



# Pathfinders' Studio

*supporting valued relationships & roles*

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1. The workplace of artists.

2. A place for learning the arts.

*The goal of art isn't to attain perfection. The goal is to share who we are. And how we see the world.*

—Rick Rubin

**Designing support for valued relationships and roles is the social art of co-creating experiences that liberate people from the forces of social exclusion and increase their freedom to act as contributing citizens.**

In these eight sessions we will explore the work of supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a co-creative act.

- We'll make space to let our attention rest on the heart and soul of our work.
- We'll be curious together about how ideas and practices that release creativity in other fields can enrich our work: we will embody our learning by making images and artifacts and sharing music and words that inspire and sustain us.
- We'll locate the sources of co-creation in our relationships and our changing circumstances; in what we want to conserve and what to resist; in what we sense wants to be born with our help.
- We'll encourage each other to establish the conditions that activate probes of what more is possible: the culture, structures, and practices that raise the spirit of co-creativity.

