

Living Lewisham

An Artistic project working with those shielding due to cancer in the borough of Lewisham to share their stories with the wider community.

Exhibitions at Deptford Lounge and SET Lewisham Autumn 2020
Online Film to be released online Autumn 2020

As businesses reopen and gradually we find ourselves being able to have more freedoms there are some people that have been somewhat forgotten. For the 1.5million shielders in the uk, Corvid-19 has left them feeling silenced, left behind and afraid to go out.

Shielding is the reality facing many people living with and beyond cancer.

Cancer is very much the forgotten C at the moment and Lewisham is a borough of need in regards to peoples cancer outcomes and their access to support. Dealing with a cancer diagnosis is difficult at any time let alone during Covid.

Seeing this gap and potential for change Artists Sarah Davis and Alex Stone have partnered with SET Lewisham, Macmillan Cancer Support and Deptford Lounge to create a new project - Living Lewisham. The aim of the project is to provide a platform for those Shielding in the Borough of Lewisham to share their stories and experiences.

We shall be working collectively to create a short film, photography exhibition and catalogue which will connect people, stories and place.

Using the conveniently social distance of the telephone we will gather personal experiences, challenges and explore what it means to be living with cancer in Lewisham right now. These stories will inform how the film and images are made. Weaving different individual experiences to create a filmed walk and accompanying exhibition in the Windows of Deptford Lounge and SET Lewisham at the beginning of Autumn.

These Platforms will bring together the voices of those in isolation to celebrate the spaces they personally identify with and highlight the importance of community at such a unique time.

An online screening will bring together those contributing to the project, creating a safe and engaging cultural event.

Want to be involved? If you are shielding due to cancer in Lewisham or caring for someone who is we would love hear from you!

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