

Exploring Asylum Hill –Pivotal Hartford Exhibit



If you didn't happen to get to the Bushnell Back in May or June to see this display when it first opened, or if you didn't catch any of the news reports in the Courant or WNPR, all is not lost. The complete show is now at The 224 EcoSpace at 224 Farmington Ave until the end of the year.

The oversized black & white photos were taken by Ruedi Hoffmann, a photographer from Newburgh NY. He created a similar project there first, and Hartford is his second.

The idea of the exhibit is to present images of people who are involved in making Hartford "Great again", only really. Many of them you're likely to recognize, like Mayor Luke Bronin and his wife Sara Bronin or Rev. Shelley Best. Others may not be so well known, and with more than 75 individuals and groups presented, there are bound to be a few you don't recognize even if you've heard of them.

All this is only part of the exhibit. The rest comes when you add the App, Live Portrait to your smart phone. That's when a video of the individual or group comes up along with a separate audio track. It lets you see them in motion on a small screen and hear their voice and thoughts as well. It's a really interesting blend of black & white portraiture, a very traditional art form with digital video and audio in a smart phone app.

To make things even easier, AHNA will continue to have their monthly meetings at the 224, so you can come early to the meetings and take in the excellent art.

For those who don't have a smart phone, you can view the entire collection complete with video and audio at <https://www.pivotalfoundation.com/hartford/> although the actual large prints really are more impressive on paper than on any computer screen.