

Press release – Exposed

A new pop up exhibition brought to you by residents of Clubmoor & photographers Emma Case & Katherine Monaghan.

Exhibition: 12 December 2019 - 5 February 2020
Location: My Clubmoor, 56 Maiden Lane, L13 9AW
Launch Event: 4PM - 7:30PM, Weds 11 December

A new photography group of photographers and residents in North Liverpool is unveiling its first project to the public in December. Produced by Open Eye Gallery in tandem with My Clubmoor, the group have been exploring photography as a tool for reconnecting old memories and creating new stories in the local area. Now, they're launching a free exhibition.

The collective comprises of major photographer Emma Case & supporting artist Katherine Monaghan and a recently established photography group, *Clickmoor*. Each member of the group has developed their photographic ideas and approach to making, in an individual way that works for them.

Some of the group have used photography to start conversations around their own health and wellbeing. For others, it has been an opportunity to reconnect with their local area, and document what makes Clubmoor a distinct and positive community for them. Others have weaved in other existing interests including painting, creative writing and installation to explore how photography connects and responds to other practices.

Made possible through Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Access and Participation Fund, *Exposed* is the first time the group will show their work to the public and is an opportunity for people to offer discussion and feedback on the work.

There are also longer-term ambitions to create a formal photography hub for My Clubmoor's community centre, where the participants involved will create a more sustainable photography space for the community.

To ensure this is something that is made with and for people in North Liverpool, the collective invite anyone to come along to the launch event for a cup of tea, a biscuit and to discuss what his photography hub could be.

The exhibition marks the outcomes of the first six-month collaboration between the photographers and local community. This programme is part of the *Young At Art* initiative, a new socially engaged arts programme for over 60's, with FACT and Museum of Liverpool. It enables people to connect through arts projects across the city. *Young at Art* works with over

60s from across the Liverpool City Region to create a new cultural network with an active sense of digital agency.

Exposed is a project produced by Open Eye Gallery, in partnership with My Clubmoor. The project is made possible through Paul Hamlyn Foundation's Access and Participation Fund and the Baring Foundation. Open Eye Gallery is also supported by Arts Council England, Liverpool City Council and the Foyle Foundation.

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Editor's Notes

Open Eye Gallery works to create, share and champion photography as a way to communicate, collaborate and learn.

We're actively rethinking what a contemporary gallery can be. We produce exhibitions, long-term social collaborative projects, publications, festivals, and university courses — locally and worldwide. We welcome over 85,000 visitors to our gallery every year, over 200,000 to projects in other venues, and many more to our online spaces. We proactively take risks to spark crucial conversations and enable creative expression.

We're taking a lead on socially engaged photography nationally. Bringing different voices, photographers and communities together, we establish projects where the collaborative process is just as important as the final product.

We act and communicate in a way that is generous, nurturing and friendly. We want everyone to make themselves at home in our spaces and feel comfortable using them. We seek to include, always.

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