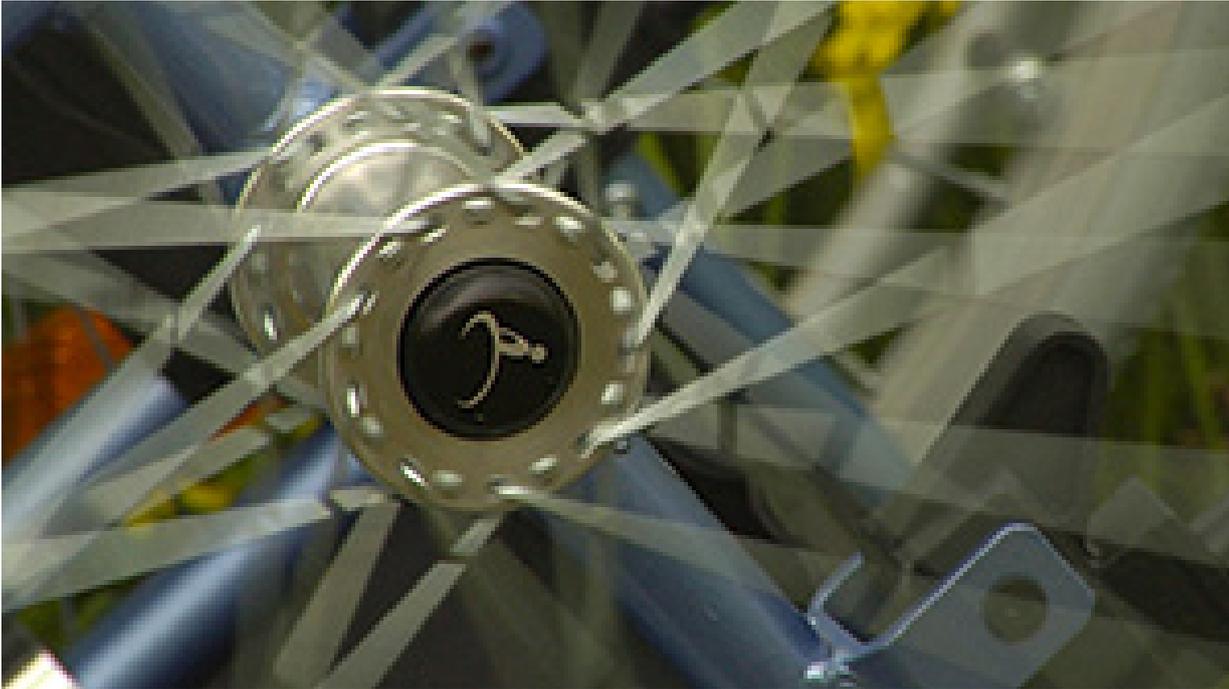


The Waiting Room

by Deirdre Glenfield



Video Installation Duration 5min 4sec (looped)

RUA RED, Cafe Area, 8th March - 21st April 2015

The waiting room is a place we are all familiar with but at the same time are uncomfortable with. It is a place of not just uncertainty, anxiety and vulnerability, but also one of hope. It is a place where we wait for examination, diagnosis, and reassurance. A time for reflection where life choices are scrutinised, personal promises are made and deals are done with God. It is a place where reality is suspended and a potential life changing experience can occur.

Artists Statement

Deirdre Glenfield is a Dublin based multimedia artist whose practice has evolved through a process of experimentation with video and digital media. Drawing from current topical issues and personal experiences, her work explores various themes in the context of societal, political and scientific systemic structures in our everyday environment. Her practice examines not just the workings of these structures, but also the human impact when they fail. She completed a B.A. in Visual Arts Practices at the Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dublin and with a background in nursing her work explores the discourse between arts and health and has been informed by her experience as an arts facilitator in Tallaght hospital, allowing her the opportunity to observe the dynamics at play within this environment.

This work was created in conjunction with the 'Lying in Wait' arts and health initiative, and kindly sponsored by The Meath Foundation.

The National Centre for Arts and Health (NCAH), exists to improve patient care and to promote the benefits of the arts in health. Situated in Tallaght Hospital, the centre aims to improve the hospital experience for patients, to explore the therapeutic potential of the arts, to build positive links with the local community and to make the arts accessible to patients who cannot access traditional arts venues. For more information on the arts programme contact Hilary Moss, National Centre for Arts and Health, Tallaght Hospital Tel: 01 414 2076 / Email: hilary.moss@amnch.ie

