



'CHANGING CORBY' Past, Present, Future! *Our Polish Community ...*



Community Choir **Deep Roots Tall Trees (DRTT)** and the DRTT dancetheatre are exploring song, dance and other traditions from the Polish, Scottish, Latvian and Serbian communities – all well established in Corby for many years. DRTT have committed to spending 6 months working with each of the above as part of a 2-year project to foster greater understanding and working partnerships.

At the end of each 6-month period a celebratory sharing event will be hosted by DRTT to which everyone is welcome. These 'sharings' will reflect the journey of DRTT and the particular community with whom they have been working. From July to December 2018 we will be working with our Polish friends and so far we have received many generous offers of help from local residents and esteemed Polish musicians – Anna Plaminiak (based in Corby) and Kamila Bigus and Alina Jurczyszyn (based in Gdansk). All have one thing in common – they are passionate about passing on their knowledge and sharing their Polish culture with a wider audience.



Kamila Bigus and Alina Jurczyszyn



Anna Plaminiak

Anna will be running workshops during September, October and November (at the regular DRTT choir rehearsals), and Kamila and Alina will be hosting a weekend of musical activity on 15th – 16th September. Venues for all yet to be confirmed.

We have already booked the Polish Church on Rockingham Road on Sunday 16th December to share some music, dance, drama and anything else that might be discovered during the project that people want to share – Father Ryszard Taraszka even offered to play guitar! After the performances we will share Polish food and we hope more informal entertainment yet to be finalised.

DRTT choir meet every Monday evening and the dancetheatre every Wednesday. They are very much looking forward to learning about Corby's Polish heritage and are keen to explore the songs, dance, music, food and other cultural traditions that our Polish community are willing to share.

For **further information** about us, please visit: www.deeprootstalltrees.org
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