



Making a Scene is not:

- Drama therapy
- Art therapy
- An outlet for specific therapies
- A group without a Specific Purpose
- A vehicle for Endorsing products or various therapies



Volunteering opportunities:

- Management group members
- Fundraising group
- Publicity group
- Helping with the Newsletter
- Helping organise events
- Group facilitators (including for the workshops and short projects)
- Theatre Studies/community theatre/ photography etc students can gain experience and add to their CV by working with us to run some of our small projects

Friends of Making a Scene:

non members & members of the group who wish to support the group, financially through membership, regular donations etc, help with events fundraising: raffles, donations, products, workshops, short projects, car boot sales, stalls at events, organising our own events, selling promotional materials, booklets, CD's, DVD's, etc, coffee mornings, sponsorship, help with producing a newsletter



To view our latest work *Writing Out Loud* online or read more about the group visit:

www.city-eye.co.uk

And click on Making a Scene

To order a copy of our latest DVD *Writing Out Loud* which includes a bonus feature of: *The Lost Art of Mindreading* a film made by the group, please email us for an order form:

gphilpott@solentmind.org.uk

Some info can be found at:

www.purplepoet.org

This site does not belong to Making a Scene and has information on it about a variety of organisations

If you would like more information about our short projects or would like to commission us to run one in your group, organisation, day services, inpatient unit etc. Please email us or write to us at the address below, please do not phone the Solent Mind office, for this information as we do not have any Making a Scene workers in the building and so they would be unable to assist you.

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Service User led
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Creative Arts/Drama
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Who are Making a Scene?

We are currently a small group of people who get together to provide a creative arts group.

We started out several years ago as a service user led and managed drama group. We employed a paid drama tutor/director Deborah Gearing, who has worked extensively with Making a Scene.

Deborah is a director and playwright, and currently working on a play for the National Theatre, whilst Deborah still works with us occasionally her other commitments mean that she can no longer work with us on a permanent basis. We value the input and support Deborah still gives Making a Scene.

We employ specialist sessional arts workers when we are working on specific projects.

We have facilitators in all our workshops and groups who are current or ex service users and have gained experience of facilitating drama workshops.

All facilitators work as part of the group, being involved in the projects as well as helping to facilitate them.

The group has naturally developed into much more than purely a drama focused group; we have also been involved in designing and delivering training, campaigning, raising public awareness through creativity rather than confrontation, promoting and developing service user involvement, promoting mental and physical wellbeing and personal development.

We are for the biggest part a creative arts group, incorporating: creative writing, music, movement, dance, improvisation, mask work, drama games, film making, photography, art.

For information on becoming a making a Scene member please contact us, details overleaf.

What is the Core Group

- A chance to learn new skills
- A chance to work as part of a group
- Counteracts social isolation
- A chance to make new friends
- Hope for the future
- A chance to work with a variety of different arts workers and different creative arts
- A chance to work with Students from local universities
- The opportunity to produce a wide variety of work using various media
- The opportunity to improve confidence and communication skills and the Chance to write, do live performance, produce short films, CD's, DVD's, pamphlets, booklets, contribute to website and much more.

What have we done so far?

- Performed at local theatres and colleges
- Run workshops
- Created and produced DVDs
- Been part of developing and delivering mental health awareness training
- Developed a website page in collaboration with City Eye
- Delivered presentations and workshops at conferences
- Worked with other organisations and agencies to develop and deliver training and services
- We have produced a Social Inclusion Broadcast CD ROM for CSIP copies can be obtained from Mel Andrews: Tel: 01483 246470 or email mel.andrews@csip.org.uk to read more about our experiences with the project visits:

<http://www.southeast.csip.org.uk/silo/files/newsc-april-2008.pdf>

How are we funded?

For the past three years we have received no continuous funding and have survived by charging for: short projects, delivering training, workshops, conferences and consultation work as well as selling our DVDs

We do receive a couple of regular donations from the family of one of our founder members.

We are now looking for funding to expand the group again to provide a core group who meet on a regular basis as well as the one off workshops and short projects.

And of course we accept donations! To find out how to donate please contact us, details overleaf.

Who have we worked with?

Deborah Gearing, Dave White and Susan Beckett from **City Eye**, Desmond Spence, **Jamie Simms**, Solent Peoples Theatre, **The Wells Place Centre**, King Alfred's College, **Solent Mind**, PIP project (based on Wellness Recovery Action Plan), **SEDC (South East Development Centre)**, Various County Councils, **National Mind**, Martin Harris

What next?

We are aiming to start the core group again as from Oct 08, contact us for info and membership form.

We are currently applying for funding to develop the group.

We hope to work more in partnership with local groups, organisations and colleges.

We aim to produce our own website

Our project is continuously developing and growing, it is always an exciting and interesting group to be part of. We have many talented and committed members of the group who work in many different ways, not everyone wishes to perform and there are many other ways people can contribute, core management group, writing, producing, filming, editing, admin, publicity, Friends of Making a Scene etc.

We are also applying for funding to produce a video looking at Recovery.