in Radstock Festival 2008

A date for your diary! After the success of last year's **art|works** in Radstock Festival, **nesa** is pushing the boat out again and running **art|works** 08.

Saturday, 20th September will be another day to remember so come along and get creatively hands-on.



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