

Press Release

Georgie Meadows: Stitched Drawings
The National Centre for Craft & Design (NCCD)
Touring exhibition from Wellcome Collection, London
Sat 17 Mar – Sun 29 Apr 2018

This spring, The National Centre for Craft & Design is proud to present Georgie Meadow: ***Stitched Drawings*** - a collection of 24 stitched textile artworks that examine the personal stories of people ageing and living with dementia. The exhibition will be open to the public from **17 Mar – 29 Apr 2018**.

Meadows, a Monmouth based artist draws upon her experience as a former occupational therapist in order to create deeply personal and compassionate stitched portraits of individuals that she has worked with as an occupational therapist or people she knows.

Beginning with line drawings of her subject, Meadows creates her portraits using a domestic sewing machine. Two pieces of cloth, separated by wadding are sewn through which results in delicate pieces whose tangled threads are both a metaphor for the scrambling of neural connections during degenerative illness and a tender and tactile form of portraiture. The works present a collision of tightly knotted threads and loose stuffing, of softness and jagged edges.

Meadows' concern with the primacy of visual communication in the act of caring, when logic and speech are often elusive, gives the portraits a meditative empathy, with the confusions of illness set beside the kindness held in the simple and reflective acts of looking and seeing.

Alongside the stitched portraits are a number of short stories which convey the everyday obstacles that face those living with dementia, but also the triumphs. Meadows' works are a testament to courage and resilience in the face of a loss of control and identity.

Stitched Drawings is a touring exhibition from **Wellcome Collection** and there are a number of related exhibition events that will be supporting the exhibition including an artist talk with Georgie Meadows, a Dementia Friends workshop delivered by the Alzheimer's Society and Dementia Friendship Hub meetings for local people living with dementia.

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Touring Exhibition by Wellcome Collection

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Notes to Editors:

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Events Related to the Exhibition:

Dementia Friends Session

Mon 19 Mar, 2 - 3pm

Delivered by the Alzheimer's Society, this friendly and interactive session will increase your understanding of dementia, and make you think about the small things that can be done to make a difference to people affected by dementia in your community.

Free, booking required

Dementia Friendship Hub

Tue 20 Mar, Tues 17 Apr, 2 - 4pm

The launch of NCCD's first Dementia Friendship Hub. This will provide a suitable and safe environment for people living with Dementia and their carers. The session offers the opportunity to have fun and get involved in a range of activities - such as creative arts, singing workshops, seated exercise, tabletop games and much more.

Free, refreshments available

Georgie Meadows: Stitched Drawings - Artist talk, tour and Q&A

Wed 25 Apr, 2 – 4pm

Meet textile artist and former occupational therapist Georgie Meadows. Georgie focuses her talk on the subject of her artworks; people living with dementia and other mental and physical challenges, and the importance of how we interpret what we see and how this affects the way we treat people. In this insightful talk and tour of the exhibition, the artist will share her inspiration, history and the personal stories behind her practice.

Free, everyone welcome