

## **Dorset Pride of Place Award 2009**

### **Communities taking pride in their local environment & heritage**

**Project:** Pride of Place 2009 - Workshop for community groups and artists

**Time:** Saturday 16th May from 10-00 to 16-00

**Price:** Free

**Location:** The Dorford Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1RR. Tel 01305 262042

**To book a free place:** Please contact Dominic Tambling ([dominic@creativedorset.co.uk](mailto:dominic@creativedorset.co.uk)) 01305 755613. You will be asked for a £10 deposit, which is refundable on arrival

**This workshop is for:** communities and artists who wish to learn more about the Pride of Place Award, or who are just interested in utilising the arts to make our county a more vibrant and special place to live.

Every place has its own special qualities and we wish to champion the improvement and enhancement of the best of those qualities. The Dorset Design and Heritage Forum are looking for the local community, Dorset Parish or Town Council that takes the most pride in its local environment and heritage. The winning community will have the opportunity to work with an 'artist in residence' on a special project. The artist will enable the community to explore new ideas about identity and place that will lead to the creation of a positive enhancement of place.

#### **Agenda**

**10-00 – 10-30 Registration**

**10-30 – 11-00 Introduction to Pride of Place**

**John Lowe**, Historic Environment Manager for Dorset County Council and member of the Dorset Design and Heritage Forum, and **Kevin Morris**, Policy Manager Conservation and Design for North Dorset District Council and Chairman of the Dorset Design and Heritage Forum will introduce the workshop and the ideas behind the Pride of Place Award, how it came about and why its important to the future of Dorset.

**11-00 – 11-45 Creative Communities**

**Jo Rose**, Local people have special knowledge and understanding about "their" place. Many have already found ways of creatively celebrating the uniqueness and the value they place on their locality, heritage and environment. The creativity of local communities can provide a rich resource for practising artists to work with.

**11- 45 – 12-30 Socially engaged art**

Alex Murdin, artist for Pride of Place 2008 and Creative Places Development Manager will give an introduction to the range and scope of contemporary artistic involvement in the public realm. Illustrated by examples of projects from across the UK the presentation will ask – can the process of an artist working with a community be an artwork in its own right and just as important as the end product? He will also share some initial thoughts on the Pride of Place project for 2008 and the early stages of Turn Lyme Green's project, using the arts to get across their environmental message to visitors and residents of Lyme Regis.

**12-30 – 13-00 Questions and answers for the panel**

**13-00 – 14-00 Lunch** - a chance for networking

**14-00 – 15-00 Workshop sessions**

**Workshop 1 – Artists in the Community.** Led by Jo Rose this workshop will explore a variety of ways that communities have undertaken their own arts and distinctiveness projects and worked with artists. A practical

session will look at how communities can develop a Pride of Place project, and how to use the guidance notes to prepare an exciting proposal.

**Workshop 2 - For artists.** Led Alex Murdin this practical workshop will look how to apply for commissions of this type, including what the commissioners might be looking for, the development of a proposal, thinking through the early stages of engagement with the community and what the end results might be.

**15-00 – 15-30 - Break**

**15-30 – 16-00 – Panel session** - reporting back from the workshops, any further Q&A's

**16-00 - Close**

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