



Culture Cares Conference 2021

Online Workshop Breakout Sessions

During Culture Cares Conference 2021, there will be two breakout sessions. Below you will find information about both digital workshops available.

You will be sent a link and password to join your session nearer the time.

1) Blue Cabin

[Blue Cabin](#) is a 5-year-old Charity. Our work is targeted on transforming outcomes for Care Experienced Children & Young People (CECYP) through creative activities with artists. We work with key partners to achieve this & our programmes always have the following elements:

- Participation / Co-creation with CECYP (and the adults in their lives) working alongside freelance artists
- Partnership (local authorities, artists, arts organisations, charities)
- Evaluation / Research (to understand outcomes and long-term impact of the work)

The evidence shows that outcomes for CECYP can be transformed when they have regular and ongoing opportunities to develop positive relationships with the people in their lives.

The opportunities that we design and develop are always facilitated by Artists – we see the role of creativity as being both a fundamental human right for all children and young people AND the mechanism that can bring people together to experience something which is fun, joyful, exciting, sometimes scary and challenging and based upon a sense of equality and imagination.

About the Creative Life Story Work Programme -

[Creative Life Story Work](#) combines activities facilitated by professional artists with therapeutic life story work, to help children and young people better understand their own life stories. Between 2018 and 2020, Blue Cabin worked with [South Tyneside Council](#), [Richard Rose](#) and a team of Associate Artists (Pady O'Connor, Michelle Wood, Elena Miller and Nicola Golightly) to roll out this new approach.

We're now using what we learnt in South Tyneside to roll out this approach across Gateshead, South Tyneside and Darlington Councils, to improve the lives of care-experienced children and young people.

Come along to the online session where the team from Blue Cabin will explain what Creative Life Story Work is, share the learning from the current roll out in the North East and support you to take part in a creative, practical 'All About Me' activity.

The session will be relaxed, creative and conversational.

2) The Big House

THE BIG HOUSE PRESENTS: BULLET TONGUE RELOADED Maggie Norris started The Big House in 2012 after extensive work in prison. She was alarmed by the staggering numbers who had been in care. The current statistics reveal that 40% of all prisoners under 21 have been in care. Our award-winning charity was set up to ensure earlier intervention and extended support networks for care leavers and marginalised young people.

The Big House has a unique model of working with socially excluded care leavers using drama combined with counselling and wraparound support to help realise their potential and develop key skills as they transition to independence.

Bullet Tongue Reloaded is a hard-hitting, powerful and authentic show centred around 'gang culture' and County Lines. Vulnerable children and young people who face adverse childhood experiences, or are in care, are often purposely selected and groomed into trafficking drugs by individuals and criminal organisations with the promise of friendship, status and money. The story of Bullet Tongue Reloaded follows the character of Bumper, who has become

heavily involved in criminal activities. Bumper, like many young people from difficult backgrounds, desperately seeks belonging, acceptance and love from her friends. Using immersive theatre, The Big House leads its audience into the hidden and thought-provoking world of marginalised young people involved in gang activity. We will take you by the ears and eyes and show you the reality of the voices who often go unheard. Bullet Tongue Reloaded provides the opportunity for the audience to gain a better understanding of these young people's experience.

Find Out More: <https://thebighouse.uk.com/bullet-tongue-reloaded/>