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## 24 days of digital distractions

### Press Release

#### Electric December: Growing Old Gracefully

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'I am glad I am a senior citizen. I am free. I can do what I want to do. Anytime. Anywhere.' Elders 2005

Following a period of research and development working with the Malcolm X Elders Group based at the Malcolm X Centre in St Pauls Bristol, Lisa May Thomas produced The Elders - a dance film with a specially composed musical score.

Celebrating the Elders' community, history and culture, Lisa has now created a special extension of the original project for **Electric December**, to explore their migration during the 1950s and 60s from the Caribbean and their more recent experiences living as part of the community in Bristol.

The new piece which was adapted by Ben Templeton and funded by Bristol Media, takes the form of a short, simple audiovisual experience authored in Macromedia Flash, which explores the ways in which the rich Jamaican culture has contributed to the city of Bristol. Through recorded interviews and imaginative graphical treatments the user can investigate what it feels like to be a Jamaican in Bristol, and how two different yet equally rich cultures have been inextricably intertwined.

**Electric December** is Watershed's widely acclaimed online digital advent calendar, which offers a new and totally unique digital present every day from 1 Dec - counting you down to Christmas.

#### Notes:

- For more details on this project visit [http://www.dshed.net/studio/projects/elders/elders\\_about.html](http://www.dshed.net/studio/projects/elders/elders_about.html)
- This piece is supported by Bristol Media: <http://www.bristolmedia.co.uk/>
- Find out more about **Electric December**, and download images and press releases at <http://www.electricdecember.org/05/press>
- Find out more about Connecting the UK: The Digital Strategy at [www.dti.gov.uk/industries/telecoms/pdf/digital\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.dti.gov.uk/industries/telecoms/pdf/digital_strategy.pdf)
- The Digital Challenge offers a £10m prize to develop a showcase zone for eGovernment and ICT innovation - find out more at [www.egovmonitor.com/node/1716](http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/1716)
- **Electric December** is a Watershed project supported by Learning & Skills Council West of England, The Campus Bristol, BBC West, Bristol Evening Post and Creative Bristol (an initiative of Bristol Cultural Development Partnership, Arts Council England South West, Bristol City Council and Business West).
- You can see the last six years of **Electric December** now at [www.electricdecember.org](http://www.electricdecember.org)
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