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Personal Statement

I am an experienced and committed professional artist with a passion for working creatively with children and young people. I have spent almost twenty five years working in schools and other educational establishments as a workshop provider, project leader, consultant and trainer. During this time I have devised and delivered art projects in over five hundred Primary and Secondary schools and I regularly provide art workshops for museums, theatres, libraries and as a part of festivals or events. I also offer schools 'tailor made' art training sessions which encourage and inspire both teaching staff and support workers. I have also led numerous visual art workshops for newly qualified teachers and PGCE students covering practical art skills and methodology.

Being involved in projects nationwide has given me the opportunity to work creatively with children and young people of all ages and from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. I also have considerable experience of working with children with 'special educational needs' including those with behavioural problems, moderate to severe learning difficulties, hearing and visual impairment and students with physical disabilities.

Throughout my career I have worked hard to build up a strong reputation as an innovative and highly skilled arts educator. I am organised and reliable and I always plan the details of each project carefully. I offer a broad range of 'visual art' workshops and projects and will tailor these to suit any age-group or theme. These sessions prove popular with both children and adults alike, not only for the variety of techniques involved but also for the positive ethos that I promote.

"I always approach projects enthusiastically and try to get all of the participants involved and engaged as quickly as I can. I set clear boundaries for their behaviour and try to incorporate as many of the children's ideas as possible. I like to create an atmosphere where children of all ages feel included and important. In this safe and positive environment they are able to be imaginative and take risks." - Darrell Wakelam ~ 2014

Education

1985 - 1987 ~ **Foundation Art and Design** including 'A' level Art/History of Art - Bournville College of Art
Btec National Diploma - General Art and Design - Bournville College of Art

1987 - 1990 ~ **BA (HONS) Degree** - Design/Illustration – Birmingham City University

Employment History

1992 - 2005 ~ **Art Lecturer** – Ingestre Hall Residential Arts Centre, Staffordshire.
Head of department with responsibility for the planning and delivery of all art projects and workshops, the structure of the curriculum, the creation of displays and the ordering and managing of stock and materials.

2005 - 2014 ~ **Self employed art educator and consultant** - Jekyll & Hyde
In 2005 due to increasing demand for my services I set up my own business, 'Jekyll & Hyde'.
This enabled me to continue to provide high quality school based art workshops whilst at the same time increasing my availability to provide art projects, training and advice for other potential clients. During the first eight years of trading I have provided art projects and workshops for over six hundred different client groups and delivered training sessions for a number of arts organisations and County Council departments.