

Art exhibition at Central Library by blind and partially sighted artists

A group of blind and partially sighted artists will be showcasing their work at Edinburgh's Central Library next month 3 – 31 October.

'Over and Under the Sea' will be an exhibition of sea-themed art works created by The Hillside Visually Impaired Art Group. The artists are all members of classes held by volunteers from the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Scotland at its Edinburgh headquarters.



The group has come together to create a series of sea inspired panels, and sculptures of sea creatures ranging from a terrifying piranha to a stocky starfish. The remainder of the exhibition consists of a diversity of individual works created by the members. Some of the artists paint in acrylic, and others model in clay, using a variety of textured, and hence tactile, materials.

“The exhibition was originally booked to run in 2020 but was postponed for two years,” says Andy Richie, one of the art group volunteers. “When the group was able to meet again, there were quite a few members whose sight condition had deteriorated significantly, but they were all undaunted.

“We have spent the last 12 months helping them learn new techniques and developing new styles. Many were working right up to the last of our art sessions but we are able to say that all 12 artists will have at least one piece displayed in the exhibition.”

The exhibition will be hosted in the Art & Design library within Central Library on George IV Bridge from Monday 3rd October to Monday 31st October. The opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – 8pm

Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 10am – 5pm.

▪ The artists who will exhibit their work are:

- Alan McIntyre
- Alex MG
- Anne Dignan
- Dorothy Cunningham
- Fiona Powell
- Kasia Jakimczuk
- Paul Edwards
- Muriel Matheson
- Stacey Scott
- Sue Marshall
- Susan Ballam
- Veronica Moodie



Dorothy's Fish



