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PRISM ARTS NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Prism Arts was presented with the award of Rural Arts Organisation of the Year at DADA Fest 06 (Deaf and Disability Arts) by the Cllr Neville Price of Cheshire County Council and Mike McCartney, the Patron of NWDAF, at the National Awards Ceremony in Liverpool. The DADA Fest runs in Liverpool throughout November, until 12 December and features performances and exhibitions given by Deaf and Disabled artists from all over the world.

The awards evening was organised by NWDAF and hosted by Mat Fraser and Ruth Gould. Gillian Peel, the director of Prism Arts received the bronze statue and a cheque for £500, on behalf of the Cumbria Charity. 120 people and organisations from throughout the UK were nominated for the award and over 7000 votes were cast. Gillian said 'Prism Arts has had a fantastic couple of years and projects such as Starfish, our learning disabled theatre company and Spinning Yarns, our arts and crafts project for older people, continue to thrive. We saw the launch of D.Art, which will establish disability arts in Cumbria with an amazing launch event at Rheged in October. I must thank everybody who has supported us in the past and the Trustees, staff, funders and participants are all looking forward to a very exciting year next year.'

Prism Arts is a registered charity, which provides a creative experience for minority and excluded groups in Cumbria. It is Cumbria's disability arts agency and can provide information, advice, support and networking opportunities to Deaf and Disabled artists living in or working in Cumbria.

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