



Living Portraits Project Invitation to participate



Living Portraits is part of Hat Fair's *Celebrating Age* project, a two year programme of arts activity for, with and about older people.

Hat Fair are delivering three projects exploring the realities of life as an older person in the UK which, through theatre and film, celebrate positive images of older people.

In 2017, we completed our successful rural tour of Hat Fair and Flintlock Theatre's production of *Four Score Years and Ten*, an immersive verbatim theatre piece based on the lives of six local 90 year olds from Winchester. Alongside the tour, we began our *Living Portraits* project, an inter-generational participation project with local young people and older participants that resulting in 3 celebratory portraits of older Winchester residents that were inspired by their life, home environment and experiences. These were exhibited as part of last year's Woolly Hat Fair.

We are returning with more ambitious activity in 2018 re-running this intergenerational multimedia project to create further *Living Portraits* of older people from Winchester. The project will be a fusion of ideas between young and older people. The younger people will become artistic collaborators as they learn and create these media portraits through a whole series of workshops with professional film makers, theatre makers, historians and of course meetings and interviews with older people.

We are inviting young people from across Hampshire, and another group in Northamptonshire, to participate in this intergenerational art project made in collaboration with local older people.

The following video will give you an insight into the 2017 round of *Living Portraits*:

<https://vimeo.com/255889716/b48d6d5084>



By signing up to this project, your group will have unique access to the following

Workshops (to take place in April/May):

- *Verbatim theatre and interviewing techniques* with Flintlock Theatre
- *Oral history and interviewing techniques* with Hampshire Records Office, Winchester or Heritage Development, Corby
- *Capturing live performance on screen* with a film maker from SDNA. Their work can be seen at www.movingimage.art

As well as:

- Meet and Greet with local older people, culminating in buddying up groups of 2 younger people and 1 older person
- A chance to put their skills into practice as they take part in the interview with the older person, working with the film maker to capture this on camera
- Showcase their work in an exhibition in future Hat Fair projects, with a launch on *Saturday 30 June* as part of Hat Fair 2018, reaching an audience of thousands.

Cost £200 per group. We are committed to giving opportunities to young people, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if the cost is prohibitive, or you would like to discuss how you can be involved.

This project is funded by the Arts Council England and Baring Foundation Celebrating Age grant.

Register Your Interest

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to discuss how the project could fit in with your group, or to sign up please contact:

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