

Spectacle runs creative workshops with children, young people and parents. These workshops are with groups such as Barnados, Genesis, Mam Matters, and Ignite.

These workshops develop the confidence and skills of those attending.

*'Spectacle... a wonderful agency to work with as they have the capacity to adapt each session to the needs presented in each group. This ensures they get the best out of everyone. Participants are particularly nervous as most have not engaged in group work, the fun aspect helps to break down these barriers and participants leave the sessions feeling up lifted.*

*... the opportunity to play has been useful for participants with language barriers especially where English is a second language... participants were able to follow the activity through observation of the larger group, greatly assisting group cohesion.*

*...the participants had the opportunity to reflect on their life experiences in a safe and supportive way. This proved to be a powerful experience for many participants.*

*We value the input from Spectacle Theatre and we feel they offer a high value service'*

*Dawn Parker Genesis 2012*

During the last two years many of these parents and young people have repeatedly expressed a need for affordable creative based activity run by Spectacle Theatre. This activity would be primarily for the young people but also for the parents and guardians. They clearly state that their children ask for such an activity but they are unable to meet this request because of expense and distance to travel.

We would remove barriers by offering a free service based in the Mid Rhondda area.

We would work with and train volunteers to continue the service beyond the initial 10 week period.

When working with parents whose children have conditions such as ADHD or similar a need was expressed for creative activities for the children, enabling the adults to meet and discuss with people in similar situations. The adults felt comfortable in such a setting and requested more activities like this.

The need has also been evidenced through evaluation of projects such as Pen Y Waun (Community Cohesion project) Glyncoch (Literacy project) Rhydyfelen (Young boy's project) and discussion with Communities First , Youth Arts Service Partnership (RCT) and Theatre group Monocle .

There was a clear positive response for such a group and Spectacle is uniquely placed to create such a group.

