

While We Slumber By Kitt

Friday 14th August – Monday 12th October

While We Slumber is a new exhibition by the artist Kitt. It was created for God's House Tower, and commissioned by 'a space' arts.

The exhibition looks at what Kitt calls "emotional heritage." This means the feelings that build up inside a building over time – feelings that are shaped, shared, and passed on by the people who live, work, or stay there.

Sleeping Close Together

The exhibition starts with a simple question: what do we share when we sleep close to other people?

Think about sleepovers – midnight snacks, whispered chats, sliding down the stairs in sleeping bags, and late-night talks. Kitt looks at how sleeping near others can bring us closer. It can also change how we think about care, closeness, history, and belonging.

The History of the Tower

Kitt's research is based on the building itself and its long history. Over hundreds of years, many different people have slept in God's House Tower. This includes:

- People in the tower's early days, in medieval times
- Prisoners held there in the 1700s and 1800s
- Artists who have stayed and worked there
- Even participants of a 24-hour ukulele jam

The exhibition explores how these different experiences leave a kind of emotional trace behind. Kitt believes these traces still shape the building today.

Join In

Visitors are invited to take part throughout the exhibition. There are:

- Handmade beds, where you can stop and rest
- Sleeping bags, used for fun, shared activities
- Sound pieces, which capture the feeling of sleeping near others
- Making activities, where you can add your own ideas and responses

The exhibition doesn't treat history as fixed or finished. Instead, it makes space for new memories and experiences – ones that visitors help create.

Why This Matters Now

We live in uncertain times – politically, socially, and environmentally. Kitt believes places like God's House Tower matter more than ever.

These spaces do more than just offer shelter. They give communities a place to gather, imagine, and look after one another.

While We Slumber invites you to see the gallery as a place for shared dreaming - where rest, creativity, and openness with others can help build stronger connections.