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Exhibition proves students like to be by the seaside

Students studying at a specialist epilepsy college are to reveal their artistic side when they display photographic artwork at the Old Lookout Gallery in Broadstairs, Kent.

The exhibition, entitled “Oh we do Like to be Beside the Seaside” runs from Thursday 16 June until Thursday 23 June. All the images have been produced by students from the Surrey-based National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy (NCYPE) Further Education College.

NCYPE tutor Corinne Taylor said: “This exhibition demonstrates that NCYPE students can produce artwork to a very high standard. It’s wonderful to see their images on display and we’re grateful for all the assistance and support of everyone that’s been involved.”

The exhibition was funded by Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) and curated by CCCU student Katherine Drane. Katherine, whose brother attends NCYPE, held a day-long workshop with the students and also printed and framed all the images.

Katherine said: “I’m very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the NCYPE students. I’m sure visitors will enjoy the work they’ve produced and will see how good the college is.

“The college has been a tremendous help to my whole family and it is only fair that they get more recognition. It is well deserved and I am glad to be able to help them in return.”

The exhibition features 30 photographs produced by 15 students. It is the culmination of a project that the students have been working on since the beginning of the year.

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Notes to Editors

1. The Lookout Gallery can be found on Harbour Street, Broadstairs, Kent. More information about the exhibition and gallery can be found on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=210693758962565> or on:

<http://www.katherinecaroldrane.net/>

2. Epilepsy is a tendency to have recurrent seizures. These are caused by a sudden burst of excess electrical activity in the brain, which results in messages to the rest of the body becoming confused.

3. Around 60,000 under 18's across the UK have epilepsy and it is the most common serious childhood neurological condition. Around one in ten (6,000) of these will suffer from severe communication, learning or behaviour problems due to their epilepsy.

4. The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy (NCYPE) is a national charity for children and young people aged 5 to 25 with epilepsy and other neurological conditions. The NCYPE works in partnership with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust and the University College London's Institute of Child Health. It campaigns for improved epilepsy services for children and young people through its Champions for Childhood Epilepsy Campaign.

5. The NCYPE'S campus in Lingfield, Surrey includes residential and day provision at St Piers School and the NCYPE Further Education College. Also on campus is the award winning Neville Childhood Epilepsy Centre, which hosts a range of diagnostic, assessment and rehabilitation services, along with the Childhood Epilepsy Information Service (helpline 01342 831342 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm) and a SureStart Children's Centre for all local families. For more information, see www.ncype.org.uk.
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