

Niki Jewett

Niki Jewett has over 25 years experience of working as an artist. She has a BA Hons in Fine Art from Cardiff College of Fine Art and worked as a performance artist for over 10 years touring nationally and internationally.

Niki is particularly interested in the creative process - seeing and helping children make and create with natural materials they find or are given. She has been working with Swainswick Explorers since 2007.

Her expertise working with children comes from a wealth of experience with early years settings and schools in Bath. Niki has lead creative workshops for children in local primary and secondary schools and encourages a self-led approach to the children's creativity. A talented photographer and observer of children's learning through play, she has been supporting the development of Forest School work with Batheaston Primary School and produced a detailed photographic record of the children engaging in creative play during their weekly Forest School sessions. Niki has supported the 5x5x5= Creativity research project as a documentor of the children's creative process. She has chaired Hollyhocks Nursery.

Niki has also been assistant to a Sculptor for several years working with natural materials including acorns, beechnuts and bark. Collecting these materials from many countryside locations around the West country.

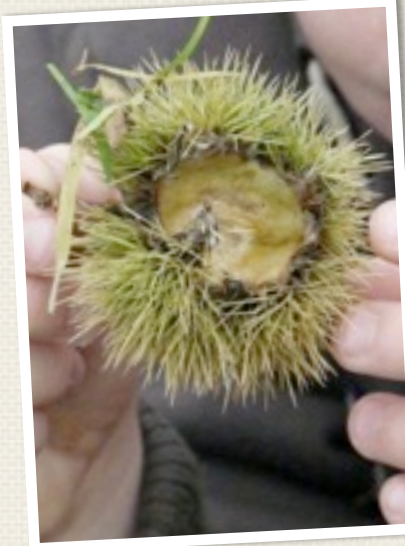
She has an enhanced CRB.

Children and young people find Niki an inspiring facilitator of creativity in play and a caring companion on the adventure. She is motivated by a desire to see children gain a real sense of self, to be confident and develop life skills invaluable for their future.

NIKI COMBINES A WEALTH OF PRACTICAL 'HOW TO' EXPERTISE WITH HER BACKGROUND AS AN ARTIST AND LOVE OF NATURE TO FOCUS ON CREATIVITY IN PLAY.

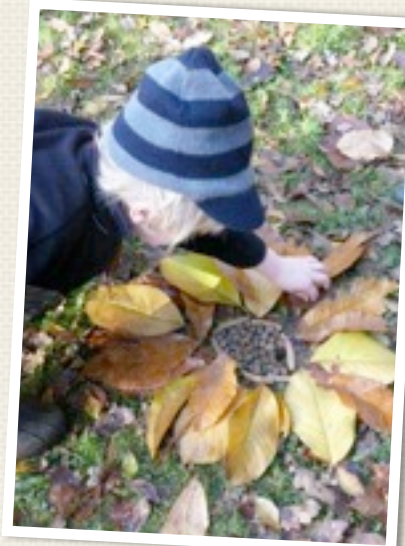
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ARTIST & NATURE

AS AN ARTS SPECIALIST, NIKI SUPPORTS THE CHILD'S ENJOYMENT OF MAKING THINGS OUT OF 'ANYTHING THAT FEELS RIGHT' - A BIT OF FLUFF, A STICK, A BEAUTIFUL SMOOTH STONE..... SHE ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO PLAY AND EXPLORE AND ENJOY THE SMELLS, TEXTURES, COLOURS AND FORMS THAT WE FIND AROUND US IN NATURE.



PRACTICAL COLLECTOR

NIKI IS ALREADY COLLECTING NATURAL MATERIALS FOR A SCULPTOR AND SO REGULARLY GOES INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE SEARCHING FOR INTERESTING AND BEAUTIFUL OBJECTS AND THE 'LOOSE PARTS' SO FASCINATING TO CHILDREN. SHE HAS AN INSTINCTUAL EYE FOR WHAT WILL BE EXCITING FOR CHILDREN.



PLAY FACILITATOR

NIKI HAS WORKED WITH SWAINSWICK EXPLORERS SINCE 2007 INTRODUCING NEW CREATIVE IDEAS TO THEIR PORTFOLIO OF ACTIVITIES, HER SENSE OF FUN AND UNDERSTANDING OF NATURE. SHE TAKES A CHILD INITIATED APPROACH TO FACILITATING PLAY SESSIONS.