

ART APPRECIATION

Women in revolt exhibition May 2025

During an extremely pleasant heatwave, a tour was undertaken by a member of the Art Appreciation group to look at Women in Revolt! - Manchester Whitworth Gallery.

Starting in 1970 with the National Women's Liberation Conference, the exhibition walks you sequentially through the two decades that follow, the political and social environment and the art that came out of those eras.

I felt it was presented in an accessible way and included paintings, photographs, sculptures and textiles. The pieces are very much of their time and succeed in engaging the viewer into the inequalities and struggles faced by a generation of women and men too. Yes there are some controversial and uncomfortable pieces on show but this did not detract from the message that was being conveyed. Gina Birch's 3 minute scream stays with you for a long time.

I was there for over 2 hours and the time passed quickly. The exhibition was beautifully crafted and thoughtfully executed. If you get chance, do give it a go!

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