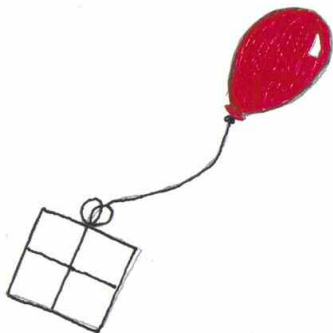
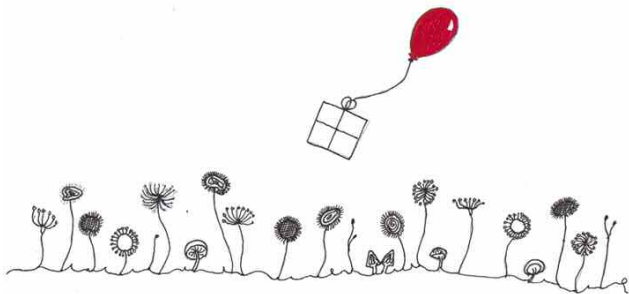


Who are
box of frogs?



About box of frogs

box of frogs is a social enterprise made up of a skilled and growing team of specialists, volunteers, work placements, peer consultants, artists, researchers and facilitators. We focus on creative service user and customer engagement, consultation, community and personal development, mental health and wellbeing and training. Over the last six years we have grown into an organisation that has worked across the North West and beyond...



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“[box of frogs] work so hard to make things a success... It was great that some of the board and Management Team could see what people were saying first hand, because service users are the ones that inspire, more so than reading it from a document. On a personal level I just really enjoy working with you and watching you gives me confidence to try things out myself. Since I worked with you last year I have changed the way the strategy group works. We do the formal stuff one month but an informal workshop the alternate month and this is working really well.”

Jackie Hill, Service User Involvement Manager, Making Space

What we do . . .

We design and deliver a range of creative consultation projects, from small one off events to large scale consultations with hundreds of service users across an extended period time. Previous and current clients include: Midland Heart Housing Association (Birmingham), Making Space (North of England), Bolton Bond Board, Cheshire MBC, East Lancashire PCT, Tameside MBC, Government Office for the North West, The Children's Society and 42nd Street (Manchester).

We run engaging, accessible and interesting training courses including: Creative Evaluation, Facilitation and Groupwork Skills, Mystery Shopping, Peer Reviewing, Engaging Hard to Reach Groups and Meaningful Inclusion. Training has been delivered to, among others, Children's Society staff, Midland Heart, several Sure Start centres, PCT workers, In Communities Bradford and a number of local councils.

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We organise and facilitate conferences and medium scale events, spicing up the (un)usual proceedings with humour, activities, drama and interactive and lively discussion leading to a shared understanding and insight, with a view to developing provision. Our conferences have covered Housing and Homelessness, models of good practice, health and well being, personalisation and personal budgets and stimulating the service marketplace to encourage micro providers and many other topics.

We manage a theatre company made up of community-based actors who provide thought-provoking and stimulating drama scenes, which encourage the audience to discuss the issues of today, such as health and wellbeing, service provision, community involvement, life and everything else besides. The performances have been seen by over a 1000 people across the country including Sitra conferences, Bolton MBC and Nottinghamshire County Council.

"During the past twelve months box of frogs have helped me to rebuild my confidence. I personally look at the group as a kind of family, we all get on and look out for each other in a genuine and kind way. I have learned many things about the community in Bolton which, if I had not been part of the group, I would have been oblivious to. The drama is a fantastic way for the group to put forward their ideas from their own perspectives in life. BRILLIANT!"

Tez - former Alcohol and Drugs Solutions service user, long time member of Bolton's Community Experts Panel and box of frogs' Theatre Company

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