

# flyingstart



**Name:** Marcia Brown  
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**Business:** Arts Workshops Facilitator and Practitioner  
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## **Brief description of business:**

Marcia is a Leeds based visual artist, specialising in issue based and fun based workshops linked either to the school curriculum, gallery, museum collections, festivals and community events and family learning. She is a qualified Arts Tutor (P.G.C.E) and a member of the Institute for Learning, with previous experience in adult and community education.

Marcia works with a range of art forms and has skills in mask making, painting, drawing, printmaking, murals, collage, light relief sculpture and digital art (Photoshop).

She has experience of devising and delivering workshops with people from different cultures, communities and backgrounds, such as refugees, people with learning disabilities, looked after children and young people that have been excluded from mainstream school. She has worked with ages ranging from pre-school to the over 55's.

## **Workshops held:**

- 1) Art Exhibition at Leeds City Museum (March 09 – December 09)
- 2) Drawing Workshop at Leeds City Museum (Family Learning ,Oct 2009)
- 3) The Positive Life Style Project-Educational Tool. (September 2009)
- 4) St Ives Art Workshop at York Art Gallery (August 2009)
- 5) African Achievers Award for work in the Community at Bradford (2009)
- 6) Jah Fire Burning Performance at Seven Arts Centre, sponsored by Leeds City Museum (Apr 08)
- 7) Cultural Greeting Cards (Artmix Funding)(November 2008)



## **Marcia Brown on how has FlyingStart helped:**

'FlyingStart has helped me with support and advice, gained from my mentor. I was able to recognise my talents, strengths and weaknesses and build relevant relationships by networking. This has enabled me to confidently plan, research and manifest my specialist skills within education and the arts.'

## **About the FlyingStart Programme**

This 12-month business start-up programme for new entrepreneurs is delivered by the NCGE and supported by the UK Government's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). An intensive three-day residential training course is followed by 12 months' specialist mentoring and support. The aim is to have 60% of all graduates trading within one year. FlyingStart ensures all new graduate businesses have a ready-made national and regional network, a dedicated mentor, appreciate the 'know-hows and know-whos' of practical business, and understand how to make money.