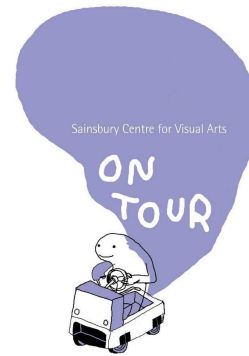


On Tour

Viewing Devices

Workshop ideas



Seeing familiar things with new eyes...

Aims: to develop visual processes - looking and thinking (in preparation for work with objects) and to foster enjoyment in looking

Collect together a variety of '**viewing devices**'. These could be surfaces, lenses and objects e.g.

Binoculars, fly eyes, magnifying glasses and lenses, viewing windows, mirrors (of all kinds, including concave, convex and different sizes), coloured gels, kaleidoscopes, glass bottle top...

Some starting points

Look at something familiar – it could be at details in a room or at each other. You could set a focus e.g. looking for patterns. Using the viewing devices can stimulate many activities, including

- describing what you are seeing to others (developing rich vocabulary to describe visual things)
- making drawings (looking and discovering through drawing)
- creative writing – describing words can be the starting point for poetry making
- using deduction to guess what others have been looking at and through

‘The hardest thing to see is what
is in front of your eyes’

Goethe

‘Originality is simply a fresh
pair of eyes’

Woodrow Wilson

‘The aspects of things that are most
important for us are hidden because of
their simplicity and familiarity’

Ludwig Wittgenstein

‘Looking is giving direction to
one’s sight’

Leonardo da Vinci

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