

## Outing to the Turner Contemporary Gallery to see the Turner Prize Exhibition

Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Islington U3A members are invited to join an Outing on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019** to Margate to enjoy a guided tour of the Turner Contemporary Gallery during the period of the Turner Prize Exhibition.*

The centre of Margate has been transformed in recent years with interesting shops and cafés as well as Dreamland [https://www.turnercontemporary.org/media/documents/Discover\\_Margate\\_Map\\_2011\\_Web.pdf](https://www.turnercontemporary.org/media/documents/Discover_Margate_Map_2011_Web.pdf), and most of all by the Turner Contemporary Gallery on the cliff above the harbour. The Gallery was designed by David Chipperfield and opened in 2011. The view of the sea from the gallery is very fine.

One of the best-known prizes for the visual arts in the world, the Turner Prize aims to promote public debate around new developments in contemporary British art. Established in 1984, the prize is named after JMW Turner (1775-1851). It is awarded to a British artist for an outstanding exhibition or other presentation of their work in the past twelve months. <https://www.visitthetate.co.uk/see-and-do/turner-prize>

It is the first time that the venue for the Turner Prize, outside of London, has had a direct connection with JMW Turner. Turner Contemporary stands on the site of artist's lodging house and enjoys views of the skies that Turner felt were 'the loveliest in all Europe'. <https://www.turnercontemporary.org.uk> (from Tate website)

**Turner Contemporary Gallery** - free entry. We have booked a 60 minute guided tour of the Turner Prize exhibits for all participants from the curator of the exhibition. **This will cost you £10.00 per person**, payable at the entrance, and gives a discount in the shop and café. (To be clear, all participants must take part in the tour)

There will also be a visit to a large **Tudor House** which is part of Margate Museum, and an opportunity to explore the town.

The visit includes a walk from the Turner Contemporary along the cliff path towards Broadstairs, the most easterly point in Kent.

**Date: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Travel:** We shall travel by train from London St Pancras, leaving at 10.27, arriving at Margate 12.00. There are 4 trains an hour returning from Margate.

**Cost of travel:** Fare **with** Senior Railcard £18.15, **without** Senior Rail card £27.40. These prices include the supplement for high speed as far as Ashford or Ebbsfleet.

In Margate, members will walk to the Turner Contemporary which takes 20- 25 minutes along the sea front, but taxis can be taken by those who need them.

**Food and drink:** the gallery café overlooks the harbour, and is open for lunch. There are a number of cafes and restaurants for those who might like to stay in Margate for a drink or a meal before returning to London.

**Outing led by David McPhail and Cressida Jupp**