

The Creativity Hub @ The Angel Centre

What is the Angel Centre ?

The Angel is an exciting social enterprise delivering public health outcomes in some of Salford's most deprived communities. Set up as a community benefit company the joint venture between NHS staff and local people is delivering a vast array of opportunities for local people as part of its 3 year contract with NHS Salford, all assets and profits of the organisation will be reinvested back into the community to improve the lives of the people it serves.

New and innovative projects at the organisation include a healthy living prescription scheme offering patients with complex health need's services ranging from Art to Pumpkins on Prescription! , Media City UK backed community learning centre encouraging local people to training in such things as film making, creative media and music. The Angel HLC limited has also brought back the Salford Flat Iron Market in an effort to stimulate local enterprise and build a local economy.

Run by skilled health professionals and local social entrepreneurs The Angel HLC is a community business for the 21st Century combining business acumen with a social conscience to tackle the challenges faced by local people in the current economic climate.

What is the Creativity Hub ?

The creativity hub is a collection of four projects host and developed by The Angel HLC. These include,

- The Creation Café
- The Creative Media Centre
- The Angel Urban Art Gallery
- The New Flat Iron Arts and Craft Market

What is the Creation Café

The Creation café is a community café with creativity art its heart, the café provides a gallery space for local artists and a community venue for music and performance art in a retro café environment.

There have been a number of highly successful events in the café from hosting 'sounds from the other city' chapel streets music festival through to 'mad as a box of frogs' a comedy night focusing on men's mental health.



What is the Creative Media Centre?

Our vision is of a hub which provides affordable office suites, flexible desk space and business support services for small to medium enterprises, freelancers and start ups working locally in the creative industries sector alongside facilities and activities to engage the local community in the creative industries. Our vision comprises

- Community learning centre,
- Affordable meeting space,
- Hot desks
- Affordable office space



Activities within the Creative Media Centre

The Angel has a ten year history of providing creative activities within the local community. In the past we have run courses around Art, Children's art and Craft, Pottery, many different IT courses from beginners to Photoshop, dance classes from belly dancing to capoeira and creative classes from story writing to laughter classes. We have extensive contacts in the local community and channels for consultation with local residents. Our classes are often oversubscribed and we recognize the enthusiasm locally for the expression of creative talents. Over the years we have witnessed the positive impact that such activities on health and wellbeing, hence our commitment to enhance the availability of such activities locally.

All of our IT classes are currently full with a waiting list. Due to the roll out of the Social Prescribing Scheme at The Angel, uptake on classes is increasing. There is currently a demand for classes / activities in the following areas:-

- Basic Skills – English /Maths
- Digital Photography
- Photoshop
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- Basic IT Skills
- Disabled Dance / Yoga / Exercise
- General exercise / Dance / Yoga
- Art & Watercolours
- Gardening (The CMC has a small outside area.)
- Children's Art and Craft

- Youths Graffiti Art
- Video Making
- Specialized Cookery Courses (e.g. Indian Food)
- Rehearsal space for disabled groups

What is the Urban Art Gallery?

The Angel Centre has development a exhibition space on its first floor transforming the old corridors of the hospital into a vibrant urban art gallery. Exhibits last for up to 3 months as have included START in Salford, Woodend Artists, Joe Coffey and Global Grooves.



The vision for the gallery is to make art accessible to local people that would not otherwise have the opportunity to see it and to act as a showcase for local artists in Salford.

The gallery is attended by recovering drug and alcohol users, people with learning difficulties, mental health issues and young offenders.

What is the New Flat Iron Market?

The flat iron market is an market place for local arts and craft's we hold a quarterly market at our events to encourage local artist to sell their wares to the local community.