

Mark Osterfield, Worker, b. 1963

Eclectic career. Studied English at Oxford, worked in mental health, and then stopped work as became unwell. Began working in Kilburn Library in 1990 and did a fine arts degree. 1993-94 - was Children's Librarian at Swiss and then Central Library Manager for the refurbishment in the early 2000s. Loved the building having moved from the smallest to the largest library in Camden. Was interested in basil Spence - his precision. Sadly, got rid of the lovely Basil Spence furniture with the refurb. Move away from more trad libraries. As a gay man very conscious of cultural politics. Wanted to make the space more open and welcoming to attract young people - real mix of library users. Felt very strongly about libraries and the library service as a civic space - given Camden employee award for the year 2003.