

Helen A Taylor MA

Biography

I have always spent my time drawing, painting and making things but was unable to go to University at the age when most people go, and at that time getting a degree was not something I ever thought I would be able to do. In my early career, I worked in Petro-chemical engineering as a draughtsman, one of very few women in this industry at that time so I utilised my drawing skills anyway, albeit in a technical rather than artistic way.

However, I was lucky to be able to resume my education in my 30's, initially thinking I would just do a foundation course and see how it turned out. I found being back studying, much more inspiring than I ever had when I was at school, so following the award of Distinction on my Foundation course, I went on to take a BA Hons in visual arts, gaining a First Class degree, and then a Masters degree (in printmaking).

Since then as well as producing my own work, I have worked as a commissioned public artist, community artist, adult education tutor and workshop leader, and then, most recently as Director of MK Arts for Health the hospital based arts charity .

I left MK Arts for Health several years ago so I would have more time to produce my own artwork.