

Amanda McCormack – Curriculum Vitae

ARTIST – FACILITATOR – PRODUCER

Encompassing community focussed arts, socially engaged photography and short film making, my creativity is motivated by the exploration of relationships between people and their natural & constructed environments.

Current Work & Projects

Barnstaple Fringe Theatrefest: Photographer – Personal Project 2023/4

Behind the scenes and performer portraits from North Devon's performing arts community.

National Theatre: Arts Facilitator - Speak Up 2023/2024

Delivering weekly workshops with Year 8 at Lampard School in Barnstaple, empowering young people to find their voice through creative arts.

Exeter RAMM: Workshop Leader – Project Buzz 2022/2023

Creative workshops inspired by the invertebrate collection at the Museum. Exploring themes of climate crisis, endangered species and nature conservation.

North Devon Coast AONB: Photographer – People in the Landscape 2022/2023

Photographing people taking part in outdoor activities within the AONB designation.

Recent Work & Projects

One Northern Devon & Devon County Council: Project Producer & Facilitator – Tarka Line Creatives 2022/2023

Tackling Loneliness with Transport – photography and creative writing expeditions for small groups of older people and young adults on the Tarka Line Railway between Barnstaple and Exeter.

Red Herring Productions: Workshop Leader – Where the River Meets the Sea, March 2022 - July 2022

Engaging primary school leavers with the landscape and nature of Northam Burrows using craft, photography and creative writing. I devised activities including taking photographs at the Burrows and writing poetry inspired by what the children experienced, creating themed mini zines and friendship bands from recycled materials.

Time and Tide Bell Organisation: COTIDAL Project Workshop Leader & Film Maker, October 2021 - April 2022

Working with artist Tania Kovats to create and collect community content for her environmental film project COTIDAL, responding to the question "What do you see when you see the sea?" I worked with a variety of groups from homeless women to a youth centre and primary school as well as two community drop-ins. Through community engagement and creative activities, I gathered video and audio of stories and emotional responses to the sea.

Arts Council England: Developing Your Creative Practice Activity, May 2021 - May 2022

Developing my creative photography practice including Grassroots Girls, a six-month photography project and exhibition, celebrating female football at grassroots level.

Ilfracombe Museum: Artist in Residence - Stay Curious, February 2021 - July 2021

Re-engaging local families with Ilfracombe Museum's natural history collection. I devised and delivered online and in-person family activities as well as project branding. With input from the Museum community, I produced "Escape" a large scale, colourful visual and audio art installation. "Escape" was created in response to Covid 19 lockdowns and inspired by the amazing invertebrate collections at the Museum and the expeditions of its founder, Mervyn Palmer.

Other Work History

Libraries Unlimited – Customer Service Assistant (part time)

December 2018 - June 2022

Public library customer service duties including delivering themed creative workshops for all ages.

North Devon Moving Image CIC – Founder and Creative Director

October 2013 - 2020

Community film organisation. As well as managing the company and steering its creative direction, I delivered projects which included hands-on community engagement workshops and directed and produced short films.

Digital Storytellers - Freelance Media Professional

February 2012 - 2020

Digital media services including PR, copywriting, website design, IT training, photography and video production.

Arts and Entertainment North Devon Websites - Editor

March 2011 - June 2014

I founded and edited the Arts and Entertainment North Devon and North Devon Directory websites. As editor I wrote news, reviews and created what's on listings and video interviews to promote visual and performing arts in North Devon.

Earlier Employment History

- North Devon Biosphere 2013, B10 Anniversary Project & Event Coordinator
- Northcliffe Digital, bidefordpeople.co.uk & barnstaplepeople.co.uk 2009-2011, Digital Journalist
- Citizens Advice Barnstaple, Financial Inclusion Fund 2006-2008, Project Administrator
- Dart Estuary Environmental Management 1998-1999, Administrator
- Flying Fish Films 1994-1996, Video Producer
- MTV Europe 1988-1990, Music TV channel, Programming Assistant
- MTV Europe 1990-1991, Music TV channel, Office Manager
- Granada Television 1984-1987, Information Officer, international programme sales
- Mel Bush Organization 1983-1984, PA to Mel Bush, music promoter
- Drama Studio London 1981-1983, School Secretary at post-graduate drama school

Education

- BSc Hons 2:1 Biological Imaging (wildlife film making), University of Derby 1994
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language 1990
- Private Secretary's Certificate 1981
- A level Art, English, Biology 1980
- O level English Language, English Literature, Maths, Art, Biology, French, Geography, Chemistry, R.E. 1978

Additional Skills & Experience

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Arts facilitation, oral history recording, teaching skills, museum and gallery interpretation, IT literate, copywriting, publicity and marketing, social media, website design, film & video production, full clean driving licence.

Personal Interests

Birdsong, wild flowers and sea swimming bring me joy!