



### **North Edinburgh Arts Public Art Commission to Commemorate Elizabeth Maginnis**

A digitally produced tapestry to commemorate the life and work of the late councillor Elizabeth Maginnis has been commissioned by North Edinburgh Arts and the City of Edinburgh Council.

The piece by artist Natalie Taylor will be on display in the public entrance hall of Elizabeth Maginnis Court, developed in Royston Mains Crescent by Dunedin Canmore Housing Association in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council.

This development, named in honor of Elizabeth Maginnis, is an innovative model of housing that will provide accommodation for 68 older people, as well as day care services for residents and older people who live in the community.

Elizabeth Maginnis, as well as being a respected councillor in the Forth Ward for many years, managed the Pilton Equalities Project which enhances the quality of life for older people in North Edinburgh and was convenor of the Education committee with a strong dedication to young people. Elizabeth was also committed to the redevelopment and quality of new homes built in the area.

Natalie, who lives in North Edinburgh, is delighted to be involved in creating this unique artwork. Although Natalie practices mainly as a sculptor she will be creating the design for the digitally produced tapestry which will be woven in the Netherlands. She plans to work with local schools and groups to generate words or ideas that describe an ideal home and to build a picture of people's perception of their own housing. Natalie will also work with Elizabeth Maginnis' family to ensure the work captures the interests and enthusiasm of Elizabeth.

After creating a final digital image Natalie will travel to the Audux Textile Museum in the Netherlands where the tapestry will be created on a digitised Jaquard Loom.

Natalie has been commissioned and exhibited worldwide, and has taught art at Edinburgh College of Art, Stevenson College and the Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop.

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