

## Exhibitions

Fresh Arts is the arts programme managed by North Bristol NHS Trust. The Fresh Arts exhibitions' programme aims to:

- Build community links and partnerships with local arts organisations
- Showcase work by local artists, schools, community groups and art organisations
- Involve and celebrate the creativity of staff
- Raise the profile of the arts programme
- Generate funds for the arts programme

The Fresh Arts exhibitions' programme ensures that there is a constantly changing, lively backdrop to much-used spaces throughout the year. It makes people notice and engage with their surroundings and is a very public advocacy tool for the Fresh Arts programme, helping people to engage in the programme in general.

The vibrant exhibitions' programme covers four different gallery spaces within the Brunel building at Southmead Hospital:

### **The Sanctuary Gallery**

This gallery is located on the main concourse directly opposite the Trust's multi-faith space, The Sanctuary. The gallery is approx. 30 metres long. Exhibitions are changed on a four-monthly rolling programme.

An additional length of approx. 4 metres of gallery wall is next to the Pharmacy at gate 12.

If an exhibited artwork is sold as a direct result of being displayed in the gallery, the artist donates 20% of the price to Fresh Arts. This commission is used to purchase new works of art for waiting areas and wards.

### **Schools and Community Gallery**

This gallery can be found at gate 36 near the League of Friends café on the main concourse. The space is divided across two walls of the gate area, accommodating approx. 30 works. The gallery is open to use by local schools and community groups and is changed bi-annually.

### **Spike Print Studios and North Bristol Artists**

Each of these gallery spaces is to be found between gates 24 and 18 on the main concourse. The spaces are curated by these two local organisations; any queries about their exhibitions should be made directly to the organisations: [www.spikeprintstudio.org.uk](http://www.spikeprintstudio.org.uk) and [www.northbristolartists.org.uk](http://www.northbristolartists.org.uk)

## Hanging System

- Artwork is displayed using the 'Beta System' which consists of a horizontal top rail and vertical rigid metal hangers.
- The hangers are secured to the top rail and pictures are secured to fixings on the hangers. For more information please visit: <http://www.picturehangingsystems.co.uk/hanging-systems/beta/>

## Framing

- All pictures must be framed in wood, not metal
- Please **DO NOT** use Ikea frames to present your work – they are not robust enough and Fresh Arts will turn away any work displayed in unsuitable frames
- Frames **must be supplied with two D-rings attached**, one on each side of the picture **facing upwards**, so they can be safely secured to the Beta system security fixings.
- The **minimum size of the D-rings must be 18mm wide** measuring to the outside of the ring; beware - smaller sizes are available from hardware shops, but these do not fit onto the Beta system!



(An example of a D-ring, facing upwards)

## Insurance

Please note that North Bristol NHS Trust is not able to offer insurance cover for any items with a value of less than £25,000 (national NHS policy); consequently, Fresh Arts **DOES NOT** hold insurance against any loss of or damage to work. Please ensure you are adequately covered if you are thinking of holding an exhibition with us.

## Workshops

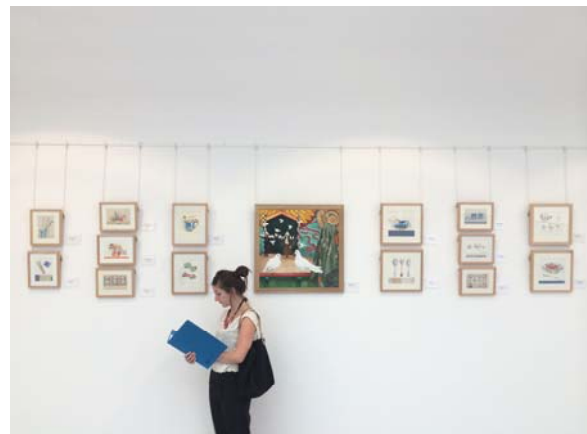
Fresh Arts runs a staff arts club for all hospital staff, offering free workshops in activities as wide-ranging as drawing and print-making to singing, drumming and pinhole photography. It may be suitable for the artist/organisation exhibiting to run a workshop or talk alongside their exhibition; please get in touch.

## Contact details

If you would like more information about Fresh Arts please contact the Arts Programme Manager, Ruth Sidgwick, on 07554 334 828, 0117 414 3759, email [fresh.arts@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:fresh.arts@nbt.nhs.uk) or visit [www.fresharts.co.uk](http://www.fresharts.co.uk)



Henbury School GCSE artwork



Sanctuary Gallery exhibition, Mariette Voke