

# Art for one Art for all

by *The Ragartmuffins Oldham*



## Artists

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**Poem** Ian McMillan

**Embellishments & Camera** Ian Beesley

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## Meaning

“Art for one art for all” campaigns for access to the arts to be inclusive and not elitist.

The benefits of involvement with the arts are important factors in wellbeing.

## Symbolism

Colour blue colour associated with Oldham blue also represents loyalty.

The owl is the town’s symbol.

The artist palette; brush, pencil and camera represent popular art forms.

The small illustrations represent Oldham past and present.

The reflection in the camera lens is a tribute to two of the original members of the Ragartmuffins. It is taken from one of our workshops exploring photography and memory.

The embellishments (the swirling bits) are stylised acanthus leaves, which in Greek and Roman mythology represent Art and an enduring life.

