

# Curriculum Vitae

**Brian Raymond | Leaf Arts**

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an experienced visual community and participatory arts worker. I am able to deliver creative and dynamic visual arts projects with age & ability specific content leading to high quality art work.

My specialist arts skills include;

- Mosaics
- Creative Textiles
- Drawing
- Banners & Sails
- Sculpture

My projects are tailor made to meet the requirements of the participants. I work closely with primary and secondary schools, charities and community groups to support them with the creativity and arts skills that will enable them to accomplish their artistic vision.

Working in an inclusive, positive and supportive attitude with participants, while building open & trusting relationships with organisations, ensures the success and long term benefits of the arts projects I deliver.

**Public & Products Liability Insurance:**

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## KEY SKILLS

- Skilled to work in formal & informal education settings, mental health, youth & youth justice service, community cohesion, family learning, celebratory events & carnivals, amongst others.
- Experience of working with people of diverse ages, cultural backgrounds and skills.
- Project planning & management experience.
- Driven to succeed in the delivery of quality and creativity.
- Flexible approach and able to work within specific ethos, aims & objectives of your organisation.

## RECENT ARTS PROJECTS

- **START in Salford** 2011  
Meadowbrook Acute  
Mental Health ward  
Therapeutic art project with service users to create artwork for the hospital wards.
- **Curious Minds & Brookvale Primary school** 2011  
Sandstone Mysteries  
Exploring local history through a stone carving project with year 5 pupils.
- **The Children's Society, Rochdale** 2011  
The Young Heritage Detectives  
Exploring heritage with a group of asylum seekers leading to a gallery exhibition.
- **Manchester Day Parade** 2011  
Themed Community Float  
Commissioned by the Jewish Representative Council to work with a group of teenagers from Langdon College to create a themed float for the parade.

## PROJECT MANGEMENT

- **Festival of Diversity** 2007 – 2010  
Commissioned to manage a range of participatory arts projects with community groups and partner organisations.
- **United Utilities & Groundwork MSSTT** 2009-2010  
Gorton Community Landmark  
Lead artist & manager responsible for delivering a £30000 public arts project.
- **Salford Arts Development Team** 2007  
Community Arts Officer (6-month contract)
- **Arts Project Management** 2004 – 2008  
Various projects for Action Factory, PRESCAP, North Manchester Partnership Team

## QUALIFICATIONS

Arts Council England	Arts Award Adviser	2011
University of Bolton	MA Public Art ( <i>distinction</i> )	2007
Bury College	Certificate in Education (Cert Ed)	2005
Bury College, Manchester	TDLB D32 / D33	1998
Cape Technikon School of Art, Cape Town, South Africa	HND - Textile Design	1986
	HND - Fine Art	1986



## TESTIMONIALS

### Brookvale Primary School, Runcorn | 2011

Brian worked with our school as part of the Curious Minds, Creative Partnerships Scheme. Our school wished to create a stone sculpture... We wanted the sculpture to ... include the work of 30 children. Brian spent a lot of time in discussion with staff at school; he took on board our requirements and developed a successful project. He developed good relationships with both the staff and parents who were involved in the project.



Good relationships were also built with the children. When Brian was working with them he gave clear instructions and was always positive and encouraging of what they were doing. The children were taught how to use tools safely and he brought out a creative side in all the children. He handled Special Educational Needs children with sensitivity and managed to get the more challenging children to respond. The children worked with enthusiasm and behaved well for Brian.

Kate Kerr and Carolyn Danson



### Oldham Festival of Diversity | 2007 – 2010

It has been a pleasure to work with such a 'can-do' organisation, from project inception right the way through to delivery and final evaluation. The quality and detail of project management has been exceptional given the sometimes complex nature and needs of the projects; Project work that aims to bring different community groups and schools together to work on arts based activity. The Festival office has a very wide remit to support and deliver event activity in the Oldham Borough and it has been essential to identify organisations that have the creativity, experience and skill base to be able to take ideas, understand the overall picture and to lead on delivery, often requiring a facility for problem solving. The Festival has been able to confidently depend on Leaf Arts to deliver.



Leaf Arts contribution to The Festival's work with Extended Schools Development has had a significant impact on the quality of schools contribution to Festival showcase events and provided an opportunity to grow this area of work. Schools are clearly delighted with the quality of artists supplied by Leaf Arts and are keen to become more involved.

Richard Grossick  
Festival Development Officer

### St Paul's C.E Primary School, Royton, Oldham | 2010

Brian Raymond came to St Paul's C.E. Primary School, Royton to deliver some art workshops on a Carnival theme [as part of our artweek]. Brian worked with the whole primary age range. All the workshops were very appropriate for each age group, the timing of the workshops were excellent and all children produced good quality art work, which they could use in a carnival parade at the end of the week. The art work produced by Brian stood out in the parade and made it a very special event.



Comprehensive & up-to-date information can be found at [www.leaf-arts.co.uk](http://www.leaf-arts.co.uk)

## PAST COMMISSIONERS

Action Factory Arts  
Barnardo's  
Bolton at Home housing  
Bolton University  
Bury Art Gallery  
Bury Youth Service  
Cartwheel Arts  
Children's Society

Co-Op Bank  
Creative Partnerships  
Curious Minds  
Early Break Charity  
Festival Partnership Oldham  
Gallery Oldham  
Guinness Northern Counties  
Heaton Park

Irish Diaspora Foundation  
Lancashire County Council  
Manchester City Council  
Manchester International Arts  
Mid Peninne Arts  
New East Manchester  
NHS – North Manchester General  
NHS – Stepping Hill

Oldham Extended Schools  
PRESCAP  
Ribble Valley Housing  
Salford City Council  
Schools – Primary & Secondary  
START in Salfoerd  
United Utilities  
Whitworth Art Gallery