

# B-SIDE ASSEMBLIES: NO 2

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017

SPEAKERS

## IS THERE BEAUTY IN DEMENTIA?



### JENNI DUTTON

'I am an artist working in Somerset. I began to make the series known as 'The Dementia Darnings' in 2011 whilst I was a carer for my mum who was developing dementia. Making this work helped me to deal with her illness and her inevitable decline. She died peacefully in September 2015'



### CHAIR, ALEX MURDIN

Dr Alex Murdin has been working in the field of visual arts as an artist and curator for over 20 years. Key areas of interest are working with environmentally led artists in the public realm, the field of craft & design, and artists working with health and wellbeing. He is currently the curator at Dorset County Hospital where he has been developing a series of arts commissions linking the environment to health areas such as dementia.



### JORDI ROBERT

"I am a Catalan visual artist resident in the UK. I have a particular interest in finding new ways to tell stories, often using my camera as a catalyst. 'Memory Palace' is a short documentary capturing the everyday routine of a dementia patient in a nursing home. It is a portrait of a fading memory."

# HOW CAN ARTISTS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE EXPERIENCE OF DEMENTIA?



## **RAINA SUMMERSON**

Agincare is an independent care provider with our head office based in Portland, Dorset. We offer a wide variety of community support services, including those to people living with a dementia both in the community and across our residential care homes.



## **MARC YEATS**

Marc Yeats is one of the UK's leading contemporary composers with his works having been performed by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, Hallé Orchestra, broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and stations across Europe, Asia and Australasia. Described by Sir Maxwell Davies as "breathtakingly original", Marc created 'Forget Me Not' - a new choral composition the result of a collaboration between Arts in Hospital and the Dementia Care Team at Yeovil District Hospital.

# HOW DO ARTISTS WITH DEMENTIA EXPERIENCE THEIR OWN ART?