

# 5 great reasons to support Venture Arts

Venture Arts is a supported studio in Manchester working with learning disabled artists. Here are just some of the impacts of our work:

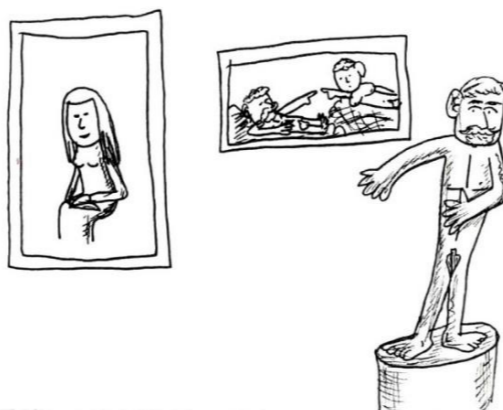
## We nurture talent that might otherwise never be discovered.

Our people may have fewer educational opportunities or limited access to traditional channels for developing their artistic practice. Our individually-tailored approach and accessible facilities allow all our artists to reach their creative potential, express themselves and achieve great things through the arts.



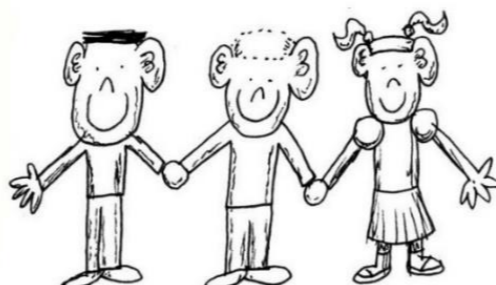
## We make sure learning disabled artists get the recognition they deserve.

Learning disabled people face negative attitudes from others on a daily basis. They find themselves talked down to, underestimated, discriminated against – or outright ignored. Research by Scope found that 1 in 7 disabled people have experienced others ignoring them or simply pretending not to see them. At VA, we tirelessly champion the work of learning disabled people. In 2018 we held 8 exhibitions reaching more than 30,000 visitors, raising the profile of our artists and sending a vital message about the contribution they have to make - and making them harder to ignore.



## Our people forge great friendships & supportive networks.

Disabled people experience disproportionate levels of social isolation and loneliness. Research by the Jo Cox Commission revealed that almost half of disabled people feel lonely 'most days'. At Venture Arts, 100% of our participants make new friends and 69% say that they feel more included in society.



## We improve health & wellbeing.

69% of our people experience a reduced need for care, mental health or anger management interventions. These impacts can be transformative and lead to a healthier, happier and more independent life. Plus, it's estimated that this saves the NHS and local authority services £104,000 per year.



## We create a warm, safe & accepting space where everybody can be themselves.

Around 6,000 hate crimes against disabled people are recorded every year (and it's estimated that many more than this go unreported). So it's more important than ever that learning disabled artists have a place to develop their creative practice where they are valued and respected, and their talent is recognised and celebrated every day. 92% of those attending Venture Arts say they feel a 'sense of belonging' here.