



## Press Release

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# Explore 170 years of Leeds College of Art

*Heritage Open Day - Saturday 10 September 2016 12:00-16:00*

In celebration of its 170<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, Leeds College of Art is holding a free heritage open day on Saturday 10 September 12:00 - 16:00 at their Vernon Street building to mark the country's largest heritage festival Heritage Open Days 2016, an annual celebration of local history, architecture and culture.

Enjoy a tour of their 1903 purpose built art school at Vernon Street, Leeds; where internationally renowned artists such as Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Damien Hirst all once studied.

There's also tours and demos in their black-and-white photography darkrooms, adult printmaking workshops - where you can have a go yourself and children's drawing and printing workshops, running throughout the day.

All of the tours and activities are free to attend but booking is required. Visit [www.leeds-art.ac.uk/heritageopenday](http://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/heritageopenday)

The College is one of the few remaining independent art schools in the UK. They are celebrating their 170th anniversary this year.

## Editor's Notes

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Full details and how to book at [www.leeds-art.ac.uk/heritageopenday](http://www.leeds-art.ac.uk/heritageopenday)

## Leeds College of Art

Founded in 1846 as the Leeds Government School of Art and Design, Leeds College of Art has contributed significantly to the development of art education in Britain and across the world. Today, Leeds College of Art remains one of only a few remaining independent art schools in the UK, leading the way as a centre for art and design education. The College has an impressive history of notable past students, Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth were students in the post war era, enrolling in 1919 and 1920. In later years Damien Hirst, Marcus Harvey, Eric Bainbridge, Clio Barnard and Georgina Starr all studied at the College, known then as the Jacob Kramer College. The College's recent graduates continue to win prestigious international awards year on year and enjoy successful careers in the creative industries.