

Commemorative Window at University Campus Celebrates Work of Nurses



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A stained glass window dedicated to the work of nurses in Worcester has been installed at the University of Worcester's City Campus.

The commemorative window in the Jenny Lind Chapel harks back to the buildings' history as the former Worcester Royal Infirmary hospital. It was paid for by the Worcester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League as a lasting memorial to all the nurses who worked at the hospital.

Nurses' League President Muriel Ballinger said: "We felt that some permanent memorial should be created at the site. The hospital was a hugely important place in the City and many people will have either worked, been treated, or visited a loved one there."

The window was designed by local artist Nick Upton, who has previously carried out a commission for the Nurses' League, and was made by Rob Paddock, Director of The Art of Glass at Burcott Forge, near Bromsgrove.

Elizabeth Hill, Vice Chairman of the Nurses' League and Project Lead, said: "The projected cost of the window was £15,000. An appeal was made to both League members and the wider community. As a result of local publicity donations began to be received from all over the country, including former Infirmary staff. Several donations were received in memory of loved ones, often nurses, with one third of the original cost donated in memory of Edna Butler. Locally, members turned their attention to a series of fundraising events.

"Although a further £3,000 was required for the design to be re-worked, within one year of launching the appeal the total sum was realised. A fantastic effort by all. We hope to have an official unveiling ceremony in the coming months."

The Jenny Lind Chapel is named after the 'Swedish Nightingale', as she was known, who sang at a concert in College Hall in 1849, donating the proceeds to the building fund. The Chapel adjoins the board room where the British Medical Association was formed in 1832.

Dr Martin Doughty, University of Worcester Pro Vice Chancellor (Resources), said: "This is a hugely important chapel in the history of Worcester and the University has been very keen to ensure its preservation. This stained glass window is a welcome addition and a fitting tribute to all those who worked at the hospital."

The former hospital has been sympathetically transformed into new teaching and learning spaces for the University.

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