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## Revealing our inner stories

A NEW social art project, designed to “spread authenticity and happiness”, is already gathering momentum, with plans for a book, an art show and a documentary film.

The driving force behind the In Your Own Skin Project is Katheryn Trenshaw, Totnes-based artist and founder of the Passionate Presence Centre.

She said: “The whole project is based around one simple but profound question: ‘What is true of you that is not obvious to strangers?’”

Katheryn asked that question of 100 people from around the world and worked with them to distill it down to one word or phrase, the essence of their “hidden treasure”. That is then captured and revealed in their portrait.

“We live in a world where we expect to know everything about a person from a first impression,” said Katheryn, “but as In Your Own Skin reveals, there is a lot more to each one of us than initially meets the eye.”

Some of the 100, like local poet Matt Harvey, Grammy award-winning producer Jamie (One Giant Leap) Catto and Afro-European singer Cecilia Kankonda were invited to take part.

Others came about through chance encounters. Said Katheryn: “I met a wonderfully joyful Swedish woman called Moa while waiting for someone else to turn up for their appointment and she revealed she had suffered 15 years of

paralysing depression - the two words she chose for her portrait.”

At the lighter end of the emotional scale, one young boy chose to have the words ‘odd sock wearer’ on the soles of his feet.

The next stage of the project is fundraising - Katheryn needs around £30,000 to make the film. She is already putting together a proposal for crowd funding (collective online fundraising) and is staging a fundraising event at the Barrelhouse in Totnes on June 13.

“We will be screening the premiere of the In Your Own Skin film trailer, there will be a special appearance by Juliet Russell, singer and coach on the BBC’s The Voice, and there will be music from bands After The Rain and Madrum, members of which are also working on a musical score for the film

“Stand-up poet Jackie Juno will also be on hand as mistress of the raffle .”

Find out more about In Your Own Skin on FaceBook or call Katheryn on 01803 863552.

