

Lisa- Marie Mansfield Feedback A Moment in Time Project Feedback

Cardiff Royal Infirmary people, place, future

I began the project in September 2021 as part of the Cardiff Royal Infirmary people, place, future project, engaging with staff members, and almost taking a snap-shot in time of the staff hospital community. I was able to use the old library room in reception at CRI to set up my photography equipment, and staff could drop in for sessions there, and Bex Betton in the Arts Team also set up an online booking system for staff to reserve a portrait session. There were around 45 members of staff who took part in the project which is currently displayed in Capel I Bawb, but after the project sessions finished another 20 attended the old library room which unexpectedly gave me the opportunity to create another collage.

- members of staff were really pleased with the results. John(porter) said it really brings the community together seeing all familiar and new faces. It shows we are in this together through the good and bad (I.e. covid)

Eleri, said it was "fabulous work and we should be proud of what we have created as it gives you a warm welcome into CRI."

People appreciated me for photographing them as I was always welcoming which made staff less nervous about having their photograph taken.

I loved the project, I was sceptical at first because nobody really enjoys having their portrait taken but as time went on staff were loving it and this where relationships were developing. I honestly believe this was a great opportunity not only for my MA studies but also for my professionalism in what I do. I have learnt so much about myself throughout the project, It gave me the opportunity to grow and build self-confidence. From being so nervous starting this project in Sept 2021 to where I am now I couldn't be more grateful. I am still currently at CRI doing art sessions and developing the old library 'arts room' in support of my MA and I wish to continue my growth and development here as I feel the growth and development in the staff is improving also. The confidence in wanting a portrait taken now or participate in art workshops has become more popular than when it was first announced which to me shows self-development/confidence in staff.

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