

Kay Hepplewhite, senior lecturer in performing arts, has supported BA Hons. Drama and Applied Theatre students in a collaboration with Newcastle Youth Offending Team and Linhope School 2014/15. The students designed and facilitated drama and video activity which enabled young people to develop their creative and performance skills. The students worked together to produce a short video and some young people from the project were able to attend Northumbria student performances at Northern Stage during their end of year showcase event. The project will hopefully continue in the coming academic year. Kay is also running pilot sessions in summer 2015 for Youth Offending Team workers considering drama-based approaches. The work aims to explore how performance based activity can be incorporated in to the YOT team's education work with young people.