



Disability artists display and discuss Toronto Street Level photographic exhibit at King's

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London, ON- The Disability Studies program at King's University College presents Tangled Art + Disability's touring photo exhibit and digital stories: Street Level. The exhibit runs in the Spriet Learning Commons, Student Life Centre until November 4th (12 noon). Full details about this unique exhibit can be found at: <http://www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/interdisciplinary-programs/disability-studies/> An artists' panel featuring all nine photographers from Toronto and a reception will be held in the Vitali Student Lounge, Wemple Building, 266 Epworth Ave, London on Wednesday November 5th from 5-6:30p.m. ASL interpreters and attendant care will be provided at the panel and reception.

Street Level is curated by the award-winning photographer, Vincenzo Pietropaolo for Tangled Art & Disability. The photographers all undertook a master class with Pietropaolo and this exhibit is a selection of what they captured. At the reception, the artists and curator will all share the ideas and experiences behind the project and their artistic visions.

The Disability Studies program at King's aims to foster a rethinking of traditional, deficit-focused approaches to imagining disability and mental health using the liberal arts lens that King's is known for. Students combine Disability Studies with a variety of majors and they often bring their prior work, volunteer or family experiences to bear on the course material. Students work in areas to help them situate disability amidst contemporary debates related to everything from inclusion, media and sports to rights, work and war. In this way, they re-imagine common misperceptions about disability through turning the lens off the so-called "problem of disability" and onto the way certain social structures, policies or stories are themselves disabling. Each class also showcases innovative projects that are changing attitudes and reducing barriers.

"We see hosting this exhibit with Tangled & Pietropaolo as a great example of such innovation in the important, and new area of Disability Studies," says Dr. Pamela Cushing, who leads the program at King's. King's is one of only three universities in Ontario to offer Disability Studies.

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