

Autism: Life in Colour exhibition is welcomed back to Edinburgh



On 2nd April 2013, World Autism Awareness Day, people with autism across Scotland were invited to take two photographs or video clips that showed: “What’s the best thing about today?” and “What’s the worst thing about today?”

The purpose was to capture the views of people across the autism spectrum about what life is like for people living with autism in Scotland.

This popular exhibition, which shows some of the best photographs submitted, has already been in Edinburgh, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness and Glasgow. Yesterday evening, it was back in Edinburgh at The Café on the Corner, for the finale and closing event of the tour. The Gallery on the Corner, one of Autism Initiatives’ three social enterprises in Scotland, has been responsible for bringing this fantastic exhibition to so many of Scotland’s cities for the public to enjoy.

The Gallery on the Corner is a commercial art gallery and studio that provides a platform to exhibit and sell artwork produced by artists who have a physical or mental health condition, or those from a disadvantaged background, in the heart of Edinburgh’s gallery district.



Susie Anderson, Gallery Manager, remarked, “We are delighted to have had the opportunity to take this exhibition to so many cities across Scotland. It is great that so many people from

across the country been able to see the fantastic work that was produced back in April of this year. A huge thank you again to all the photographers that took part in the exhibition”.

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health and MSP for Falkirk West, who was at the closing event celebrating the exhibition said, “I am delighted to have been able to attend the Autism: Life in Colour Project which gives a real visual representation of what life is like for people with autism and I would like to thank all of those who took part in the project.

“The Scottish Government strategy for autism has always been about people and our key priority is to ensure that children and adults with autism and their families are properly supported by the widest range of services possible. This project helps us understand better the needs of people with autism.”

“A huge thank you to all of the photographers who submitted pieces for the Autism: Life in Colour exhibition and to all those that have been involved in the project over the year, such as Autism Network Scotland.”