



## **Art, Culture and Disability Equality**

### **Arcadea Annual General Meeting 11 January 2011.**

#### **Minutes**

**Present:** Karen Sheader, George Wallace, Stuart Bracking, Janice Irving, Carolyn Roberts, Geof Armstrong, Katy Saunderson

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Anne Fletcher Williams, Helen Atkinson, Pauline Heath and Paula Greenwell.

#### **2. Minutes of AGM 3 December 2008.**

The minutes of the last AGM held on 3 December 2008 were proposed by George Wallace and seconded by Karen Sheader.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

It was noted that within a 6 month period following the last AGM 4 new members joined the board despite no director being in place at that time.

#### **4. Chairs Report**

The Chairs Report prepared by Karen Sheader was discussed in detail.

It was noted that the Plexus programmes had lost momentum with the loss of Vici Wreford-Sinnott, with more support being required in order to move forward.

Current organisational demands and allocation of time means that the previous levels of support offered to individuals is no longer feasible.

Arcadea need to look at other agencies that are better placed to offer this service.

Once Arcadea is in a more stable position one solution could be to work with agencies to make them aware of their responsibility to individuals as artists rather than disabled people. Current practices must be challenged so that change may happen.

Artists also need to be shown how to successfully build relationships with these agencies (if they are not disability arts practitioners). They need coaching on how to present and edit their work, as well understanding the boundaries of the relationship.

All members unanimously approved the report's content which will be edited down and prepared for accounts by Karen Sheader.

## **5. Presentation of Accounts**

Accounts independently examined by Carolyn Lamb. It was noted that the low overheads and period of inactivity has funded the purchase of new office equipment through the use of unrestricted funds. Accounts show value of old equipment (assets) to have depreciated to £0. Other unrestricted funds were used to establish a reserve. Approval of the audited accounts 2009-10 was proposed by Karen Sheader and seconded by George Wallace.

## **6. Election of Management Committee**

The following people were elected as committee members.

Karen Sheader was proposed by George Wallace and was seconded by Janice Irving.

Janice Irving was proposed by Carolyn Roberts and was seconded by Karen Sheader.

George Wallace was proposed by Stuart Bracking and was seconded by Carolyn Roberts.

Stuart Bracking was proposed by Karen Sheader and was seconded by Janice Irving.

Paula Greenwell was proposed by Karen Sheader and was seconded by George Wallace.

Pauline Heath was proposed by Stuart Bracking and seconded by Carolyn Roberts.

Helen Atkinson was proposed by George Wallace and was seconded by Karen Sheader.

The election of committee officer and treasurer posts will take place at the next committee meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Due to the combination of poor health and studies Aileen Haye has tendered her resignation to the board. It is with regret that the board agrees this action.

Geof Armstrong discussed inviting Kirsty Trimming to the next board meeting with a view to offering her a place on the board. Kirsty would be able to provide valuable knowledge with regards to her experiences as a young woman with learning difficulties.

Geof to mentor Kirsty before and during the next meeting in order to get her up to speed and ensure inclusiveness. Carolyn Roberts expressed an interest in attending this meeting so that she may further develop her understanding of the organisation.

Viability of continuing the Mimosa lecture discussed due to the low attendance numbers against the cost. It was agreed that a lecture can be a very passive experience and perhaps a more interactive event could be the solution. One option could be to provide workshops and discussion groups around Ju's current exhibition on the Scientific Model of Disability. This needs to be explored further.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.