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converse theatre is a social enterprise delivering projects focussed on the wellbeing of individuals, organisations and communities.

current/ongoing work

Developmental Transformations (DvT) UK

since Feb 2011

DvT involves the continuous transformation of embodied encounters in a playspace. It is a method of embodied psychotherapy, meditation, performance, and an approach to social change. Converse Theatre's John Bowtell is one of the UK training co-ordinators.

www.developmentaltransformations.com

No-Name Playback (Derby)

since Autumn 2010

Converse works in collaboration with this playback theatre company which has performed as part of a project for women who have experienced domestic violence (October 2010) at a Pupil Referral Unit (November 2010) and for Transition Derby (Jan 2011)

School Transitions

June-July 2007/9/11

Working with children from four feeder primary schools making the transition to Monks Dyke school in Louth

Junior Doctor's induction programme

since 2009

Facilitation of members of the Grimsby Drama Group and Service User Forum to deliver a session on Service User perspective.

Pathfinder Theatre Project

since 2007

Ongoing research into drama as a vehicle for self-cultivation with Pathfinder Studio. Converse Theatre has been involved in Genet's **The Maids** (2007) and Ibsen's **A Doll's House** (2008) and Miller's **The Crucible** (2010) <http://www.pathfinderstudio.co.uk/>

Messages Group

since 2005

Ongoing work with learning disabled adults in Grantham. Performances have included **Cinderella** (2008) and **The Story Bag** (2009)

Grimsby Drama Group

since 2004

Ongoing therapeutic theatre project with mental health group funded through Direct Payments. The group have performed **The Trouble with Sarah** as part of World Mental Health Day and SRV training projects.

previous work

Clinical Psychology Training

Training through role play for University of Sheffield

October 2009 & 2010

Dramatherapy in schools

Provision of co-therapist for project with EBSS in Lincolnshire

Autumn 2009-Summer 2010

Phoenix & the Nicotine Kid

Performance piece created for the stop smoking service

Spring 2010

Public Health Video projects

Script development and direction for a range of video projects for public health in North and North East Lincolnshire including Mental Health in the Workplace, Intergenerational, Boy's and Men's Health

2009-10

Lifestyle Theatre

Wellbeing and employability project engaging people experiencing occupational deprivation in Grimsby

Autumn 2008-Spring 2010

Celebrating Success

"Winner" and "Alice in NHS Wonderland" created for Lincolnshire PCT staff awards events

Feb 2009 & Feb 2010

SRV Training project

Facilitation of Grimsby Theatre group contribution to staff training project for North East Lincolnshire Care Trust Plus

Dec 2007 – Dec 2009

Dramatherapy Adult Mental Health pilot project

Encompassing clinical work, staff training and community engagement for North East Lincolnshire Care Trust Plus

Jan-Oct 2009

School Transitions

Working with children from four feeder primary schools making the transition to Monks Dyke school in Louth

June-July 2007 & 2009

Day & Night

Second filmmaking project with an integrated group including young people with disabilities Dance Delight (www.insideoutdance.co.uk)

2009

Alternative Tutorial project

Funded by Centre for Education Research Development, examining the potential of therapeutic drama in the context of tutorial processes for undergraduate studies at University of Lincoln

Autumn 2008-Spring 2009

Smoking Cessation

Script development for public health film

2008-9

Clinical Leadership

Training through role play for Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

June 2008 & Feb 2009

Everybody's NHS?

Performance based facilitation beginning the development of Single Equality Schemes for NHS organisations in Lincolnshire

April - December 2008

- Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference** *March 2008*
Presentation on the potential of drama with people with ASD and Asperger's and their carers.
- Challenging Stigma** *January 2008*
Facilitation at partnership stakeholder event for Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- ETE Apprenticeship project** *Autumn 2007*
Video about young care leaver's in apprenticeships for the Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service
- Parklife** *Autumn 2007*
Award-winning filmmaking project with an integrated group including young people with disabilities Dance Delight (www.insideoutdance.co.uk)
- Drama4Life** *Spring 2006 - Summer 2007*
Building confidence of young people involved with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services through work at The Collection in Lincoln
- i3** *March-June 2007*
Visioning project for mental health services across Leeds using playback theatre
- The PCT of the Future** *May 2007*
Staff development event for senior management of Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust
- Moving/Images** *March 2007*
Expressive arts workshop for Women & Wellbeing conference in Derby
- Eric & Edith online** *Feb 2007*
Performance and workshop facilitating networking for the launch of Lincolnshire Cooperative Development Agency's website
- Act by Right** *Feb 2007*
Forum theatre project for young people in Lincolnshire on issues of campaigning
- Stoppres** *Feb 2007*
Forum theatre project addressing the use of language in the reporting of suicide and mental illness in the media for Government Office North East, Yorkshire and Humber.
- STEP Conference** *June 2006*
Working with users towards performance at East Midlands Early Intervention In Psychosis conference
- CSIP Development day** *June 2006*
Organisational development project for Care Services Improvement Partnership NEYH
- 38 Daffodils phase 2 – forum for young people** *Spring 2006*
Interactive performance piece examining social & anti-social behaviour for 10-13 year olds
- The Joy of Clinical Governance** *Autumn 2005/Spring 2006*
Project addressing organisational issues in North Lincolnshire PCT
- Portable Panto project** *Autumn 2005/Spring 2006*
Pantomime for elderly people in residential care and children from immigrant communities
- Made in Lincolnshire** *November 2005*
Video sharing of contemporary dance practice for *lincolnshire dance*
- Roots: Routes** *November 2005*
Virtual & actual guides for exhibition of community based practice by *artsNK*

- Democracy Day** *October 2005*
Performance & workshop project exploring local government with E2E clients
- St Katherine's Priory Community Centre Launch Project** *Summer 2005*
Performance piece celebrating social enterprise and catalysing engagement with community of St Katherine's area in Lincoln.
- 38 Daffodils** *Spring 2005*
New work looking at anti-social behaviour based on work with young and elderly people in South Kesteven
- Maltings Community Consultation Project** *Spring 2005*
Using theatre to get views of local people on proposed redevelopment of Bass Maltings in Sleaford
- Oh No Not Again!** *April 2005*
Performance and workshop piece made for all the Lincolnshire NHS Trusts addressing access to emergency care services.
- Shaping The Role** *2004 – 2005*
An innovative active research and evaluation project on the new job role of STR (Support, Time & Recovery) worker funded by Trent NHS Workforce Development Confederation
- NOBL** *Autumn 2004*
Performance and workshop piece made for Lincolnshire CDA and Urban Challenge for audiences of voluntary sector agencies to stimulate thinking about social enterprise and cooperative ownership.
- The Doctors** *October 2004*
Street theatre piece commissioned by a day centre in Lincoln for World Mental Health Day
- Do you Mind..?** *Autumn 2003 and 2004*
Challenging the stigma around mental illness. Initially toured widely in village halls, mental health institutions, theatres and conferences. Second tour focussed on schools.
- Interior Landscapes** *Autumn 2003*
Video/dance piece toured village halls in mid Lincolnshire as part of the Grounding project.
- Food for Thought** *Summer 2003*
Devising and performing a new play with patients and staff at Rampton Hospital.
- Grounding** *2003*
SRB-funded project in rural mid-Lincolnshire with a particular focus on engaging young people, older people and people with disabilities
- Lysistrata Project** *Spring 2003*
Lincolnshire's part of an international project providing a theatre forum for local people to discuss the impending war in Iraq.
- Tryangle 2** *Spring 2003*
Theatre/video project with young people at Horncastle Youth Centre in collaboration with Transition Media Arts.
- Essence of Care** *2002-2003*
Commission by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust as staff training tool
- Groundance** *Summer/Autumn 2002*
Multi-media inter-generational community dance performance in Lincoln
- Off the Page** *May 2002*
Intensive research into an active script development process with local writers in collaboration with Blackfriars Arts Centre.

Tryangle Project Youth Arts pilot initiative at Mablethorpe Youth Centre.	Spring 2002
India Collaboration with Yellowbelly T.I.E on the life of Ghandi & the story behind Diwali.	Spring 2002
Transitions Follow-up combined arts and installation project with users of mental health services in Lincoln and Grantham in partnership with Lincolnshire Dance and Artlink.	Summer/Autumn 2001
being here Residency project at the Peter Hodgkinson Centre mental health unit	Spring 2001
Behold the Man Touring show based on Michael Moorcock's novella.	1999-2000
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead - Tom Stoppard Touring show in collaboration with the Lincoln Shakespeare Company	Autumn 1999
Waiting For Godot - Samuel Beckett Touring performance in Youth Centres and other venues	Spring 1999
Two - Jim Cartwright Toured pubs and bar venues	1998
Look Back in Anger - John Osborne Toured Lincolnshire theatre spaces	Autumn 1997
Mountain Lanuage and The Dumb Waiter - Harold Pinter Multimedia collaboration with deaf community in English and BSL, toured Lincolnshire	Spring 1997
A Resounding Tinkle - N.F. Simpson with After Magritte - Tom Stoppard Toured Lincolnshire theatre spaces	Autumn 1996
Brimstone and Treacle - Dennis Potter Performed at NK School and Spilsby Theatre	Spring 1996
Betrayal - Harold Pinter Touring production	1995