

# Balsall Heath CATS Children Action Team Support

## *CATS on a roll*

Balsall Heath CATS Children Action Team Support works with disabled children and young people and their families living in and around Balsall Heath. We are a local voluntary organisation based in Balsall Heath. We support service users to take part in activities that many children and families take for granted.

Throughout this project disabled children and young people have had the opportunity to have their voices heard and to participate in making a short film with Community filmmaker, Ilvars Veinbergs. They have been engaged in the process of making the film, they have been able to take part in voice acting, animation for the film, working with filmmaker Matthew Beckett and making the music for the soundtrack with **mac**'s youth music provision **mac** makes music.

The opportunities and the positive impact that has been created through this project have been immense. Disabled children and young people have been at the forefront of this project, we have had invaluable advice and support from staff and artists working at **mac**. Everyone has definitely benefitted in more ways that we ever expected!

The participants and their families have felt really valued as part of this project, they feel their views and opinions are the core. The children and young people have felt empowered that their contribution will be part of the end product, the film! They are all very excited to see themselves and their work on the big screen at **mac** birmingham.

