

A Feel For Print

17th June - 22nd July 2023

ACEarts, The Old Town Hall , Market Place, Somerton TA11 7NB
01458 273008
Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm
Free Admission

Experience an array of uplifting printmaking created by adults and children with sight loss.

This unique selection of prints were created in workshops across the county thanks to Somerset Art Works in partnership with Somerset Sight. The workshops were led by Somerset artist and printmaker Gemma Trickey where Blind and partially sighted participants of all ages and abilities were given the opportunity and support to create their own artworks. One of the participants, explained how it was good for her wellbeing to be creative amongst others with sight loss "I've thoroughly enjoyed myself, it's very therapeutic...It's like I'm alive again!"

Angela Charles, herself a 'Blind Artist' who organised the workshops explained that living with sight loss can be very isolating, "We often retreat from social gatherings or even going out at all as it can be too challenging. With a deterioration in vision often comes a greater dependance on others and a loss of both independence and confidence. I'm really pleased that we've had such success with people attending the workshops across the county as getting to a venue in itself is the first hurdle. The workshops have been as much about making prints as a chance for people to feel they are in the company of others that experience similar challenges."

Thanks to Somerset Art Works for making the workshops and exhibition possible through their financial and artistic support. Gemma Trickey for her expertise, enthusiasm and adaptability and to all the participants many of whom weren't sure what they were signing up for but throwing themselves into it and producing such amazing work. Thanks also to Hannah Earl for joining us to make her outstanding short film and to all of the workshop venues for being so accommodating of some very inky people. Lastly thanks to ACE Arts for not only holding some of the workshops but for encouraging us to display the prints here.

For details of future printing workshops for anyone Blind or partially sighted please contact Angela Charles mail@angelacharles.com

Somerset Sight support people with sight loss to maintain independence and their quality of life

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