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Arlington portraits to be showcased at House of Homeless exhibition

A series of portraits of Arlington residents and staff, recently exhibited in Times Square New York, will be on display to the general public in the UK for the first time. The *House of Homeless* exhibition, sponsored by Chequers and the Polish Cultural Institute, will be held at Arlington, a high quality accommodation and support service for homeless people in London, on 13 and 14 July from 11:00am – 7:00pm.

House of Homeless, which marks the end of SPACE artist Ania Dabrowska's residency at Arlington, will feature the portraits, taken by Ania, alongside selected artwork produced by Arlington customers on the Creative Space programme. The programme aims to provide residents with a platform for personal expression and to challenge the stigmas surrounding homelessness.

Head of Arlington Jason Pryce Kennedy said: "The Creative Space programme at Arlington is an excellent way for our customers to express themselves and share their experiences of homelessness through art. Arlington's Conference Centre will be transformed into an art gallery where visitors can come and appreciate the fantastic collaboration between our customers and Ania Dabrowska."

| Arlington resident Diab Alkarssifi is looking forward to showcasing his photo archive covering over 100 years of Lebanese history, at the exhibition. He said: "The staff at



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Arlington have given me the chance to improve myself. Special thanks also to Ania for helping me to achieve my dream of publishing my pictures and sharing it with the world.”

The Creative Space programme, an engaging creative arts initiative for customers, is delivered by SPACE, one of Arlington’s social economy partners.

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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. 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.

For further information about Arlington and the House of Homeless exhibition, please contact Isha Richards on telephone: 020 8821 5228 or email: irichards@onehousinggroup.co.uk

For case studies or interviews please contact Isha Richards on the details above.



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Visit 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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Ania Dabrowska, is an award-winning artist, curator, lecturer and workshops facilitator. She works in photography, installation, text, sound, and video. Much of her work is socially engaged in a variety of projects in the UK and abroad. As the first SPACE artist in residence at Arlington she has been running the Creative Space programme for the residents and developed "Arlington Portraits" as her own artistic response to issues of homelessness. She is an editor of the Arlington residency blog, which has generated over 30,000 visits since its online launch in 2011.

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