

NEW PUBLIC ART PROJECT FOR STUDENTS IN ANGMERING

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Year 9 students at Angmering School are to take part in an ambitious new art project in the village this Spring and Summer.

Acclaimed public artist Tim Ward (<u>Circling the Square</u>) has been commissioned by youth culture charity, Artswork to work alongside students on the development of a new public sculpture for the village. Supported by engineers from local company <u>S I Protech</u>, the project aims to bring together training in creative art, design and engineering using STEAM principle (which puts the 'A'rt in to STEM subjects) offering students an unrivalled opportunity to explore how creativity can inform practical processes in the real world.

Students will visit sculptures in Chichester with <u>Pallant House Gallery</u> and develop their designs with support from Tim and the engineers over the Summer term. Their designs will be exhibited as part of the school's public Summer Art show on June 20th at the school. The winning design will be assessed by the school, Parish Council and partners and form the basis of a sculpture to be created by Tim and installed in the village in Autumn 2020.

The project is part of <u>Arun Inspires</u>, a new 3-year programme of cultural investment transforming the life chances of children and young people across the District of Arun, led by the charity Artswork. Delivered in partnership with Arun District Council, it seeks to invest in new high quality cultural opportunities for Arun's children and young people. The project is funded by Artswork with support from Arun District Council using Section106 funding from the nearby Roundstone Lane development.

Tim Ward studied Fine Art at Goldsmiths' College, London before entering the field of designing and implementing public art & environmental schemes. In 2002, he formed Circling the Square which aims to bring together all his experience of engaging communities in innovative art projects. Tim is the artist behind the Jon Egging Memorial Sculpture in Bournemouth, created in memory of the Red Arrows pilot who tragically died in a crash during the town's air show. Examples of his other works include the Bridges sculpture in Broadbridge Heath, Horsham and Eternal Knot Sculpture in West End, Eastleigh. Tim is an elected member of Art Workers Guild since 1992.

<u>Artswork</u> is a national charity which empowers children and young people through arts and culture to find their voice, become skilled leaders and achieve their aspirations. Building strategic alliances, Artswork specialises in advocating for change and delivering positive outcomes for children and young people through local, national and international partnerships.

