

# PRESS RELEASE

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## PLYMOUTH'S BIG DRAW IS TOP FIVE IN THE UK Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 11.00 – 16.00

The Architecture Centre Devon and Cornwall, Plymouth Arts Centre, Plymouth City Market and Part Exchange Co. Big Draw event this Saturday has been chosen and featured by national magazine, Artists and Illustrators, as one of their top five Big Draw events in the country.

[www.artistsandillustrators.co.uk/](http://www.artistsandillustrators.co.uk/)

October 2010 is Big Draw month in twenty countries and on five continents. Launched in 2000, this annual initiative has grown from 180 events in the UK to over 1500 worldwide. The Campaign aims to use drawing to connect visitors with museum and gallery collections, urban and rural spaces – and the wider community – in new and enjoyable ways.

Posy Simmonds, whose graphic novel Tamara Drewe was made into a film this year starring Gemma Arterton is one of the patrons of the Campaign for Drawing who run the Big Draw every year and, writes

*“Drawing can mean all kinds of different things to different people. It’s a pleasure to be part of The Big Draw, because even people who think they can’t draw find that they can express themselves”.*

Collect your map marking packs from Plymouth Arts Centre, the pack contains all you need to walk, draw and mark your way around Plymouth City Centre. The event will conclude with a market stall exhibition and competition of all the drawings produced in the day. This activity is linked to the Plymouth Arts Centre’s *Ambulation* project and the Architecture Centre’s involvement is through its Heritage Lottery Funded - Plymouth: 20th Century City project – [www.20thcenturycity.org.uk](http://www.20thcenturycity.org.uk)

It is free to take part and the event is open to people of all ages and ability, all under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. To take part and win your own ‘City in a Bag’ or a pair of cinema tickets please book in advance, call Plymouth Arts Centre on 01752 206114.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

- The **Architecture Centre Devon and Cornwall** was established in June 2006 with support from CABI - The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment and Creating Excellence, the regional centre for sustainable communities, to promote quality in the design of the Built Environment. It is an independent, not for profit organisation working in the sub-region towards design excellence. For more details visit [www.acdandc.org.uk](http://www.acdandc.org.uk).
- **Ambulation** is an exhibition at Plymouth Arts Centre, with a series of free events and new commissions by artists and architects who use walking as an artistic practice. Investigate your everyday through the act of walking and explore the historical contexts of the city and its symbols. 14 August to 10 October. Admission free. Plymouth Arts Centre is a visual arts centre with a reputation for its local and international contemporary art exhibitions, independent cinema programme and thriving café bar. For more information on how to take part visit [www.plymouthartscentre.org](http://www.plymouthartscentre.org) phone 01752 276990 for a free brochure
- **Plymouth City Market** supports cultural activity in a variety of ways, not only by getting involved with the Big Draw activities but also in other ways including having a regular events programme and providing the Hub for the Project Space 11 exhibitions and events.
- **Part Exchange Co.** Part Exchange Co. create unique performances and events for sites and spaces that connect people with each other, their shared environment and the power of the imagination.
- Using money raised through the National Lottery, the **Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)** sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported more than 26,000 projects, allocating over £4billion across the UK. Website: [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk).

Full details of Big Draw activities are available at [www.campaignfordrawing.org](http://www.campaignfordrawing.org).

