**Newark Community Art Club with Elaine Winter**

**Session 1 : Colour Wheel and Colour Mixing**

**Materials needed:**

Ready mixed paint in bright blue, bright red, bright yellow only. You can use poster paint or acrylics but if you use the latter be careful not to get them on your clothes or any other surfaces and do not pour down the sink (they contain plastic!)

Mixing palette - If you don’t have a palette then see if you can use a plastic container that might be recycled. If you have acrylic paints you can mix on a piece of thick cardboard

Brushes

Water pot

Colour wheel handout (Session 1 Community Art Club Colour Wheel)

Pencil, rubber, sharpener

White paper – scrap paper will work if only printed on one side

Ruler

Paper towel (not much just one sheet)

**Introduction: It is a good idea to get to know the paints you have at hand as all paints vary in intensity and when you mix them they sometimes behave very differently to how you expect. These simple exercises will help.**

**Activity 1:** using the handout with the big colour wheel on it you are going to have a go a mixing all the colours you can see and try matching them to your wheel.

Start with the 3 primary colours = blue, red, yellow – no need to mix these, use them straight from the ready mixed paint.

Then mix the secondary colours. These are mixed by using the two primary colours nearest to each other so eg blue + yellow = green, yellow + red = orange, red + blue = purple.

Green, Orange and Purple are all Secondary colours

Lastly have a go a mixing the tertiary colours = the colours between the primary and secondary colours.

**Activity 2**: using the second handout with the little wheels on it, try filling in the gaps by using your colour mixing knowledge. You can use a ruler and a pencil to help you draw the sections if you like.

**Activity 3:** by this stage you should have a good range of colours mixed on your palette. Now you can be creative with them so use the other handout for inspiration or make up your own. Use bigger paper if you have it to work to a big scale. Why not do a really well designed rainbow picture for your window?

**Activity 4:** If you finish all the above quite quickly use the time before break time to use up your paint. Paint plain pieces of A4 (can be scrap paper) with your leftovers mixed colours - can be all one colour or you can merge shades. These will dry quite quickly and then you can use them for a follow up activity (see

**Activity 5:** WASH UP and **wash your hands** well ☺