

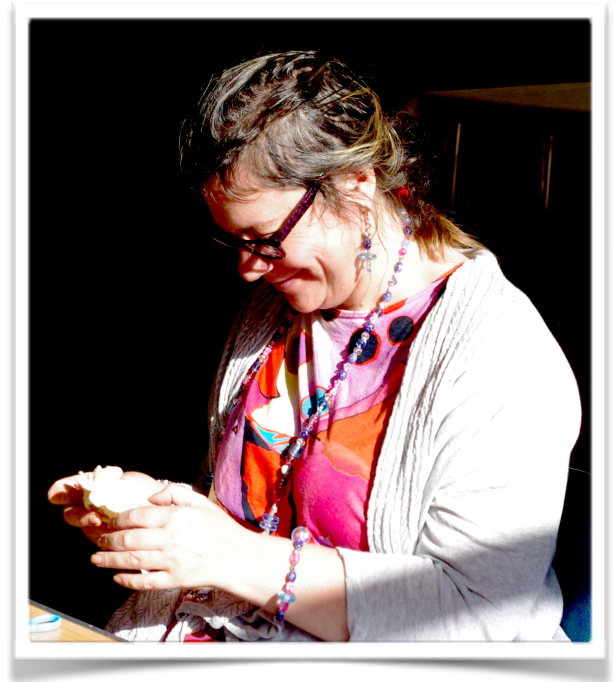
# CHANGING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

## OUR WORK IN THE UK IS CHANGING LIVES...

*“Craft Aid International is the only place I feel accepted. People there see past my disabilities and some people forget I have any.”*

*“Working with Craft Aid International has given me a reason to live. I have learned so many new skills, and now sometimes teach others. My work with Craft Aid makes me feel whole and helps me forget my health problems. Craft Aid International is the only place I feel accepted. People there see past my disabilities and some people forget I have any. We never want class to end and wish that time would stop. Then we wish time would go quickly again so we can attend our next class!”*

Natasha Nathan, Participant at the Starbeck Craft Sessions and Volunteer



## ...AND CHALLENGING NEGATIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.



In 2016, Craft Aid had the opportunity to run a craftival area at Happygate, an arts and music festival held in the Valley Gardens at the centre of Harrogate. Visitors enjoyed having a go at some of the crafts we make at our therapeutic craft sessions, and had the chance to buy our products made by our differently-able artisans in Peru and the UK. In preparation for the event, our differently-able participants made a huge

‘Happygate’ mosaic at our UK craft sessions. The mosaic attracted a lot of attention and was a real centrepiece of the festival. It was amazing to be able to showcase the work of our participants at such a major community event.

**This was a great opportunity to show the community that differently-able people are gifted and talented and often just lack the chance to demonstrate it.**