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SASSIFY ZINE CIC



Sassify Zine CIC (an organisation at the intersection of art, self-expression, and mental health) received £5000 towards a series of creative workshops exploring LGBTQ+ connection and friendship in Banbury.



Jason Kattenhorn, a local LGBTQ+ artist is running a series of creative workshops aimed at the intergenerational LGBTQ+ community in Banbury. The workshops encourage creative collaboration with the LGBTQ+ people from the community and those wanting to connect with the community in a meaningful way, with a focus on learning together and creative self-expression.

With a series of artists teaching various techniques throughout the programme, participants can develop their zine-making skills in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Work produced in the workshops (which are being held at Community Centres in Ruscote and Grimsbury) will be displayed in a free community exhibition.

“Loved making mine! Thanks so much for having us and creating such an inclusive wholesome creative space.”



CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION

Together the group use techniques to make unique creative discoveries. The sessions offer an opportunity to see what can come from some folded paper, drawing, collage, and imagination. An initial introduction to zines and a technical demonstration from the artist, is followed by a collaborative warm up activity before encouraging participants to get stuck in and experiment freely.

COMING TOGETHER AND EMBRACING INDIVIDUALITY



The free drop-in workshops provide an opportunity to get creative – even if participants have never heard of a zine before! The workshops are a relaxed event providing a platform for marginalized LGBTQ+ people and allies to connect with each other and create safe spaces.

Through this approach the workshops aim to support wellbeing and provide opportunities to work in partnership with people to develop new skills and confidence. Aiming to support innovative new ideas and approaches, the workshops bring people together and reach out to those who may ordinarily experience barriers to taking part in arts.



“These Zine workshops are a great way to meet like-minded people and have fun in a safe and friendly setting.”

