

# D'ARTS

Disability Arts in Exeter

## Meet the team

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**Gale Ward** works at Exeter College with students with learning disabilities. She helped run a Drama Club for many years and is an active Trustee. She has been involved with D'Arts for a long time volunteering every Saturday and at D'ArtsFest.

*"I love making new experiences possible for people"*



**Nancy Wilson** has been involved since the beginning and is a long-standing Trustee. She has worked in education for many years in and around Exeter at Exeter College, Exeter Deaf Academy and Oakwood Court Specialist College. She volunteers on Saturdays and at D'ArtsFest.

*"I enjoy seeing everyone being creative and having ongoing friendships"*



**Kathy Strong** is a long-standing Trustee and also Mum to Will, who is an active member of D'Arts. She brings a wealth of experience to the team as a parent and also provides creative links through her own creative activities. She helps a lot with the setting up and running of D'ArtsFest.



**Liz Northcott** worked at Exeter College for years and knows many of our participants. She has been involved since the early days providing the vital social glue..lunch! Every Saturday she makes the lunches and also brings homemade cakes for teatime. She volunteers at D'ArtsFest running the ever popular cake stall!

*"I love seeing everybody, it keeps me busy and its lovely to catch up with old students from Exeter College"*



**Judith Hedley-Dent** is one of the founding members of D'Arts. She has spent most of her working life in Further Education with students with learning disabilities including 10 years at Exeter College. She ran a Drama Club in Exeter for many years. Judith's main job now is the organisation and administration of D'Arts and the annual festival D'ArtsFest.

*"I love being involved with such a great team and seeing the joy and excitement on people's faces as they try new creative experiences and enjoy friendship and laughter"*



**Jean Pritchard** is our latest Trustee, having recently moved to Devon. She has been volunteering at D'ArtsFest during the past few years and now volunteers every Saturday. She has spent her working life with people with learning disabilities as an Employment Advisor for Mencap and then as a special needs teacher in Coventry. Jean is also a creative potter.

*"I like making, creating and being with people"*



**Jackie Makin** works for Devon County Council and has worked with people with learning disabilities for many years and knows many of our participants. Her current post is in Adult Safeguarding offering advice, information and education.

*"I like seeing people enjoying themselves and encouraging them to be involved in community activities"*