**Can arts save the NHS?**

Conversation with Nicky Taylor and Bob Fulcher:

* Bob is someone **living with dementia**, NOT suffering with dementia – Bob and Nicky will explain this at the beginning of what they talk about.
* Nicky works collaboratively with Bob to make and present work, Nicky as someone not with dementia, Bob as someone living with dementia.
* Most important rationale of the festival that Bob is curating is that society values people living with dementia.
* There’s a lot of stories out there told by people who don’t live with dementia, this festival aims to give a clearer picture of what living dementia is like. A first person perspective.

About Bob:

* 8 years ago Bob was diagnosed with dementia, and was self admittedly, more shy and retiring before being diagnosed. Didn’t talk to people anywhere near as much – and lived a much more lonely life.
* In order to avoid things like depression, which often have a connection with dementia, Bob needs to keep himself active – this manifests in working with West Yorkshire Playhouse, participating in classes, sessions, and more.
* Bob would never imagined he would be calling himself a curator of a festival.
* Bob noted Laughter and Hope – two incredibly important things to living a life with dementia.

Nicky and Bob to write something for Hull 2017 website, that we can offer out to media partners. Also present images and slides.