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**‘Looking Forward with Jude’ Drama Group: Fact Sheet**

**About the group**

Jude Theatre Company CIC and Looking Forward Groups and Activities are working in partnership to provide a weekly 1 ½ hour drama workshop, during term time, for young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities living in Cheshire East. With the support of Cheshire East Council, we are able to offer this provision for **FREE** to those who are eligible.

**Aims**

This group aims to facilitate achievement and social development opportunities for the promotion of physical and mental wellbeing and independence.

**Activities and Dates**

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| Dates (week beginning) | Theme | Activity |
| 8th Sep – 15th Dec 2014 | Raising confidence, exploring aspirations and developing employability skills | In-house performance of participant devised monologues as a group. Creation of an individual achievement scrapbook, video or CV.  |
| 5th Jan- 30th Mar 2015 | Develop social skills and relationship awareness | Production of a number of short films exploring relationship boundaries and safety. |
|  |  | All projects will involve the opportunity to achieve AQA Unit awards |

**Day and Time**

We have arranged two taster sessions to establish which day of the week and time will be the most suitable for participants and their families/guardians:

**Taster Sessions**

1. Monday 8th September 1-2.30pm
2. Wednesday 17th September 1-2.30pm

This group is open to all who are eligible and we welcome your thoughts upon the suitability of a variety of days and times.

**Location**

United Reformed Church, Antrobus Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1HE

**Eligibility Criteria**

The group will be run by professionally trained staff and volunteers with experience working with both drama and participants with learning difficulties and disabilities. The provision is therefore designed so support participants who:

* Have a learning difficulty and/or disability;
* Are aged between 18-30;
* Have independent personal care skills;
* Are able to demonstrate a level of understanding necessary for their development;
* Do not behave in a way which is likely to cause a risk to themselves, other members or staff.

If you feel a prospective participant has any additional needs beyond those listed above, please contact us to arrange an individual assessment for potential involvement.

**Funding and Consent**

 The group is **FREE** to participants thanks to the support of the Cheshire East Council Adult Innovation Fund, therefore no payment is required. We do however require evidence of parent/guardian awareness of participation and emergency contact information.

**Contacts**

For more information about the group please call Helen on 07884434101 or email helenlees@judetheatrecompany.co.uk. You can also find out more about

**Jude Theatre Company CIC** @ [www.judetheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.judetheatrecompany.co.uk)

and

**Looking Forward Groups and Activities** on Facebook