

Islington U3A - Outings

Comments by participants on the U3A Outing to Margate on Tuesday 8th October 2019

Just to say a huge thank you – to you and Cressida - for organising the day. The details prior to the trip were excellent, and the day itself very nicely balanced between sociability and quiet, personal time for reflection on the art works – and the sea and sky.

Thank you for organising this Outing - lovely to see the sea again and smell the salt air!

I thought it was a wonderful outing and enjoyed it thoroughly. Also, I felt very warmly welcomed. Thank you! It was quite a big group for one curator, but it worked out fine. I could definitely hear him very well.

I really enjoyed my time at Margate, even though there was only one artist shortlisted that deserved their place - namely Murillo. Your comments about the guide service are apt - I felt the one we had should have been more concise and left us to view the artists more. It was a pity there wasn't anywhere big enough for a group lunch - but the lunch I happened upon in the upmarket restaurant was great value and very tasty.

Thank you for such superb organisation of the visit - the sunshine providing such a welcome surprise

Thank you so much for all the arrangements you made and work you both did to make this visit such a success. I really enjoyed the day. I'd love a day out in Bath in December too, so I've pencilled the date in the diary already!

I've just noticed that Angela's, the seafood cafe where a few of us had lunch, has been recommended (by Waitrose!) as an "impressive example of sustainability" and good food. We chose well. (It was on your suggested list already)

I enjoyed my visit enormously and thought the curator was really excellent. He was very knowledgeable and explained the works in a way that made them accessible to someone like me with little grasp of conceptual art. I learned a lot from his introduction to the shortlisted entries and his explanations about the practices of the artists. I thought the group was a reasonable size for everyone to be able to hear, although possibly the acoustics in the main entry hall where the tour started were a tiny bit difficult for some people, but that would have been the same, I think, whether or not there had been a second guide.

I was sorry to miss the second part of the outing, to Margate Museum, but noted that it was not a normal opening day so I guessed you had negotiated a special opening for the group. I was generally very impressed by your excellent organisation of the day out and it has made me enthusiastic to join another similar outing. I would be keen for more of the same i.e. a guided visit to an exhibition. The Ashmolean in Oxford often has good exhibitions. I saw the Jeff Koons exhibition there in the summer and would have loved to have had a guide to talk about his work, like the one we had on Tuesday.

Thank you both for a lovely, cheerful and well planned day yesterday.

Have to admit to not really engaging with the Turner, but otherwise everything was perfect. We all especially appreciated the wonderful museum - huge range and super

volunteers. Thank you especially for arranging this. And afterwards I had a lovely walk on the beach with an ice cream,.

Thank you both again for an enjoyable and companionable day. Nice train journey too!

It was great to get to see Margate and get a taste of this year's Turner Prize offerings