



Collection Connection: Andrew Jones

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum are inviting local personalities to choose their favourite exhibits as part of a programme called *Collection Connection*. This January Andrew Jones, the new Deputy Chief Executive at Warwick District Council has chosen a photograph titled, *Corridor, Mishkor Sanitorium* by Jason Oddy.

Jason Oddy is a contemporary photographer whose work investigates the relationship between man and his material environment. He is fascinated with spaces that are designed and manufactured with deliberate agendas and ideologies, in order to bring about a desired effect upon the visitor.

Talking about *Corridor, Mishkor Sanitorium*, which depicts a former Soviet Spa in Ukraine, Andrew said, 'I like art with a darker side – something that's not quite what it seems. Oddy's *Corridor* suggests to me the high ideals of a communist society which became so certain of its own truth that it forgot about the individuals who make up society itself.'

Andrew, whose responsibilities include the Council's Cultural Services, has a particular interest in modern and contemporary art. He has lived in Warwick district for eight years having moved with his wife and family from the North West.

Andrew Jones and Sarah Brown, Curatorial Officer at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum, will discuss Jason Oddy's photograph in more detail on **Friday 22 January at 1pm** as part of our Friday Focus programme of talks.

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