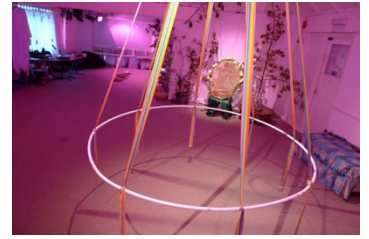
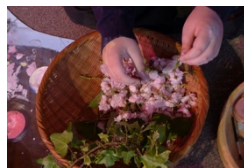


The May Queen

Environment: Cheery blossom and lilac branches all round space. Baskets full of blossom and silk petals.. Pastel and white face-paints, thin and thick ribbons. Mirrors and fans. Giant Maypole hoop and streamer ribbons, bells, sm streamers and Morris dancing sticks with ribbons and bells. May Queen's throne, dressed with ivy and flower lights. Crown of ivy and blossoms. Drinks, strawberries and fruity sweets. Traditional old English music - reels and jigs.



Blossom Enter space and see, feel, smell the beautiful blossom all around you, Shake the branches and see blossom flutter down,. Play with baskets full of petals - see them falling, blowing around in the wind with fans, dropping onto mirrors. Paint flowers and petals with fingers and brushes on hands, faces and mirrors. Use mirrors to reflect pink/white lights around walls, ceiling, floors, onto people, like butterflies.



Maypole Light the maypole and see it spin, creating huge shadows on walls and floor - visually arresting. Holding ribbons or bar, move together round the maypole, or step inside and watch it spinning around you, make it dip and sway side/side, forward/back, up/down. Add handbells for rhythm as you skip and dance around. Spare streamers for those further away in space. Morris dancing sticks add a new dynamic for those who like to tap and drum - feel vibrations on wheelchairs. Light, happy group section with maypole as main focus.



May Queen/King Choose your king/queen who sit on the special throne and are adored by all. Bring out the feast of berry juice, strawberries and fruity sweets. Share and enjoy together, then chill as evening comes and the maypole spins gently round.

Observations Flowers and face-paint made a good introduction to the term, giving lots of opportunities for playful and focused 10-1 interactions, re-establishing relationships and familiarising clients with the space. Light and airy, open space good for new clients - non - threatening. The new maypole model was a huge success with many people remaining engaged and focused for long periods of time and uniting the group - easy access - holding ribbons or hoop, light, versatile, easily lifted so people could get in and out, shadows created another dimension, lots of lifting of visual focus. May Queen/King gave us the option to special certain individuals which was thoroughly enjoyed.

