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## 'Welsh Magic'\*: the arts in dementia care in Wales

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#### Who am I, and what do I do?

- NOT a scientist in a white coat!
- Doctor of Ageing and Dementia
- Researcher in dementia CARE
- (Cake is a researcher's secret

#### Why promote the arts for in dementia care?

"The vast majority of...research goes towards the expensive and laborious task of finding both cause and cure. The arts will not provide a cure. But the arts programs I have personally facilitated and observed have provided dramatic improvements in quality of life for caregivers and people with dementia...

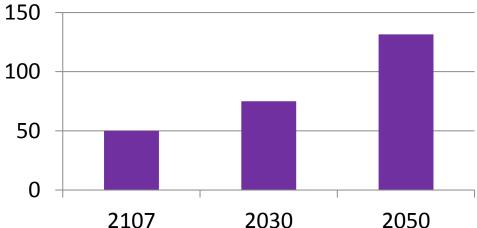


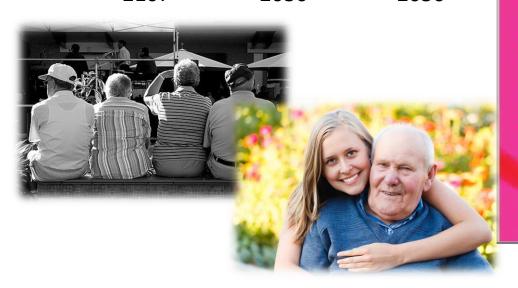


...We should certainly continue investing in the search for a cure, but we should also invest in research, design, and implementation that clearly improves life today. Creative expression among people with dementia...offers us the chance to bring hope to the lives of people with dementia and those who care for them" (p.20; Basting, 2006)

Dementia is a global challenge and for each person living with dementia, there are friends and families supporting them, also affected by dementia.

#### Number (million) of people living with dementia worldwide







#### Dementia research roadmap for prevention, diagnosis, intervention and care by 2025

An opportunity to align national dementia strategies and research

Society

Against

Alzheimer's Society, January 2018

### Individual perspectives: Henry (Alive Inside)





After

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RcbddBfoaG4

### Individual perspectives: Tommy (Dementia Diaries)



"MUSIC SEEMS TO REACH PARTS OF THE DAMAGED BRAIN IN WAYS THAT OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION CANNOT"



#### - by Tommy Dunne

"I had an interesting chat on Twitter last night about music and singing and dementia care. My thoughts on the subject were: music seems to reach parts of the damaged brain in ways that other forms of communication cannot.

To be able to live well in old age people need to be able to access social opportunities and pursuits that engage body and mind. Music can help reduce isolation, promote active engagement, communication, and creativity. It also helps to provide an opportunity for families to share experiences and relationships with our loved ones.

#### www.dementiadiaries.org



#### cARTrefu: Creating artists in residents Evaluation Report 2015-2017

The Baring Foundation

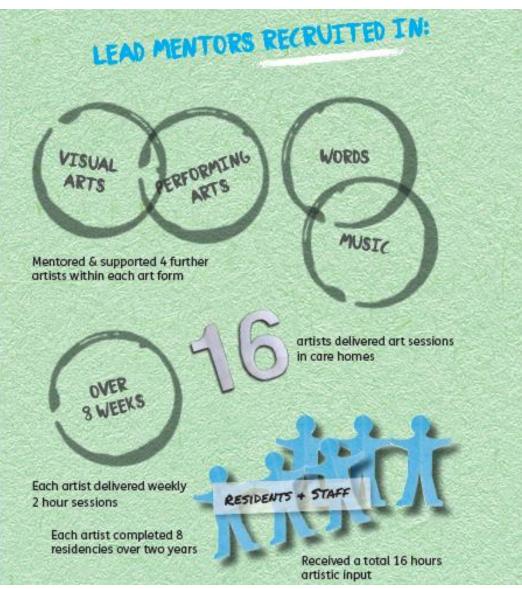




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### What is cARTrefu?

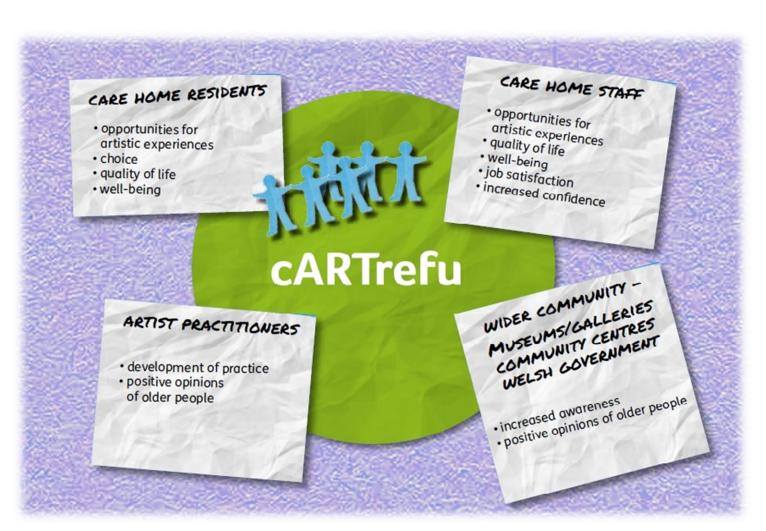




- Quality participatory arts experiences
- Professional development of artists
- Collect evidence that arts contribute to well being and improve quality of life
- Training of care home staff to lead creative sessions







#### cARTrefu in numbers...

The numbers involved in cARTrefu demonstrate the impressive scale of the project, making it the largest scale project of its kind in Wales:

hours of free arts provision in care homes

cARTrefu workshops were delivered over the two years

residents and

staff members took part in the main evaluation. 477

care homes took part in cARTrefu

(nearly 20% of the care homes in Wales)

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residents and

staff members took part in the pilot





residents attended one or more cARTrefu sessions



## Impact of cARTrefu residencies

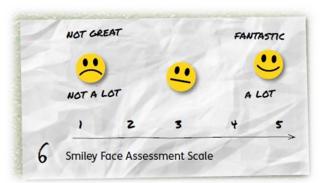






#### CARE HOME RESIDENTS









 Statistically significant improvement in well-being score.

" I WAS HAVING A PERFECTLY HORRIBLE DAY TODAY UNTIL WE DID THIS I FEEL COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOW."

### Enjoyment



average (mean) enjoyment of session ratings were 4 and above on a 5 point scale

36%

of session ratings achieved the highest possible level for enjoyment

581

"WELL I WOULD NEVER HAVE

THOUGHT I'D BE HAVING SUCH

FUN. MY BELLY IS HURTING

NOW [FROM LAUGHING SO

MUCHJ."

+Wider impact such as socialising more and regaining skills such as using a knife and fork·

#### CARE HOME STAFF

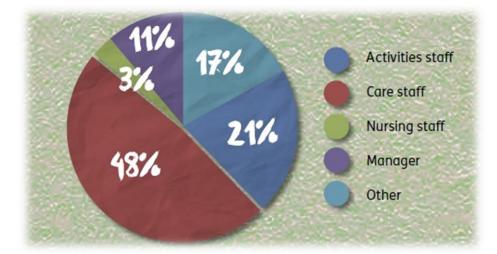


#### **Care Home Staff**

By May 1st 2017, 272 staff members had taken part in the evaluation. Of these, 55% (149) of staff members completed both pre and post questionnaires.

#### 6.5 years





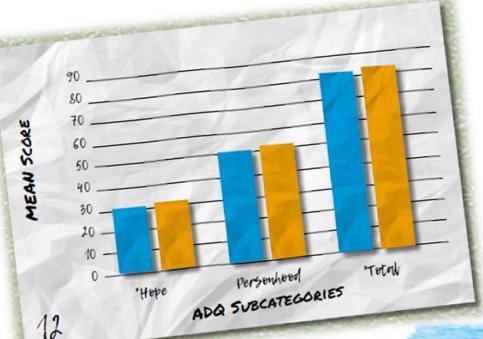
- More likely to seek out participatory and spectator art activities outside of work.\*
- More likely to consider visits to local art exhibitions, concerts, or theatre with residents.
- Increased confidence to lead a creative arts session in care home.\*





\*Statistically significant

# Approaches to dementia (ADQ)



- Increase in total ADQ score\*
- Increase in perception of 'hope'\*

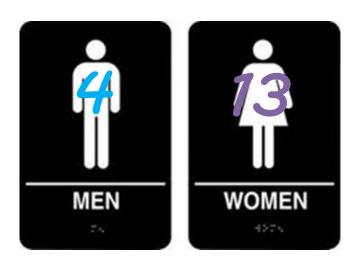
"[IT] MADE ME REALISE RESIDENTS ARE MORE CAPABLE THAN ONE MIGHT GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR"

\*Statistically significant



# ARTIST PRACTITIONERS and MENTORS

4 mentors
17 artist practitioners



"EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO DEVELOP MY FACILITATING SKILLS UNDER MENTORED SUPERVISION, UNDER MENTORED SUPERVISION, UHILST POSITIVELY IMPACTING DEOPLE'S LIVES."





# Approaches to dementia (ADQ)

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- Increase in total ADQ score\*
- Increase in perception of hope\*
- Increase in recognition of personhood\*



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"I FEEL MORE FULFILLED AS AN ARTIST THROUGH HAVING BEEN CHALLENGED BOTH TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF WORKING AND MY OWN EMOTIONAL RESPONSES...I WANT TO CONTINUE THIS WORK"

Personal development and the development of new skills



#### **Mentoring Process**







- Planning / preparation
- Approach of person leading the session
- Implementation / set up of session
- Group participants

"PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE 'PLAN'! BE PREPARED TO LISTEN, LOVE AND RESPECT THE 'LEAST' IN YOUR GROUP."





Beyond an increased appreciation of the arts and into fundamental elements of personcartrefu centred care.

Artists own practice

Sharing results on national and international academic stage

cARTrefu activity pack

### cARTrefu II: 2017-2019

- 12 artist practitioners
- Less emphasis on distinct art forms DEAR VISUAL ARTS GROUP WALES,
- 6 residencies of 12 weeks
- 864 more free workshops
- throughout Wales so Far (that's 25% of all care homes) and have been invited to talk about the project at conferences in Copenhagen, Sydney. An and London Walee truly is leading the way whe invited to talk about the project at conferences in Copenhagen, Sydney, Edinburgh, Belfast, Barcelona and London. Wales truly is leading the way when it comee to the impact of arts on dementia and we're project that cARTrefu is a dinburgh, Belfast, Barcelona and London. Wales truly is leading the way when i comes to the impact of arts on dementia and we're proud that cARTrefu is a significant part of Wales' ambirions in this field We are delighted to announce that we will be e Focus on exhibiting work to intervent of the state of the artists at the Courtyard in Hereford from We'd also like to start a conversation about where we go from here. We'd love to hear from contemporary art spaces and venues that are interested in our cARTrefu offer. sts to present their refu cube; a cross-art We'd also like to start a conversation about where we go from here. We'd love to hear from contemporary art spaces and venues that are interested in our cARTrefu cube. We are keen to talk to vou shout vour cARTrefu offer, including the cARTrefu cube. We are keen to talk to vou shout vour conce vour 'rom contemporary art spaces and venues that are interested in our cARTrefu offer including the cARTrefu cube. We are keen to talk to you about your spaces, your priorities and artistic programming and how we can work together to present work including the cAR Trefu cube. We are keen to talk to you about your Spaces, your priorities and artistic programming and how we can work together to present work that excites and challennes people's expectations of art created in care homes priorities and artistic programming and how we can work together to present work that excites and challenges people's expectations of art created in care homes.



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You can Find out more about our diverse range of artists and their work below.

cARTrefu: Exhibition



IMAGINATION; THE MORE YOU USE IT THE BETTER IT GETS, LIKE A MUSCLE."

## Creative Conversations

#### Using the arts to enhance the skills of dementia care staff

Partnership between Bangor University, Dementia Positive and Flintshire County Council Social Services



## Why?

Rather than helping staff understand how to communicate with older people, including those living with dementia, training for care staff tends to focus on manual handling, fire safety, and safeguarding (Older People's Commissioner for Wales, 2014) ...oers Involved In refu demonstrate the opressive scale of the project, making it the largest scale project of its kind in Wales:

hours of free arts provision in care homes

916

residents attended one or more cARTrefu sessions

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cARTrefu workshops were delivered over the two years

residents and

## Why the arts?



Ph. D. 2015 CAN A VISUAL ART INTERVENTION INCREASE QUALITY OF LIFE & WELL-BEING K. H. ALGAR IN CARE HOME RESIDENTS WITH DEMENTIA AN EXPLORATORY STUDY

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During previous projects, the arts enabled staff to really get to know those they cared for. This quote is taken from my PhD work:

"I was negative · I didn't think that they would display any interest · That they would just sit there maybe for a couple of minutes and they'd be agitated, edgy and wouldn't want to do it...and I thought you'd be wasting your time if I'm honest"

"I was surprised at their level of ability And I'm ashamed to say it"

"It's really changed my opinion of what they are willing and able to do, really"



# Aim of the project

To develop and test a 'Creative Conversations' intervention to improve the quality of interaction between care staff and people living with dementia

"The arts for encouraging new ideas and different ways to engage with different residents"

#### The Creative Conversations Programme

- Aims to develop skills of dementia care staff using the arts.
- Has a remit for developing compassionate communication and quality of relationships between staff and those they care for.
- Encourages staff to use the skills developed in sessions in everyday interactions in the care home (rather than a time-limited activity session)

Aimed at frontline staff rather than activities staff as wanted to encourage this in day-to-day life in the care home.



'Creative Conversations' is based on and takes its' inspiration from two earlier programmes:

- 1.
- The Descartes project conceived by Hannah Zeilig, (Zeilig, Poland, Killick & Fox, 2015, The arts in Dementia Care Education, in Journal of Public Mental Health 14(1) 18-23.) Descartes innovated the use of arts based material to educate care home staff.
  - The Arts and Older People Project and John Killick at The Courtyard, Hereford. This project used poetry to enhance creative conversations and enable compassionate communication. (The Arts and Older People Project and Killick, J. (2015) The best words, in the best order: A toolkit for making poems in dementia care settings. The Courtyard Centre for Arts, Hereford).

## Creative Sessions

- Groups of 12 staff (4 from 3 different care homes
- 4 creative sessions over 12 weeks
- 2 hours with a break in middle
- Unconventional venues:
- Informal approach
- No facts given
- High degree of sharing
- Personhood asserted throughout without being stated

Uses the arts on 2 levels:

**1**. As an educational tool for introducing a topic for discussion

2. As short creative practical activities to try back in the care home





#### Who took part?

- 14 care homes- 49 care staffcompleted

#### Staff Demographic data

Age (Mean)	41.74
Gender, Female (%)	100
Ethnicity, White British (%)	100
Total years of employment in care homes (Mean)	11.85



By Luke Pickering-Jones

## The approach

- Co-produced from inception to infinity and beyond...
  - Bangor University
  - Flintshire Social Services
  - John Killick
  - Care homes
  - Advisory group

 Social Services and Well-being Act 2014

The links

- "A Place to Call Home"
- Embedded in 'Progress for Providers'



## The opportunity

- Develop local workforce
- Strengthening the relationship
- Opening the doors to research
- Investing in care

# The rewards

- Staff Time Covered
- Travel/ child care expenses
- Specialist Knowledge Fees
- Prize Draw:
  - VIP Pantomime Experience
  - Creating Conversation Tablecloths

## Impact – An appetite for being Creative

- Positive response from care staff
- Valued space to reflect on own practice
- Opportunity for discussion and to learn from other staff
- Learning through the arts strengthened their understanding of residents and role of non-verbal communication.

Arts can be weaved into everyday interactions

## THE FUTURE IS OURS TO CREATE.

## The Future

- Creative Conversations is continuing in Flintshire
- 12 Courses Planned 2019-20
- 2 courses for Care Staff and 2 for Family Carers
- Product development meetings

Zoom in (Ctrl+Plus)

### Creative Conversations Workshops for Care Home Staff

The Creative Conversations programme aims to develop the skills of care staff using the arts. The facilitator delivers the training in 'creative sessions' of up to two hours long over four creative sessions delivered over 12 weeks.

#### The Workshop Aims to:

- Develop skills of care staff using the arts (e.g. Poetry, visual art, film photography, music).
- Developing compassionate communication and quality of relationships between staff and those they care for.
- Encourages staff to use the skills developed in sessions in everyday interactions in the care home (rather than a time-limited activity session)

Two programmes are available with limited spaces:

1.	Venue:	Horse and Jockey Pub, Church Road, Buckley
	Dates:	15th January, 29th January, 26th February, 26th March 2019
	Time:	2pm-4pm
2.	Venue:	Flint Cinema, Church Street, Flint
	Dates:	18th January ,1 <sup>st</sup> February,1 <sup>st</sup> March, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
	Time:	2pm-4pm

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#### Staff must attend all workshop dates of a programme

### To book please contact luke@newcis.org.uk

Dementia Positive

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### Creative Conversations Workshops for Family Carers

The Creative Conversations programme aims to offer the creative skills to family carers of people living with dementia using the arts. The facilitator delivers the workshops in 'creative sessions' of up to two hours long over four creative sessions delivered over 12 weeks.

The Workshops Aims to:

- Help carers within their role, to have meaningful and positive interactions with their loved one during difficult times
- Develop skills of carers using the arts (e.g. Poetry, visual art, film photography, music).
- Encourages carers to use the skills developed in sessions in everyday interactions at home.

Two programmes are available with limited spaces:

1.	Venue:	Horse and Jockey Pub, Church Road, Buckley
	Dates:	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 26 <sup>th</sup> February,26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
	Time:	11am-1pm
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#### Respite is available for you to attend these workshops

### To book please contact luke@newcis.org.uk

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## The arts can benefit all involved

- Individuals at home
- Community groups
- People living in care homes
- Those supporting people living with dementia (family and professional caregivers)
- Artists
- Service Providers
- Wider community

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of life, support, and program perceptions were obtained through interviews. SROI was undertaken to explore the wider social value of the arts activities.

#### Results

An input of £189,498 (\$279,320/€257,338) to deliver the groups created a social value of £980,717 (\$1,445,577/€1,331,814). This equates to a base case scenario of £/S/€5,18 of social value generated for every £/S/€1 invested. Sensitivity analysis produced a range from £/S/€2,20 to £/S/€6.62 per £/S/€1, depending on assumptions about benefit materialization; financial value of participants' time; and length of sustained benefit.

#### Discussion

To our knowledge, this is the first study applying SROI to an arts intervention for people with dementia. Arts-based activities appear to provide a positive SROI under a range of assumptions.

#### Implications

Decision makers are increasingly seeking wider forms of economic evidence surrounding the costs and benefits of activities. This analysis is useful for service providers at all levels, from local government to care homes.

## So where is the magic?

• Strong cultural heritage



Enthusiasm and skill of those leading sessions

• Partnerships





Ability to work on a national scale

This presentation has only given two example projects using the arts in dementia care. There are so many fantastic programmes across Wales such as Lost in Art, the Artisan Collective in Prestatyn, Arts in the Armchair (Theatre Clwyd) just to mention a few local examples.

#### Open Access

#### BMJ Open Dementia and Imagination: a mixed-methods protocol for arts and science research

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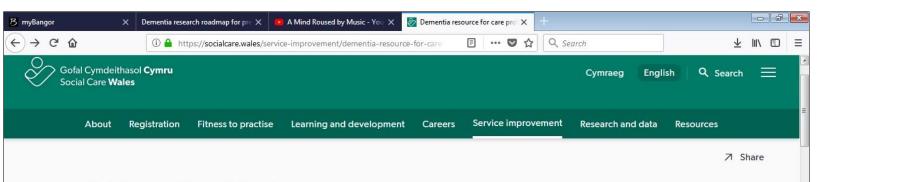


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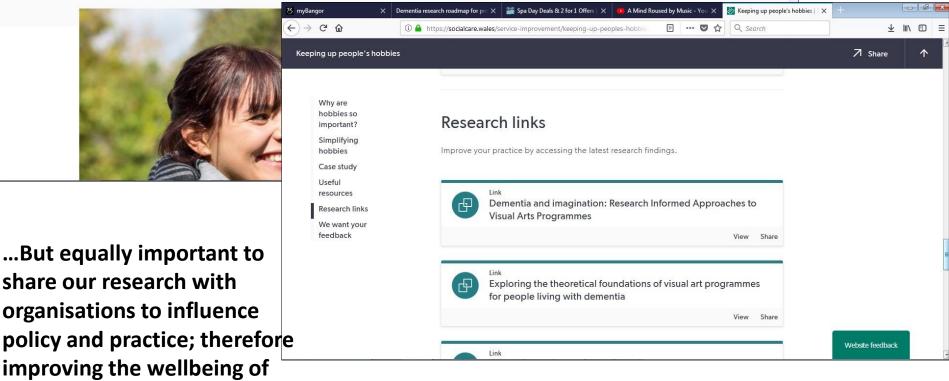
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Service improvement / People with dementia

### Dementia resource for care professionals



organisations to influence policy and practice; therefore improving the wellbeing of those living with dementia and those who support them



North Wales dementia network Rhwydwaith dementia Gogledd Cymru

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### **Grwpiau DEEP groups**

Social groups/peer support for people living with dementia (& families)

### **DEEP in Deeside (Flintshire):**

The first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Contact Teresa (<u>teresa.davies53@hotmail.com</u> / 07766 833856

## Halcyon Quest (Conwy & Denbighshire):

Last Tuesday of every month. Contact Chris Roberts (<u>mason4233@live.co.uk</u>)

DEEP United (Dwyfor & Meirionydd): The group meet every 2 months Contact Emma Quaeck

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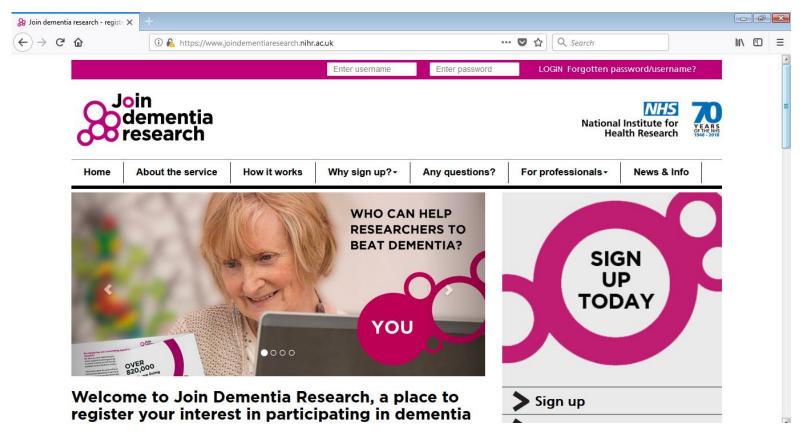


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### CREATING ARTISTS IN RESIDENTS

A national arts in care homes participatory and mentoring programme

A DSDC Wales Evaluation on behalf of Age Cymru





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