

Site

HMP Send

Name of project / initiative

Our Time

Overview

Our Time, is an art programme and social enterprise that runs in partnership with the Michael Varah Memorial Fund (MVMF) and a local gallery. Our Time runs an annual exhibition (virtually in 2020) where women showcase and sell their work. In 2019 there were over 200 visitors to this exhibition. Each Christmas Our Time creates Christmas cards and a calendar. This year the print run sold out – over 5000 Christmas cards were produced showcasing art from Send. Our Time is in effect a collective of artists. Decisions about producing more stock are all made by the women – the artists – who are also learning business skills (weighing up the cost of producing more against the potential for profit). Those who have left Send continue to be connected with Our Time and take art commissions through MVMF.

Longevity

Since 2009

Benefits

Our Time gives dignity and purpose and the opportunity to develop expertise and skill for those women who are serving life or very long sentences.

Uniqueness

We are not aware of projects like this running elsewhere

Applicability

This could be done elsewhere

Requirements

Links with a local gallery to exhibit the artists' work

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