

## NEWS UPDATE JULY 2009

### General Medical Council

In June 2009, Dead Earnest opened a conference in London held by the General Medical Council as part of a National Consultation on End of Life Guidance. We worked with Consultants from across the country to make a script that stood up to the scrutiny of the assembled experts but also touched on a number of issues within the guidance. The GMC are now hoping to film the piece in the autumn so that it can be distributed to an even wider audience

### Quotes

“Your ability to create a safe and friendly space, which enabled a large group of people of very differing background to engage, contribute and feel valued was extraordinary. Your energy and focus made the whole day work” Dr James Munro, [www.patientopinion.org](http://www.patientopinion.org) from ‘Every Interaction Counts’ at Rotherham hospital, Oct 2008

### Creative Partnerships – Change School away day

June 2009. Head teachers and teachers from schools just joining the CP Change school programme gathered at a hotel just outside Leeds for a two day training event. The first morning, involving a series of Creative challenges, was organised by Dead Earnest. It involved a carousel of nine creative exercises that groups moved around all based on getting the participants to imagine people that might have stayed in the hotel before. Highlights included sifting through the suitcase left at reception and finishing the email correspondence sent by mistake to printer behind reception.

“Really enjoyed these activities - good fun, no pressure to present something straight away. Good thinking and team work. Thought provoking. Thank you!” Head teacher at event

### Dvd of work at Southey

Throughout 2009 we have been artists in residence at Southey Green Community Primary School, supported by Creative Partnerships. The project included pirates coming into Yr1 classes, a performance by the Piano man and an after school club for Das and their sons. However the highlight was the extended project based around an Alien Cocoon being found in the school grounds, which was all captured on a dvd. If you are interested in seeing the dvd get in touch with us

### Quotes

“I thought it was absolutely spot on and your energy and ability to elicit contributions from the audience was spell-binding” District Council Diversity Officer

### In My Shoes

July has seen us stopping people on the streets to ask them for their stories. This is part of a new City Council initiative to celebrate the diverse voices of the people of Sheffield. We were able to bring our facilitation skills to the fore in engaging people in conversation and asking the right questions to illicit a response.

### Creative Sparks

Creative Sparks is an inventive series of Creative Challenges for 8-13 yr olds, which we ran for the first time in summer 2008. It is running again this summer between 24th July and 7th August in Firth Park and the City Centre. Contact us to book a place or for more information.

“10 out of 10 – it wasn’t good it was fantastic”

“I loved using my brain and my imagination”

Feedback from summer 2008

“I wanted to stay forever”

“I used my brain so much I couldn’t stop”

Feedback from May 2009

## Quotes

“I haven’t been in any other public space where such fraught and contentious issues could be aired so openly, honestly, safely and productively” Rob Mooney, Neighbourhood Manager Nelson, Pendle Borough Council 01282-661961