

THE TURNER CONTEMPORARY OPEN EXHIBITION

Turner
Contemporary

Over 10 years ago in 2011, Turner Contemporary was built on the seafront in Margate. To celebrate, the gallery invited artists with a connection to Kent to submit an artwork to become part of a big exhibition. Over 1600 artists applied online!

Each gallery has been curated by a different community group. They are Age UK Thanet, the Turner Contemporary Access Group, Canvas 4 Equality and Margate Pride.

ARE YOU 10 YEARS
OLD TOO?

CAN YOU REMEMBER
SOMETHING THAT
HAPPENED
10 YEARS AGO?

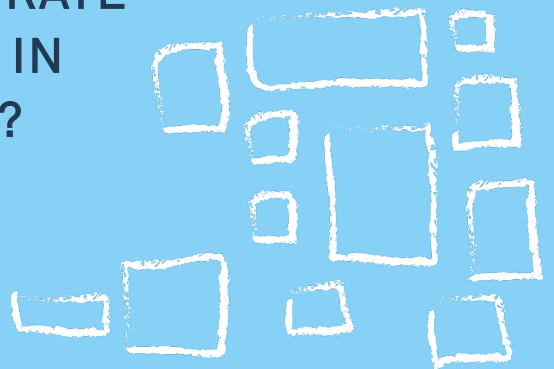


WHAT DOES A CURATOR DO?

A curator is someone who **CARES FOR** and **LOOKS AFTER** a collection of artworks or things. In an art gallery, a curator works alongside artists to tell a story through the artwork and the design of the space. During an exhibition, a curator might host talks and plan events for people to experience the work in different ways.

Some people might say we are all curators in our everyday lives. From fashion to food to social media, many of us like to collect and arrange things in a way that we find pleasing.

DO YOU CURATE ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE?



When you move through the galleries, make a note of your favourite artworks and how you might display them to create a new story.

WHAT DO YOU THINK
THE ARTWORKS
ARE ABOUT?

DOES THEIR MEANING
CHANGE WHEN
PLACED IN A GROUP?

HOW WAS THE EXHIBITION MADE?

The four community groups looked at every artwork online. They did this from home first because the gallery was closed. They also viewed the artworks anonymously, meaning they didn't know who the artwork was made by.

Over a few months, the groups came up with themes and ideas for their gallery space. Some of the questions they asked themselves were:

● How do you want people to feel in the gallery?

● Which artworks stand out to you and why?

● What is important to you as an individual?

● What does your community group want to say?

● What story are you telling with these artworks?

Activity – Make your own mini exhibition at home. Think about what you want to display and how are you going to display it?



THE OPEN CREATIVE COLOURFUL LIVES

In life we experience many ups and downs. There may be times when you feel really happy and on top of the world and other times where things aren't going your way or you feel sad and don't know why.

The artwork in this room has been chosen to reflect life's journey. Lots of the art is fun and joyous. It also shows that sometimes things in life are difficult, such as illness and feeling isolated, which many of us experienced last year. In times like these the group found comfort in familiar things in the home and using traditional techniques for making (such as felting, stitching and patchwork). By choosing lots of work where you can see how it's made, they hope people will leave feeling inspired to make things themselves.

This gallery has been curated by Age UK Thanet.

Age UK Thanet are a local charity for people over the age of 50. They bring people together through activities such as coffee mornings and art classes and offer support to those who need a helping hand.

IS A JOURNEY JUST ABOUT GETTING TO THE END DESTINATION?



CAPTURING MEMORIES

- What do you want to remember about yourself now?
- Make a memory jar to fill with memories, create a time capsule to open in five years' time or write a letter to your future self, telling them what you are like now.
- Can you make it collaborative by asking others to add their own memories of you.

THE OPEN OPEN FOR EVERYONE

This gallery has been curated by the Turner Contemporary Access Group

The Turner Contemporary Access Group is made up of people who experience the world in different ways. They meet a few times a year to make sure the exhibitions can be enjoyed by everyone with different strengths and needs.

In this gallery, take a moment to slow down, look at artworks closely, reach up high and listen carefully. Notice how the plinths have been painted to look like waves.

CAN YOU SEE THE
NATURAL WORLD IN ANY
OF THE ARTWORKS?

DO YOU RECOGNISE
ANY PLACES OR
BUILDINGS?

WHAT MATERIALS
HAVE BEEN
USED TO MAKE
THE WORK?

Find and discover these natural wonders and scenes in the gallery:

- Fossils
- Photographs taken under the full moon
- Grains of sand taken by a microscopic camera
- A bee made from mechanical parts
- As many boats as you can find
- Two large ocean mammals
- A friendly pigeon
- Four miniature homes
- A carnival up high



WHERE DO YOU FEEL MOST AT HOME?

Sometimes home can feel like lots of things, and the meaning of home can change throughout our life. Is a home a house or the people around you? Sometimes home is in the stories we tell...

Here you'll find artwork about people living today (Lady on a Horse by Manuela Pomposo Leiva), family histories (Zenobia Evaristo and Gregorio Obayomi Evaristo by Charlie Evaristo-Boyce), and mythological tales (Daphne by Lisa Wright).

THE OPEN
THIS IS A
MOVEMENT
NOT A MOMENT

This gallery has been curated by Canvas 4 Equality.

Canvas 4 Equality are a group of young women who were born and raised in Kent. They use art and creativity to stand up against inequality and to create positive change in the world.

They want you to feel at home here, as sometimes art galleries can feel a bit scary and unfamiliar. They have turned the gallery into a living room, dining room and garden, and selected artworks that fit into these difference spaces. Does it change how you view the work, surrounded by plants or on a comfy sofa?

**THINK ABOUT
ALL THE THINGS
THAT MAKE
YOU FEEL AT HOME.**

**CAN YOU SPOT THEM
IN THE ARTWORK?**

THE OPEN I JUST CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT

This gallery has been curated by Margate Pride.

Margate Pride organise events to celebrate people in the LGBTQIA+ community and advocate for everyone to have the same rights.

WHAT WOULD THE WORLD BE LIKE IF EVERYTHING WAS THE SAME?

WHAT MAKES YOU YOU?

A lot of the artwork in this gallery has turned everyday objects (such as a washing up bottles, chairs and even a toilet seat) into something unusual.

CAN YOU SPOT OTHER OBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE DIFFERENT?

Margate Pride are celebrating these differences. They have chosen works to show there are lots of other ways to see and experience things.

You are one of a kind and there is no one else on this planet exactly like you. Some of the things that make you you are your personality, the way you look, where you come from, the way you think and the things you believe. This is called our identity.

We should all be proud of our identities because it is who we are.

LOOK THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS

This gallery is all about seeing things differently

What do you notice?

Take a looking device from the Hinge to experience the artwork in new ways