

Rowan - Creating Art and Friendship



Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Rowan is a Cambridge based charity and arts centre that brings artists and learning-disabled people together in the production of fine artwork and crafts; while providing opportunities for self-expression and creative exploration.

Usman said about Rowan: *"I meet all my friends and I think everyone's really nice and I enjoy making things!"*

Since 2010, Rowan have been awarded 7 grants through CCF.

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In 2010, Rowan were awarded a grant from the [Microsoft Research Limited Fund](#) to run a series of art workshops for adults with learning disabilities as part of the Big Draw Campaign 2010. *"Rowan students were able to participate in, and benefit from, an art activity that they would not normally be able to attend."*

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In 2011, another grant was awarded for activities taking place as part of the Big Draw Campaign 2011. Funding for this grant was awarded by the [Microsoft Research Limited Fund](#) and the [Seymour Charitable Fund](#).



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In 2012, two grants were awarded to Rowan from the Cambridge City Council Area Committee Grants. One grant was used to run a hands-on art event for visitors to the Chesterton Festival. The second was used towards the Winter Warmer and Open Studio events run by Rowan.

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Rowan were also awarded a grant in 2012 from the Cambridge City South Cambs Reward Grant Scheme. The grant was used to continue to provide facilities for arts and craft for people with learning disabilities.

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In September 2014, Rowan were awarded a small grant from the [Seymour Fund](#).



Des Trollip, Operations Manager at Rowan says *"A small grant makes a big difference to a small charity like Rowan. Our most recent CCF grant is buying printmaking equipment our students will love working with and use to produce beautiful art work"*

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