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SCRAPPY BUT HAPPY

A priceless limited edition expressed in words
and pictures by people accessing Simon's services.

"Creativity takes courage"

Henri Matisse 1869–1954

The Dublin Simon Community is proud to present the 7th edition of **Scrappy But Happy**. This annual collection of art and writing showcases the range of talents, interests, and inspiration which can be found within the people who access Dublin Simon Community's homeless and housing services.

The Literacy and Personal Development team provides art, creative writing, dance and literacy groups across the Dublin Simon Community. Our groups aim to provide a place where participants feel confident to express themselves creatively. We support people in their journeys to reach their personal, educational and creative goals. Tutors and participants work together and inspire each other through classes and projects.

The results of much of this creative inspiration can be seen in this collection, a truly unique and special celebration of imagination.

As famed artist Henri Matisse said, "Creativity takes courage." We often forget how to tap into our creative sides as we grow older. Digging past that barrier, and unleashing your imagination onto the world takes bravery. It is incredible to see the results of someone opening up through the materials we provide.

Each piece you see in this book, whether it is made of clay, paint or words is a window into the unique mind of the person who made it.

We have an amazing team of dedicated staff and volunteers in Literacy and Personal Development who helped put this book together. Thank you to Karen Peakin, Ciara Cadden, Juan Urbina, Fiona Mulrine and Alea Stokes. Your hard work and continued support is much appreciated. We would also like to thank all the artists and writers who graciously contributed their work to the book. Without your help, **Scrappy But Happy** would not be the success it is today!

We hope you enjoy reading this book as much as we enjoyed creating it.

Dublin Simon Community

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