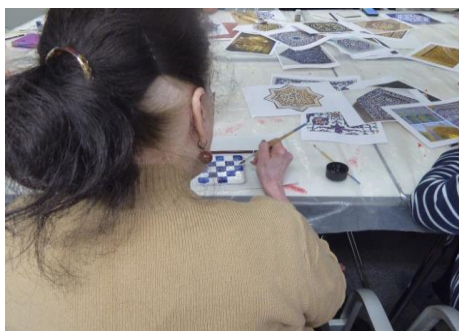


Press Release

Museums on Prescription shortlisted for Royal Society for Public Health Award:

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/about-us/news/health-wellbeing-awards-2017-shortlist-announced.html>



About:

Museums on Prescription is a three year research project (2014-2017) connecting lonely older adults at risk of social isolation to partner museums in Central London and Kent. The project researched the processes, practices, value and impact of social prescription schemes in the arts and cultural sector with specific reference to museums (including galleries) and is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/culture/projects/museums-on-prescription>

Social prescribing links people to sources of community support to improve their health and wellbeing. Participants referred by health, social care and third sector organisations, took part in 10-week programmes of museum-based sessions consisting of tours, talks and creative activities inspired by the collections.

Our partners:



Meet the team:

Museums:

The British Museum

The Postal Museum

Canterbury Museums and Galleries: The Beaney House of Art & Knowledge

Central Saint Martins Museum and Study Collection

Maidstone Museum & Bentlif Art Gallery

Tunbridge Wells Museums & Art Gallery

UCL Museums & Collections

Referrers:

Age UK Camden, Canterbury, Islington, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells

Camden Carers

Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust (Camden Psychological Services)

Kent and Medway NHS Partnership Trust

Kent County Council (Children, Families and Education)

Project friends:

Arts Council England

Royal Society for Public Health

New Economics Foundation (NEF Consulting)

The Researchers:



The Principal Investigator is Professor Helen Chatterjee from University College London. Helen is a Professor of Biology in UCL Biosciences and Head of Research and Teaching for UCL Culture. Helen is also Chair of the National Alliance for Museums, Health and Wellbeing:

<https://museumsandwellbeingalliance.wordpress.com/>



Professor Paul Camic is Professor of Psychology & Public Health and Research Director at Salomons Centre for Applied Psychology, Canterbury Christ Church University. Paul is the project's Co-Investigator.



Dr Linda Thomson, UCL, is the Senior Postdoctoral Research Associate for the project and Dr Bridget Lockyer, CCCU, was our Kent-based Research Associate who recently moved up north to take up a post in York.

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