



20th Anniversary Awards Ceremony

On Wednesday 27th October, 450 service users, staff and stakeholders celebrated Creative Support's 20th Anniversary at a gala Awards Ceremony at the Palace Hotel in Manchester. We were pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Mark Hackett, who presented trophies to the winners of the Creativity Competitions. Guests were treated to musical entertainment from 3 bands, all of which included service users and staff with outstanding musical talent: The Bay City Strollers from Morecambe; John Williams and Ronnie Hoyte from Manchester; and Carlo from Birmingham.

There was also a special video booth where service users and staff shared their stories, memories and dreams for the future, to contribute to the Creative Support film that will be shown on Manchester's own Channel M (also available on Sky and Virgin) throughout December.

Stuart (below) said: 'The party was fantastic, everyone enjoyed it and looked gorgeous in their fancy dress. I was the king of the dance floor. Thank you everyone!'



Service users and staff from Birmingham (top)
Jenny and Andrew from Middlesbrough (above)
Stuart and Lydia from Manchester (left)

Competition and Award Winners

Thanks to everyone who nominated someone to win an award or entered the Creativity Competitions.

Congratulations to the winners:

Service User Award Winners

Community Champion

Gerry Burke, Accrington

Healthy & Hearty

Andrew Porter, Middlesbrough

Money Matters

Michael Taylor, Audenshaw

Personal Achievement

Kenny Dore, Manchester

Safety Hero

Tenants at Simonside Court, South Shields

Staff Award Winners

Above & Beyond - Direct Support Staff

Gill Ross, Bury Complex Needs

Above & Beyond - Team

Blackburn Social Inclusion Service

Above & Beyond - Other Staff

Claire Lumb, Area Manager

Innovation

Oldham Road Staff Team

Inspiration

Sharon Lawrence, Redcar

Stakeholder Award Winners

Dr Ronalds, Ladybarn Medical Practice

Gillian Egan, Moss Care Housing

Julie Bird, CPN, Manchester

Julie Cole & John Raine, Leeds Council

Pat Bardsley, Community Alcohol Team

Creativity Competition Winners

Arts & Crafts

Colin Wilson, Warrington

Creative Writing

Helen Anderson, Redcar

Performance Arts

Warrington Day Centre Drama Group

Photography

Peter Hineson, Whitby

Poster

Morecambe Art Group

Art Exhibition

Members of the Art Group at Blackburn's Social Inclusion Service displayed their work at an art exhibition in Preston. The exhibition brought together mental health support groups from all over the North West in a celebration of creativity ranging from pottery to paintings. The weekend featured painting and drawing workshops, public speakers and art for sale and friends from the Blackburn project (right) went to visit.



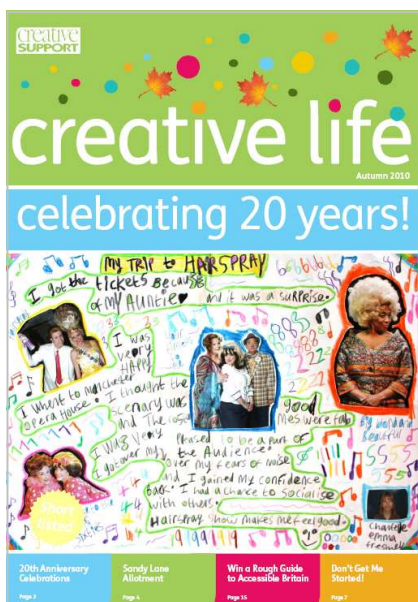
Grub & Gossip

Creative Support was pleased to host a Grub & Gossip event at St Luke's Church in Longsight, Manchester. This event was put on in partnership with Food Futures and part of the Manchester Food & Drink Festival. Guests enjoyed hearty meals of homemade shepherd's pie and apple crumble, cake decorating, demonstrations from Wiltshire Farm Foods and a good old natter.



Creative Life

Look out for the Autumn issue of Creative Life, which will be sent to all projects soon. We're really keen to get more readers involved through reporting, researching and being on the editorial team, so if you're interested, get in touch! It's packed with news, stories and some exciting new features so don't miss it!



New contracts

Clitheroe, Lancashire

Self directed supported living service for 4 young men, due to commence in January 2011.

Wythenshawe, Manchester

Brand new supported living scheme in Willow Park for adults with a learning disability or physical disability.

Bolton, Lancashire

A new three phase service for adults with autism. Commences January 2011.

November



November challenges men to change their appearance and the face of men's health by growing a moustache. The rules are simple, grow a moustache for the entire month. The moustache becomes the means by which awareness and funds are raised for cancers that affect men. Creative Support is encouraging staff and service users to join this fun fundraiser so don't forget to send your photos for the November newsletter!

Film training

In September Creative Support selected three service users, James, Phil and Roy to undergo training in filming skills including camera, sound recording and interview techniques so they could contribute to the film being made to celebrate 20 years of Creative Support, will be screened on Manchester's own Channel M in December. The team have been travelling around the country to Creative Support projects filming some of the Service User Involvement Month activities and interviewing service users and staff.

The project is a collaboration between Creative Support, The University of Salford and Manchester production company Zemap. The cameras were also rolling at Creative Support's Award Ceremony at The Palace Hotel at the end of October. The team hope to establish a small Creative Support film unit in the New Year.



Michael, Roy, Phil and James