



## **Runga Rung - a triumph of colour and artistry for 3000 people**

In April 2005 the Arts and Museum Services brought an innovative dynamic and community focused art form to Shropshire. Runga Rung, the colour of colours, was an ambitious large scale production which previously has been performed in major cities in the UK and Europe and this was the first time it had been performed in a rural venue.

Over 200 children, young people and their parents attended arts workshops during the Easter holidays at Craven Arms Community Centre and on the night carried their lanterns, flags, giant flowers and puppets through the streets to celebrate their community and the rich cultural heritage of Shropshire. The procession led the 3000 strong audience to a finale performance site at The Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms where the show unfolded with a fusion of images from different countries and cultures.

Deb Mullins, Artistic Director of Emergency Exit Arts, the theatre group who produced the show, said that "we have never before had such support from the community as we had with this event at Craven Arms. It was very rewarding to have whole families and individuals not only taking part in the parade but attending many of the workshops".

The Arts Team consider this event a resounding success and look forward to developing future projects in other parts of the county. The project was funded by Arts Council England and Objective 2 and Rural Regeneration Zone.