Magic Carpet

Magic Carpet brings together creative practitioners and adults with learning disabilities and mental health difficulties through weekly art and drama groups. By making creativity accessible to all, the project provides opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, meet people and feel a sense of belonging.

Our year in numbers

124
People accessed Magic Carpet

3,033
Attendences across the year

806
Hours of creative workshops delivered

Magic Carpet is about more than attending a weekly session. Throughout the year, participants had opportunities to share their creativity, try something new and connect with others through three drama performances, two theatre trips, visits to Killerton and RAMM, and seasonal parties in collaboration with The Pelican Project.

A long, colourful mural featuring a variety of painted designs and patterns.

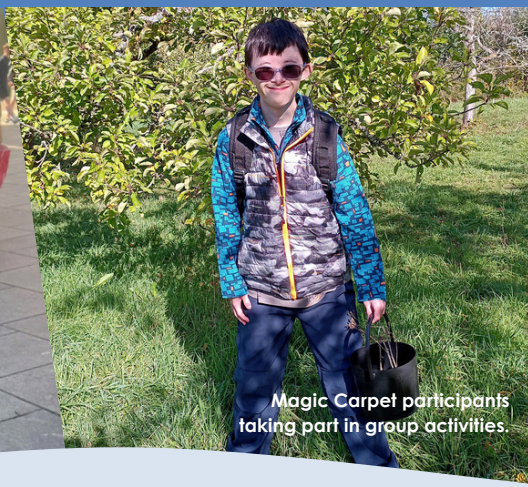
The difference we made

For some participants, the impact of Magic Carpet can be seen in a growing sense of confidence and independence. Matthew joined the Story into Art group and at first, he found creating artwork from his imagination difficult and needed encouragement to get started. Over time, he became more confident, began filling whole pages of his sketchbook and developed into a valued member of the group.

Recently, Matthew has performed at an open mic night and given a solo dance performance. His artwork has also been celebrated beyond the weekly sessions, including being featured in the Story into Art Calendar 2025.

"It's somewhere I can go on my own. Somewhere I belong." - **Matthew**

Matthew's story shows that the impact of creative support can extend far beyond the artwork itself. With the right encouragement and a welcoming environment, creativity can help people build confidence, develop independence and find a place where they feel they belong. To read Matthews story click here.



Magic Carpet participants taking part in group activities.

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