**As agreed at the meeting on 26th June 2014.**

**Terms and Reference for Arts for Dementia Therapy Network (North West)**

The impetus to establish the Project emerged from discussions and consultations with delegates at the Arts Therapy for Dementia Awareness Sessions organised by Centre of Wellbeing, Training & Culture (CWTC) on 27th March 2014 and 17th April 2014 in association with NHS England Greater Manchester, Lancashire and South Cumbria Clinical Network and Senate, HMR Clinical Commissioning Group Social Investment Fund, Link4Life and Alzheimer’s Society. (Report available on NHS England website).

Arts for Dementia Therapy Network (NW) - ADTN (NW)aims to bring together individuals, artists and organisations to promote the quality of life of people living with dementia and mental health issues, support family carers and work with local communities using the creative arts.

CWTC is the lead organisation for the establishment and development of Arts for Dementia Therapy Network (North West)**.**

1. **Brief Background to CWTC**

CWTC is a community arts and media development organisation formed in 1987 and is a registered charity. MAMC works with hard to reach groups in the borough to provide; arts and media skill based workshops; courses in dementia, mental health & wellbeing awareness, employment skills, leadership skills, supporting carers, music therapy, studio recording, film production, apprenticeship scheme, work placements, workclub@wtc, interfaith and community and cohesion group events in the Rochdale Borough and Greater Manchester.

For this ADTN (NW), CWTC aims to promote connections and collaborations between people with dementia, their carers, commissioners, health, housing and social care providers, policy makers and practitioners, cultural institutions, artists and academics to share and exchange knowledge about the use of creative arts to improve the health and wellbeing of those living with dementia.

1. **Aims**

**The Purpose of ADTN (NW) project:**

1. Raising awareness of Dementia awareness and encouraging people to take

responsibility for their health.

1. Personal development
2. Acquisition of art and craft skills and knowledge from all cultures.
3. Organise Social activity and participation
4. Staff development for health professionals on the use of arts
5. Develop Website of information, events, artists, training, diary of events, etc.
6. Evidence impact of activities on users (e.g. using WEMWEB, film, audio, etc.)
7. Communication between consumers and the health and social care agencies
8. Cross-sector partnership working
9. Aesthetic improvement of buildings and environments
10. Fundraise for projects.
11. **Strategies:**
12. Work together to ensure that arts plays an important part in the lives of people living with Dementia and have a place in the public life of the community.
13. Organise workshops and events for arts participation.
14. Use occasions such as significant health and social care seminars, forums, cultural and community events to invite members of other communities, particularly from the BME in the Network.
15. Invite Arts Therapists to meetings, seminars and events during the year.
16. Review projects to determine aims and impact.

**Free Membership - Conditions of Membership**

* People living with Dementia, Carers, Members of the Public
* People with Mental Health issues
* Artists
* Arts and Heritage
* Museums
* School Teachers
* Youth Service
* Health and Social Care Service providers

are welcome to join.

Members are expected to fully engage in networking and to attend meetings whenever possible.

Members are entitled to vote at meetings and may be asked to sit on Group or take on specific tasks from time to time as required for the effective running of the group.

Members will be expected to participate in the group’s website; to provide information for this purpose; and to update this as required.

Members organising at events organised by the group will be expected to fully participate in setting up and clearing up.

From time to time Honorary Membership may be offered to members who, through age or infirmity are no longer able to fully participate in the running of the group.

Acceptance of the Terms and Reference is a condition of membership.

Any concerns raised regarding individual membership will be reviewed by the Group whose decision on these matters will be final

**Associate Membership**

Associate members are people who have expressed an interest in the group and wish to be kept up to date with developments and activities. They will be circulated with information and related group activities from time to time.

They may from time to time be asked to help with such things as the organisations of events.

They will not be entitled to vote at meetings but may be invited to attend from time to time when their input would be appreciated on a particular issue in which they have expertise.

At the discretion of the Group, members who for any reason cannot fully participate in group activities may be held on this list and will be encouraged to re-join as soon as they are able. Associate members will not be included on group website(s).

**Management**

The Group will meet regularly to set future targets and discuss how these can be met.

CWTC will be leading and supporting the group to ensure continuity.

As the need arises, the Group may invite other members or an expert from outside membership.

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