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# 'My Birmingham' Art Exhibition

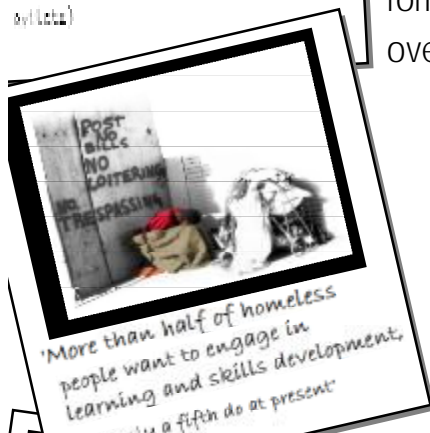
St Martin's Church 17th - 28th June 09

**A public exhibition of Art Work created and developed by members of the 'My Birmingham' Art group, based at SIFA Fireside, a homelessness and alcohol support service.**

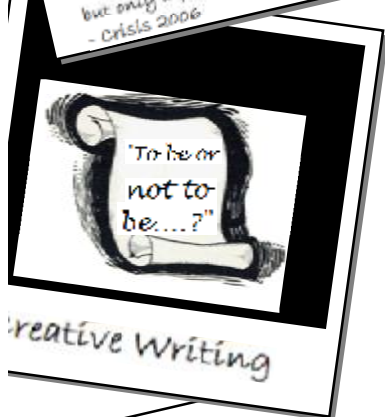
Over the course of three months the artists experimented with a variety of art forms such as photography, film, painting and creative writing to explore the overarching theme of 'My Birmingham'.



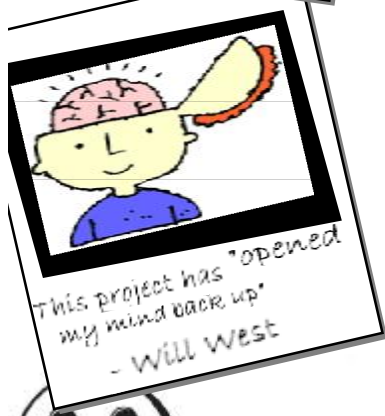
Photography  
Painting was my favourite as I got to learn a new skill - using watercolours  
- Mark Clark (one of the artists)



More than half of homeless people want to engage in learning and skills development, but only a fifth do at present  
- Crisis 2006



Creative Writing



This project has opened my mind back up  
- Will West

Collaborating with local art facilitators such as Birmingham's current Poet Laureate, Chris Morgan and media company Reel Access a selection of art forms were used to explore each artist's own interpretation of their city.

This exhibition is a unique insight into how the city is viewed by members of its community whose voices are often left unheard.

Where: St Martin's Church in the Bullring  
When: Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June 09 (exhibition is available to view Mon to Fri 10am – 4.30pm)

Launch Event Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Thank you to: Everyone who donated their money and time into this project, it was very gratefully received! St Martin's Church and St Martin's Arts. All the art facilitators who lead or contributed to the sessions. Most importantly a massive thank you to our artists whose hard work throughout this project has made it a real success!

**This is the artists' first public display of their work.**

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