Task and Finish Group on Participation in the Arts in Wales

Inquiry into Participation in the Arts in Wales

Response from Participant

1. What kind of arts activities do you currently participate in (for example, drama, music, arts, writing, crafts, filmmaking, dancing)?

Fine art, printmaking, textiles, crafts, music

2. Why do you participate in arts activities?

Because I am a curious creative individual

- 3. Has arts provision been withdrawn in your area because of budget cuts? Yes
- 4. If so, how has this affected you?

Many independent artists are no longer able to offer workshops due to prohibitive costs of insurance and police checks

5. Do you think that people have enough opportunity to participate in arts activities in your area?

No

6. Would anything help you to participate more in the arts?

A regional print centre or contemporary gallery within 20 miles would be nice

7. What might stop you from taking part in arts activities (for example, accessibility)?

Prohibitive cost of fuel - most venues are a considerable distance from my home