It’s All in The Detail
creative practices within social care

Thursday 5th May 2016 at 2pm
Room 1505, Dalhousie Building, University of Dundee

A presentation by artists and their collaborators exploring the innovative work with people with profound learning disabilities on the Artlink Ideas Team. The talk will explore some of the approaches emerging from one to one work with people with high support needs, the impact of the work on the individual and their care structures and its wider relevance to understanding and supporting people with learning disabilities.

At a time of cuts to care resulting in greater stress on families and carers, we need to think creatively about the ways we provide support for very vulnerable people, ensuring access to innovative work as well as to basic care.

Ideas Team is an Artlink research project that explores the inner worlds of people with profound learning disabilities and seeks to re-interpret those worlds through differing art forms. Its aim is to painstakingly observe the uniqueness of the individual’s world in order to build an awareness of that world seeking outcomes that have a positive impact on the individual’s quality of life. As a direct result, ways of caring change, new perspectives are formed and more positive ways of interacting with people with profound learning disabilities are unearthed.

And what of the artworks?
In the emerging artworks, audience and artist intermix, buildings sing, people travel through space, and time slows down as objects and rooms become other - reflecting what we have learned about these very personal worlds. This work will culminate in an exhibition and national conference at Tramway in 2018.

Artlink is an arts and disability organisation established in 1984. Artlink believes participation in the arts has an important role to play in realising personal and social change.

For catering purposes, if you would like to attend, please contact Rosanne Bell
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