

CAN WE BE ARTISTS?: CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS



THE BARBICAN #CanWeBeArtists

Does art need to be BEAUTIFUL?

WHOSE ART SHOULD BE DISPLAYED IN GALLERIES?

What is art for & why do you do art?

JUST SEEING OTHER ARTISTS ENGAGE IN ART MADE ME THINK - MAYBE I CAN DO THAT!

ART HELPED ME WORK THROUGH FEELINGS OF DEPRESSION AFTER MY INJURY

ART HELPS ME EXPLORE HOW I FIT INTO THE WORLD AROUND ME

IN SECONDARY SCHOOL I WAS TOLD I WAS CRAP AT ART. SINCE WORKING IN THE STUDIO AT HEADWAY AFTER MY STROKE I'VE BEEN RECONSIDERING WHAT ART ACTUALLY IS.

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WHO DECIDES WHAT IS BEAUTIFUL?

IT'S OPINION, IT'S ABOUT PERSPECTIVE & CONTEXT.

"STOP SEEING ART AS A BEAUTIFUL THING THAT FEELING IS THE BEAUTY..."

...BEAUTY IN UNDERSTANDING!

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ARTS & HOMELESSNESS INTERNATIONAL



I MAKE ART ABOUT MY OWN EXPERIENCES WITH ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS & MENTAL HEALTH - I WOULDN'T CALL IT "BEAUTIFUL" AS SUCH!

ART IS TRUTH & TRUTH IS BEAUTY!

...FIRST YOU NEED TO DEFINE "SHOULD"

WHAT'S SHOWN IN GALLERIES IS DEPENDENT ON WHOSE IN THE POSITIONS OF POWER...

CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN "ART" & "INCLUSION", IT'S ART NOT CHARITY OR TOKENISM

TO SURVIVE, GALLERIES MUST SHAKE OFF THEIR ROOTS IN COLONIALISM, EMPIRE & PRIVILEGE

GIVEN THE INCREASING POPULATION OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THE UK - WE SHOULD HAVE AN INCREASED SHARE IN PUBLIC FUNDING

IT'S ALL ABOUT REPRESENTATION ART IS MADE BY PEOPLE

ALI EISA
AUTOGRAPH GALLERY

20% OF THE BRITISH POPULATION IS DISABLED, IMAGINE IF 20% OF ARTS FUNDING WENT TO DISABLED PEOPLE?

