



On Myself

I have been attending animation sessions with Scott the Involvement Lead for around 5 months. They started out as 1 hour per week and developed to around 2-3 as the project formed. I was tasked with creating a short animation in which I describe to the audience "what it's like" to be me. We began by recording a two minute monologue on how I feel on a day to day basis and how I cope.

After this was recorded we began discussing ideas on how to bring it life and how it could create the most impact using the skills and equipment we have. We decided to use stop motion animation using found images online and photographs of myself.

I was tasked with finding the images and cutting them out before compiling into his folder along with some headshots we took of lots of different expressions and emotions.

We then tested out how to shoot each part of the monologue and began to section off different parts into more manageable pieces. This was done with Scott's help and then each week we would practice the animation before shooting it. I was able to set up the camera myself on several occasions but had a tendency to forget the settings if not referring to my folder which had them written down. I also had to re shoot parts as I had not checked the focus a couple of times and the footage was unusable.

I enjoyed the process and was able to get on with the tasks in hand for each session once set by Scott. I was good at helping to problem solve as the project went on offering my opinion and vision on every stage. I enjoyed getting off the ward to take my mind off things. I enjoyed learning some new skills.

I declined to get involved with the editing as I struggled to grasp how to use the editing suite but I was always there giving instructions on what I wanted and discussing with Scott any alterations that took place.

I am very proud of what we have produced and I'm excited for people to see it. I am looking to enter the work into various national competitions this year.

I am looking forward to creating another film soon.

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