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# The women's room

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## **What are you reading at the moment?**

*Tender Hooks* by Moni Moshin – a friend gave it to me, it's not something I'd usually read but it's a real cultural wake-up call.

## **Which living person do you most admire and why?**

My children.

## **What makes you angry?**

As an Art Psychotherapist, I've been trained to manage those feelings, but what annoys me is when people don't admit their errors and let others take the blame.

## **What is your guiltiest pleasure?**

Shopping trips without my kids just to buy things for myself! I love sitting in a café with friends, enjoying a cup of tea and some cheesecake.

## **What is the most important lesson life has taught you?**

If you made mistakes, carry on; don't let your life stop. There are no barriers in life whether disability, gender, ethnicity, religion – nothing is impossible!

## **If you weren't working as chair of DEWA, what would you be doing?**

If Deaf ethnic women had everything we deserve, I'd probably be creating more artworks in my studio and have more art exhibitions!

## **What single thing would improve the quality of your life?**

If my studio was next door, I would be happy to paint through the night, my emotions are so strong then. This would bring much joy to my life.

## **What's next for you?**

I'm very focused on my role with DEWA. I would like to see DEWA become financially stronger and more financially secure, so we're fundraising to provide more opportunities for Deaf ethnic women nationally.