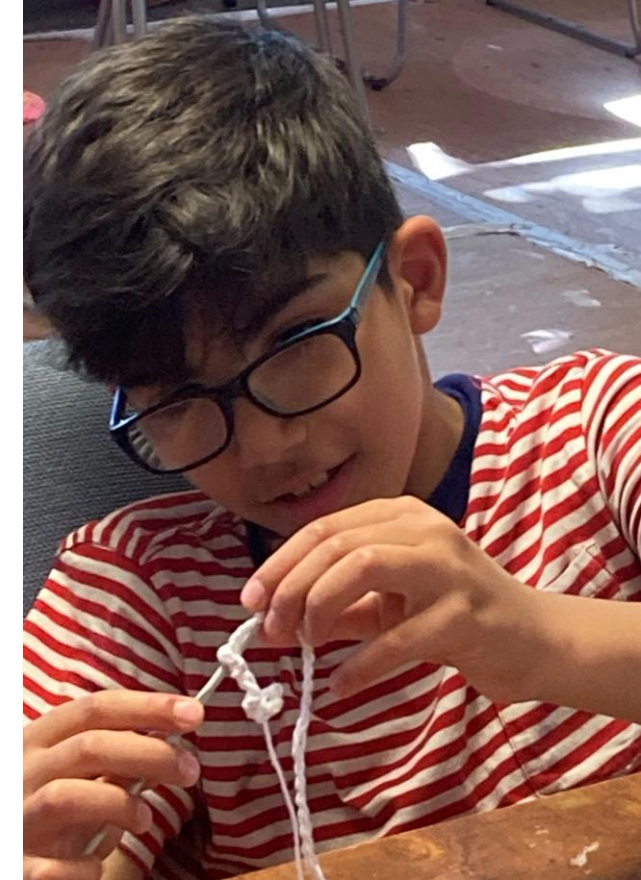


**BAYCREATE  
ACTIVITIES  
ALBUM JULY  
2022 –  
JANUARY 2023**





## Summer of crochet with Michelle Goulder

27<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> August & 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022. –

The groups learned to do a basic crochet stitch and progressed from there – quickly learning to do different stitches and follow patterns. Some participants brought in crochet they had been doing at home, inspired by the sessions. One young person had crocheted a scarf! They also had fun at the shared lunches where all ages came together and shared food and fun with ice breaker games.

We gave out certificates to celebrate the artworks just completed in the project. One participant was so happy that she got up and did a dance, saying

**“I’ve never had anything like this before, I’ve never had anything – I’m so happy – its brilliant” She then got up and did a dance whilst singing “I got this, I’m so happy”**

CROCHET WITH MICHELLE GOULDER.  
27TH JULY 2022.



## Feedback from the group about their crochet experience.....



"I've done it, I'm so proud of myself. I'm nearly crying out of shock cos I've done it – show Michelle" (Lesley)

"Can we have Michelle again please?"

"I would really enjoy more crochet classes" (Gillian)

"Crochet class with Michelle has been brilliant – a real learning curve. I can crochet a chain and a double I will keep doing it at knit and natter" Liz



"Really enjoyed Michelle's class of crochet. Please let her come back." Carol.

"Crochet is great, would be nice to have some more lessons"

"Had a lovely time, learnt the right way to crochet. Would be nice to have crochet classes again".

"I learnt chain stitch, doubles stitch, treble stitch – I want to continue learning at home (was given worksheet) Thank you"

# September 2022 Art sessions at Whitley Bay Big Local and The BASE.

*"We don't need to do big things - look at the group - that lady is colouring the queen, another person is helping the other lady with things - they're all chatting - its just a really nice group - a get together - relaxed"*

*"I would like a permanent art session on a Wednesday afternoon".*

**Evaluation and reflection on what we have achieved and what's next.....**

*"Id like to continue art sessions and involve new people and friends".*

*"Create a sense of community and unity between communities through art".*



# 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September

We visited the local k4 red telephone box adopted by Whitley bay big local to gain inspiration about what artwork we could create for it.



5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 : The group coloured and made jewellery and worked in pairs to think of questions they could ask the group at the BASE

“What do you think about recycling?”

“What do your Grandparents or older family members tell you about past times?”

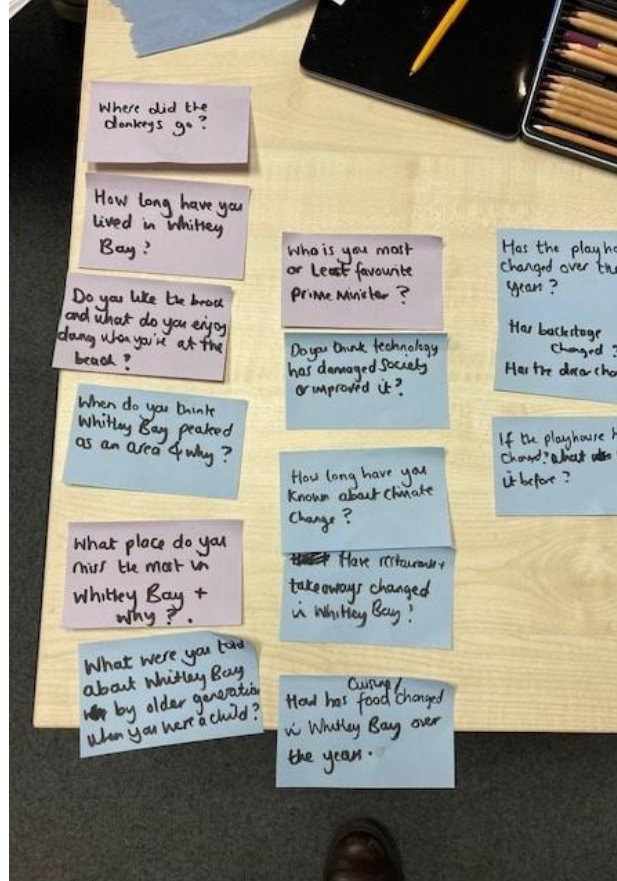
“What are you interested in?”

“How could we get involved in conservation activities?”

“What do you think about climate change?”

“What do you want Whitley Bay and the beaches to be like in future?”





6th October at The BASE – the group chatted about the importance of learning from different generations. One participant said *“It’s really important – it’s like... a window into the history of time – we can learn from people what it used to be like”*.



12th October: resident artist, Jason, returned to much delight from participants old and new

One participant who had just lost a close family member used the art activity to express their emotions through colour, drawing strength and encouragement from Jason around the healing qualities of art.



# 13<sup>th</sup> October at The Base.

- The group used oil pastels to explore colour mixing and linked it to different emotions they feel. One young person used the activity to express how they get frustrated with siblings and the rest of the group advised them on how manage these feelings.



# 19TH October exploring texture and its connection to memories and experiences

One participant described the texture of a rug that takes them back to childhood memories of gathering round the fire at home with their family.





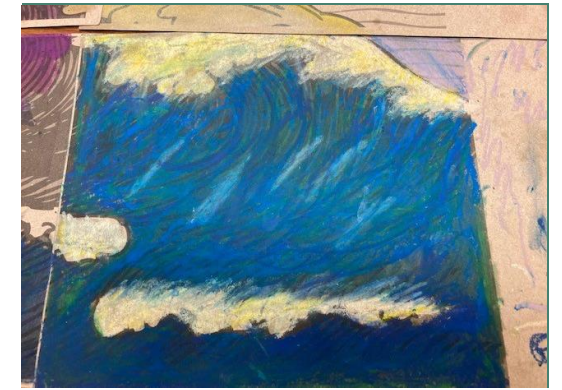
## 20<sup>th</sup> October at The BASE

- Using collage to express feelings through texture. The group are learning skills to help them when they make their ceramics and glass work.

# November 2022. Exploring texture, colour and feeling

- Jason Eason introduced different materials to the groups including oil pastels and shredded paper to explore how to portray emotions through colour and texture.

Jason also supported participants to interview each other to share their stories and get to know each other.





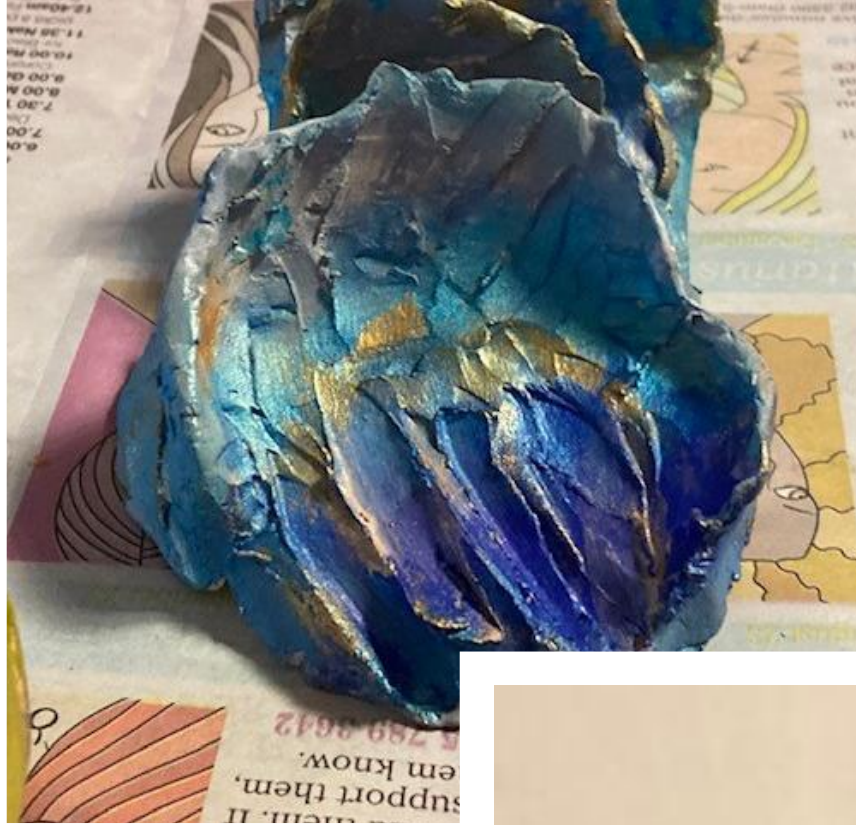
# Ceramics@ Whitley Bay Big Local

For the final part of the BayCreate project, everyone was keen to develop their skills with clay to create communal artwork that could be displayed inside or outside in the local community. With guidance from Michael at North Tyneside Arts Studio we crafted ceramics that will be used to create a community map inclusive of everyone.



Supporting and helping each other whilst getting creative with clay.

Participants painted their fired ceramics ready to place on the community map being created with Jason.





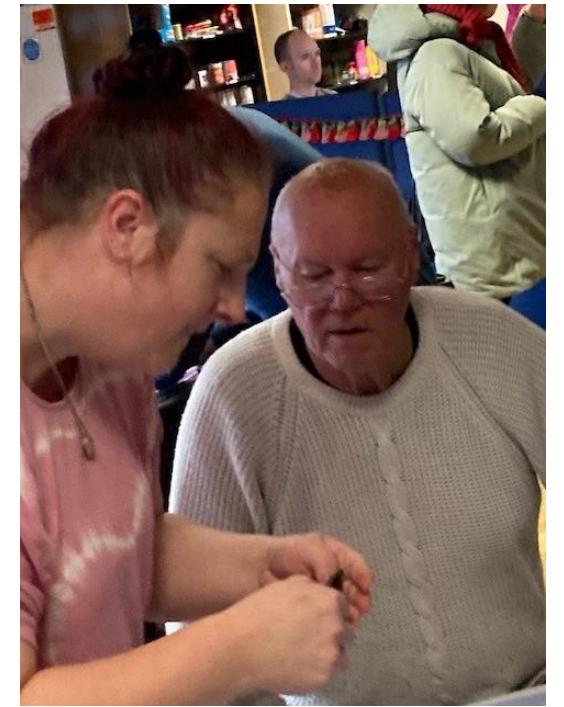
# What does the BayCreate community mean to you?

The ceramics created represented friendship, community, inclusivity, collaboration, love, respect, sharing ideas, confidence and positive mental wellbeing.



# Jewelry with Sarah-Jane

- One of our regular participants, Sarah-Jane kindly offered to teach jewelry making to the groups. Everyone loved the sessions and went home with beautiful pieces that they had made themselves.



## Working with Helen Grierson

Helen Grierson ran four fused glass workshops at her studio in Northumberland. Everyone who wanted to had a go at making a glass panel for the K4 phone box.



Participants cut, shaped and placed pieces of coloured glass and frit to create their representation of the coast and what means a lot to them



## Firing the panels

The finished panels look colourful and dramatic – depicting what the coast and the local area means to each individual.



Helen showed us her work and encouraged and supported every person to achieve what they wanted to make with their glass.



The groups also decorated glass Christmas trees with frit and glass rods. Vicky was thrilled with their Christmas tree decorated with pride colours.



Helen advised the group about different techniques, such as using paint to enhance the glass work.







Everyone agreed that they could have spent all day at the workshop, it was so much fun!











# Christmas party December 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.

The groups came together and celebrated Christmas with some wreath making, Christmas nibbles, jewelry making and a spot of music and dancing from Jean, who brought her tap shoes especially for the occasion.













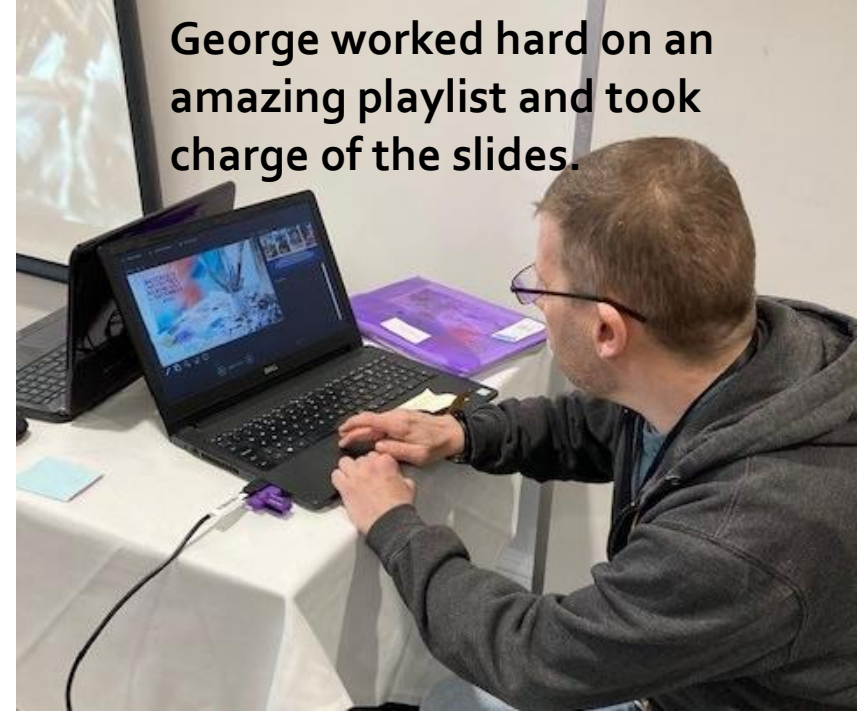
# Celebration time



BayCreate Final celebration and exhibition at Spanish City, Whitley Bay Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023.



Matthew sang 'I dreamed a dream' and was absolutely fantastic!



George worked hard on an amazing playlist and took charge of the slides.





The community artwork created by BayCreate participants alongside local artists







70 people attended the final celebration. It was a joyful afternoon with singing, scones and certificates!

Family, friends, colleagues from Barnardos and Whitley Bay Big Local, as well as local MP Alan Campbell and councillor Sandra Graham attended to celebrate the achievements of BayCreate.

Whitley Bay  
BayCreate  
CELEBRATION  
EVENT

22  
JANUARY 2023

OUR AIMS

- Generations are **CONNECTED**
- IMPROVED WELLNESS**
- People are **EMPOWERED**
- People are **LESS ISOLATED**

WELCOME from Helen and Sarah

2 YEAR PROJECT A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BARNARDS AND WHITLEY BAY BIG LOCAL

SPIRIT OF 2012

I dreamed a dream

MATTHEW

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

COMFORTING, ADVISING, TEACHING EACH OTHER

VIBRANT ECLECTIC  
Perfectly represents this community

A RICH AND WONDERFUL 2 YEARS

- WARMTH AND ACCEPTANCE -

WE ARE MORE ALIKE THAN WE ARE DIFFERENT

ALAN CAMPBELL MP

Congratulations on the artistic creativity

THE PROJECT REACHED OUT RIGHT ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

You join the long history of creativity and are on our beautiful coast

CONNECTION, COMMUNITY AND ENJOYMENT  
IN THE TOUGHEST OF TIMES

GRAPHICS BY - TIM KELLY - NEW PROSPECTS ASSOCIATION

During the celebration, local artist Tim created a live record of the event.

Difference is powerful.



Friendship is magic.

