

Winds of Change



Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley

Liverpool based photographic artist Tony Mallon has been working in collaboration with a group of older women from Northwood in Kirkby, who are part of the Golden Year's group. The project acts as a welcome return home for Tony, who grew up in the very area the women are based.

A number of women from the Golden Years group are known for breaking down stereotypes of being an older resident despite age, health and mobility. As testimony to this, as volunteers, they recently took on a soon to be closed centre in Northwood to keep a community hub alive. These women, some of which have lived in Kirkby for over 50 years, moved to the area on the promise of fresh air, outdoor space and a cleaner, better life away from the Liverpool city "slums".

Winds of Change brings together a series of collaboratively devised and produced photographs, which reflects these women's lives and activism for their local area. The exhibition and project is part of a larger project called Culture Shifts. This is a new socially engaged photography programme, working with 12 national and international photographers embedded in communities across 7 areas of Liverpool City Region. The aim of the project is to work with communities to explore their stories in a way that is meaningful to them.

Collaborating with photographers, communities will co-author a series of photo stories, reflecting on their identity, interests or lives. The photo stories form the basis of eight exhibitions across seven venues in Liverpool City Region. There is also a new open online platform, www.photostories.org.uk, that anyone is welcome to contribute to.

Exhibition launch event:
**Thursday 14 September,
4.30-6.30pm**

If you would like to attend, please
RSVP to Tina Ball on
0151 443 5617 or
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Please note that this is a RSVP
event only. Tea, coffee and a bowl
of scouse will be served.

If you are a school wishing to bring a class to the gallery, please book in advance via the contact details as below.
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