

The Dementia and Imagination study attracted a lot of attention at this year's International Eisteddfod in Llangollen. This was thanks to an eye catching stand and workshops and an unusual counterpoint – a vintage 1975 Daff 44 car.

The stand featured:

- A curated exhibition of art work by participants from across all 4 of the research groups in North Wales.
- Researchers from Bangor University and partners Denbighshire County Council's (DCC) Art Service - on hand to talk to people about the exhibition and open up conversations around art and dementia.
- An opportunity to find out about further groups being run in North Wales by DCC Arts Service starting in September.
- Free workshops run by the artists who have been running the art sessions as part of the study. All the workshops included techniques that have been used with the art groups in North Wales including: screen-printing, plaster moulds and marbling, felting and collage.

Accompanying the stand was a vintage Daf 44 car which has received a face lift by one of the research artists (Carol Hanson) working on the project. Carol's work has been inspired from visiting the art sessions and speaking with participants. She was particularly drawn to the humour that came out of the sessions and this has become a key focus for her work. She has spent several months searching for the perfect vehicle which she has decorated with her distinctive paper illustrations. She plans to take the car to a number of other events this summer with her two characters: Doris and Ivor.

The car captured the attention of photographers at the event and featured in several news items both on line and in print.

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