



Arlington

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### **Arlington portraits to be showcased in Times Square, New York**

A collection of portraits of residents and staff at Arlington, a high quality accommodation and support service for homeless people, has been shortlisted for a prestigious 'Art Takes Times Square' award and will be officially exhibited in New York City on Monday 18 June 2012.

This is particularly significant as Arlington's concept is inspired by the Times Square model pioneered by Common Ground in New York. The series of portraits, taken by Arlington's resident artist Ania Dabrowska, will be shown on billboards in Times Square, alongside other artists from around the world.

*Art Takes Time Square* is a competition run by Artists Wanted which gives artists, photographers and designers an opportunity to showcase their work on the international stage. Winners will have their work published in the *Art Takes Time Square* book, which will be distributed worldwide.

Jason Pryce-Kennedy, Head of Arlington, said: "It is quite fitting that the Arlington portraits will be exhibited in the very area we drew our inspiration from. The exhibition is a great opportunity to give the world a snapshot of some of the great work being done at Arlington to address the issues around homelessness. We are very proud of the work we do with some of the most vulnerable members of society and honoured to be a part of this fantastic exhibition celebrating the creativity and inspirational work of our resident artist Ania Dabrowska."

Artist Ania Dabrowska said: "This is a fantastic platform to not only showcase my work, but to also tell the stories of those affected by homelessness, through powerful images. I couldn't have achieved this recognition without the participation and commitment of the customers and staff at Arlington and everyone who voted for me in this competition."

Arlington takes a holistic approach in tackling the challenging issues of homelessness in the UK. As well as accommodation, Arlington provides high quality on-site care and support, along with bespoke education, training and job opportunities to help customers progress to independent living and employment. The Arlington Portraits series is the outcome of a successful customer creative arts programme, delivered by arts charity SPACE, one of Arlington's social economy partners.

## **Ends**

## **Notes to editors**

**Arlington** is located on Arlington Road in Camden and is owned and managed by [One Housing Group](#), a leading provider of affordable housing, care and support across London and the South East.

Arlington takes a revolutionary approach to tackling homelessness in the United Kingdom. Arlington is a stimulating mixed community of high quality accommodation for homeless people, social enterprises, low rent accommodation for young professionals and low-income workers; together with a state of the art Conference Centre based in Camden. It provides 130 accommodation units, of which 95 are for homeless people who are on the various stages of their journey from homelessness back to independent living.

For further information about Arlington and the Arlington portraits please contact Isha Richards on telephone: 020 8821 5228 or email: [irichards@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:irichards@onehousinggroup.co.uk)

Visit [Arlington.org.uk](http://Arlington.org.uk) for more information.

**SPACE** - Founded in 1968 by the artists Bridget Riley and Peter Townsend, SPACE supports artists throughout their careers. This is achieved primarily via provision of affordable studios for 750 artists across 19 sites, in 9 London boroughs. Alongside we run an extensive programme of artist professional development, exhibitions, residencies, talks, screenings, performances, professional training, workshops, school and community engagement. SPACE has a particular focus on supporting

emerging practice and via the Media Lab & The White Building supports the use of emerging technologies.

For further information about the Creative Space studio project at Arlington please contact Fiona Fieber <mailto:fifi@spacestudios.org.uk>

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For more information about the Art Takes Times Square competition and Artists Wanted visit

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