

Creative Together, Coproduction and Cushions

Coproduction is a process.

An open space to progress.

It's not a survey or a questionnaire.

You need to tear up your preconceptions

And open up your bias

Tie up those loose ends

Be Brave, have courage, make amends

For the people you support who feel trends escape them

Aspiration, dreams are everything

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Not a question of "what do you want to do?"

Think it through

How can people be what they cannot see?

Staff - What are your passions?

Explore fashions – think on your feet

Get the bit between your teeth

Staff – you are allowed to explore possibility

You gift so much energy... to your work

There are perks – to coproduction

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Here the art class played with black and colour

Crayon, chalk and pens

Odds and ends from a box in a corner

Cupboard Forgotten and dusty

Imaginations were not rusty

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The people did not know

What could be magicked from this flow

Cushions from a Bug? A stub of chalk?

What do they talk about?

How can people be what they cannot see?

Until we show – not tell

Then let the people weave their own spell

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The bugs were transported, printed on fabric

Boutique velvet soft and bright

Delivered to Bradford where ladies bent over machines

Cut it with precision and decisions were made

Of piping and backing and stacking of finished products

Collected with care and delight

After their fight

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Staff expertise supported, paved, believed

A spell was cast..

But the magic – came from the People

Who dared to walk that path,

They cleared branches that blocked their view

Who knew?

That the bugs would come out of hiding

Bring pride, an achievement of *their* desire.

Now they pledge what they were promised.

The people gather here to help you

Too.