

Omagh Hostel Memory Keeper Sheet

Proposal

The sheet has been inspired by the numerous sheets on the line, in the summer, at the hostel. Being as ecological as possible; a tumble dryer simply would not suit the hostel's style! Hanging in the conservatory, when the sun graces us in the summer, its light pushes through the many layers of sheets, hung across their centre on a highway of lines.

Having visited the hostel many times since my time in Omagh, it always amazes me how such a calm place can be so busy! There are many layers; there's the family who live there & all their stories, the WOOFERS & their stories, the dogs, the hens, the ducks, the pigs (alas no longer with us), the hostellers – visitors to Omagh from all over the globe, the poly tunnel, the organic produce, the lake, the awards . . . the glorious view . . . the annual barbeque

Many people have many memories of this place. Whilst this place is a constant that people can return to; it constantly shifts, changes & grows. I have used a sheet from the hostel as my base layer. The images have been taken & show my response to this space over the past 3 years.

It is proposed that the sheet be installed within the many other sheets hung during the hostel season. Hostellers are invited to look and to make use of the many pockets to leave a little something of them-selves behind. Depending upon what is left behind, layers will be added to the sheet or a new sheet created. Either way, some of the sense of the many layers, of the many stories, of the many memories & associations that are held of this place are recorder, are made tangible; visible.

As viewed here, this is just stage one of this memory sheet, with who knows how many transformations & additional layers to come. It has been presented with a back light to recreate the impact of the (much sought after) summer sun light!