My creative responses to building resilience with vulnerable and marginalised communities Shelagh Hetreed - shelaghh@live.co.uk *A Member of the Conversation Café Research support group*



I am the

quietly

shadow- that

is my place.

My presence

challenges and

gentle change

encourages

Through my minds eye and then the lens, I give transient moments new significance, captured to our influence perceptions of the unnoticed, bypassed and demeaned.

'Beginners mind' (Mindfulness) enables a new awakening to possibilities and ideas, free of misconceptions and prejudgements

When I focus attention

on details, it become a

metaphor for seeking

ordinary and unnoticed.

My theme is valuing

and engaging with our

everyday encounters and

exchanges. As the 'lens',

wonder, delight, beauty

and reverence. My hope

is to deepen our love for

humanity and the planet

significance to the

I bring into focus

ways to give



'We cannot do great things, only small things with great love'. Mother Theresa



Culture is fluid and our identities complex. Identities cannot be reduced to 'dualistic polarities'. Inclusion, acceptance and respect emerge from valuing each other and only then can we truly celebrate our diversity

> Promoting, sharing, informing, infiltrating, subverting pursuing, engaging, suggesting, speaking up, speaking out for inclusion and social justice



Demonstrating through still and moving images alternative perspectives, gentle snapshots of my discoveries of everyday wonders, captured and revealed through the lens -an outcome of how my life is lived through relationships with these amazing and undervalued (to me) significant others

Continuing to work alongside marginalised and minority cohorts- nowinkac those with troubled minds and dependencies. Striving to be the 'connector', raising awareness of the hopes and needs of the marginalised by challenging attitudes through creative BRISTOL C responses that demonstrate trust and love

