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**CREATIVE ARTS GALLERY**

Capturing the Caring Experience through a Creative Lens



**“Mountain through the Trees”**

Hannah Chalmers (Beatson Nurse)

*“Being in nature helps me unwind. When life gets too hectic to get out into the mountains, painting them is the next best thing”*

## About our project



The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre has conducted regular patient experience surveys to ascertain satisfaction with care and service delivery. For those living with a cancer diagnosis, the complexities of their experiences may often be difficult to put into words.

For this reason, Macmillan Cancer Support recommended we seek alternative ways of capturing user experience and involve our patients where possible. In addition, patients wanted to see more art work in patient waiting and treatment areas. Therefore, we started a project to invite patients, carers, families, visitors and staff to be creative and produce a drawing, painting, poetry, narrative, in fact anything crafty or creative that represents their experience of attending our cancer centre, or their personal vision of what our cancer centre means to them now or in the future.

We hope displaying personal art contributions in our gallery spaces will achieve more than simply adding colour and interest to our clinical spaces. Viewing artistic works has also been demonstrated to have a positive and often profound impact on health, mood and more importantly, on well-being. Regardless of age, gender, culture, ethnicity or artistic ability, we truly believe that given an opportunity, everyone has a unique experience and story to be shared with, and appreciated by others who come into contact with our cancer centre.

We invite you to look at some examples of contributions currently on display on our first ever gallery wall. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to create a visual display of their experiences. We hope you, or someone you know will also help us by describing your own personal experience through a work of creative art. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please below on how to find out on how you can add to our gallery.



[www.beatson.org](http://www.beatson.org)

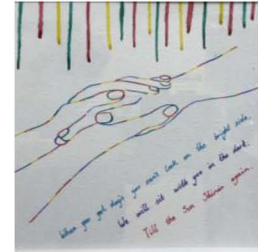


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**FACT: Did you know 'WORLD ART DAY' is celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> April?**



"Supporting Hands" by Pauline Callaghan



"Macmillan Cherry Tree" by Livio Di Tondo (age 10 yr)



"My Uncertain Futures" by Lindsay MacIntyre



"Life's Journey" by Lindsay Swann



"My Hospital Life" by Vanessa Fletcher



"Me and Chemo" by R. McKinstry





### Macmillan Day Bed Unit

#### Wall Gallery

Inspiring patients and healthcare staff

*Help us expand our gallery!*

*You, your friends and relatives can paint, draw, or craft a work of art which we will frame and add to our display*

### Dreams and Constellations

by Lauren Jackson

*"Hope is being able to see there is light despite all the darkness"*



### The Beatson Gardeners *by Rona Ballantyne*

I grew a gentle flower for all the world to see  
A rose that danced, sang songs, and laughed so full of glee.  
Winter came, the dancing stopped, her petals fell like rain  
We cut and clipped, gave chemicals, the laughter turned to pain.  
Then the Beatson gardeners came to wipe away the tears  
They brought her to the fairies and overcame her fears  
They stopped the rot, kept her safe, made her strong as she could be  
'Til she danced and sang her song, and my flower came home to me

