

Nigel Franklin, Chief Executive, Arts 4 Dementia

NIGEL FRANKLIN, a founder Trustee for Arts 4 Dementia (A4D) since 2011, became CEO in 2015. Nigel has extensive business experience, particularly in technology-related activities including early online auction site QXL.com and Electronic Ink, a user experience consultancy. He has been privileged to build on Veronica's work through introducing challenging workshop programmes to many leading arts organisations and training their teams.. He created A4D's new website signposting arts and heritage events for wellbeing and the dementias nationwide. He has broadened its funding base and is working to grow the charity and build new partnerships.

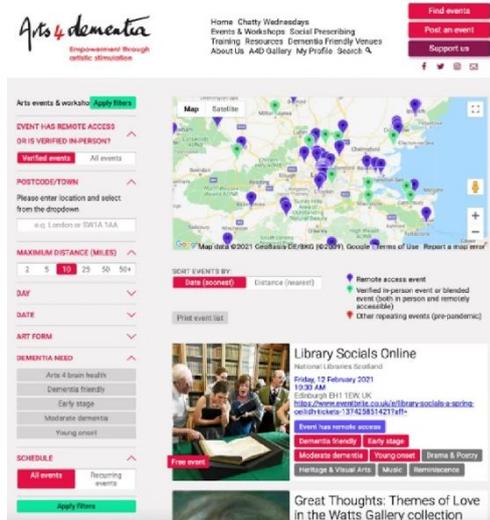
'Arts 4 Dementia training & the social prescriber web directory of events.'

I am Nigel Franklin, A4D CEO. I am going to take you through the resources we can offer for those affected by dementia, for arts and community organisations, for clinicians and social prescribing link workers (SPLW). Particularly, the listings of arts events on the [A4D website](#), which you will find invaluable as a menu of activities. This is a free and regularly updated resource for SPLW and clinicians looking for uplifting activities for their patients and clients, and for workshop and event providers, looking to find participants from the point of diagnosis or before.

There are over 700 activities currently listed for people with memory loss, with dementia, or those who are looking to stave it off. Our researchers are in regular contact with arts venues and community groups around the country to keep them updated. Virtual activities offered remotely are in purple, and a growing number of verified in-person events in light green.



When on the website, if you click on 'Find events' at the top of any page, you will see arts workshops and events for people with dementia nearby. You can select your preferred art form, you can select your dementia need, from diagnosis or before, and select the maximum distance away. You can sort the list by distance from you, or by date. While you can restrict these, I would recommend you start by checking out whatever is available. Click through either from the location marker



on the area map, or on the tile in the listing below to see further details. Then you can print out bespoke listings, to leave your patient or client with options to pursue.

We are constantly researching activities for dementia in the community, and we and event providers, and all sorts of people in the community, are regularly adding more. I would just add,

while we make huge efforts to keep up to date, there are going to be lots we do not know about. Please do tell us if you know of something in your area - arts activities for people with memory loss, going through a dementia diagnosis, or people living with dementia and carers. Do let us know and we will add them to the list and on the map. If you are in a position to make referrals, please check that you have arts4dementia.org.uk/events listed as a resource - it will be valuable for you - and then of course, do use it!

Before closing, I would like to tell you about another important resource. Over the last 10 years, we have developed an Early-Stage Dementia Awareness Training for arts facilitators and learning teams. While currently offered remotely, it is interactive, not a webinar. It enables you to become more effective both for in-person and remote activities, and it is heavily subsidised. Participants tell us how they valued not only the content, but the networking and knowledge sharing with other participants and arts venues. The 900+ practitioners that we have trained to date will reach over 17,000 people affected by dementia in the next year. So, it does make a difference. The next session for arts facilitators will be on June 29th, and we will also shortly be offering a special shorter half day dementia training for SPLW. Please, do get in touch if you would like to join us. Thank you. I would be pleased to answer any questions whether on the listings, training for arts facilitators or SPLW, or on anything else we do or ways we might help you. I hope you have had a great day.

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