

Supporting Wellbeing & Valuing Diversity of Staff, Children, & Families Through Creative Practices

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During the full session Jane talked about a research project she conducted, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) between 2017-2018, entitled "Creating Welcoming Learning Environments: Disseminating arts-based approaches to including all learners in their education". In the clip Jane describes some activities participants have undertaken in their schools and the impact they have had on the wellbeing of everyone involved.



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Here are some reflection points to discuss with colleagues:

- **How do we develop a sense of belonging for all our children, families and staff through creative practices?**

- **What could we do to enable a greater sense of agency for all our staff?**

- **What keeps us energised in our work?**
