



Press release

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Women of Leeds - We need you!

Contribute to a new public sculpture, championing the achievements of women in the city of Leeds.

'Ribbons' by Pippa Hale will include over 200 names of women who have contributed to the city. The organisers would like to invite proposals from the public, which could include anyone from successful sports stars, artists, pop stars, business people and writers, to unsung heroes and those who have dedicated their lives to helping others, such as charity workers, nurses, teachers or volunteers.

Earlier this year, Rachel Reeves - Member of Parliament for Leeds West, Leeds Arts University and Leeds City Council announced Pippa Hale as the artist chosen to create a new public sculpture for Leeds. Her sculpture will be sited in a prime location at the top of the enhanced public space between the new Leeds City College's campus and the redeveloped Leeds Playhouse, at the gateway to the new SOYO development at Quarry Hill.

Nominations could be women who have overcome hardship in their lives and gone on to contribute to Leeds through their job or voluntary work; or achieved significant success in their lives whether that be within business, the arts, public service, sports or simply through their hobby. The only criteria is that they have lived or worked in the Leeds city boundaries for at least one year.

There is no limit to the number of names that can be submitted and the deadline to submit is 30th November 2019. A panel will select the names and they will be verified prior to final inclusion. Suggestions can be made at www.leeds-art.ac.uk/ribbons
Fundraising is ongoing therefore the sculpture installation date is yet to be confirmed.

This is a joint project developed by Rachel Reeves (Member of Parliament for Leeds West) in partnership with Leeds City Council and Leeds Arts University. Supporters of the project include Leeds City College, LeedsBID (Leeds Business Improvement District) and Caddick Developments.

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Editor's Notes

Members of the public can visit www.leeds-art.ac.uk/ribbons and complete the form to submit their suggestions.

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Image: 'Ribbons' by Pippa Hale. Photo by Memory Potifa.

Pippa Hale

Pippa Hale is a contemporary artist based in Leeds whose practice centres around social history and geography. Her work is often site specific and is always led by the idea and its location. Outcomes include large-scale installations in heritage venues and the public realm in a range of media that includes film, sound, large constructions, neon and found or loaned objects.

Much of Pippa's work seeks to close the gap between past and present, drawing on history and interpreting it through the lens of contemporary art to connect with audiences in new and exciting ways.

<https://pippahale.com>

Leeds Arts University

Founded in 1846 as the Leeds Government School of Art and Design, Leeds Arts University has contributed significantly to the development of art education in Britain and across the world. The University has recently opened £22m state-of-the-art building expansion at the Blenheim Walk site which includes a 230-seat performance auditorium, a new public gallery and industry standard film and photography studios.

www.leeds-art.ac.uk

Caddick Developments

Caddick is a home grown, privately owned Yorkshire-based company that specialises in the acquisition, development, construction and management of commercial, residential and retail projects around the UK. The Group has a vast array of in house expertise covering all aspects of the property development and construction process.

<https://caddickdevelopments.co.uk/>

Leeds City College

Leeds City College is one of the largest Further Education institutions in the country and operates out of three main campuses - Park Lane, Technology and Printworks - as well as having provisions in smaller community centres across Leeds. It has 1,267 members of staff, over 20,000 students and is one of the biggest providers of apprenticeships nationally. In 2019, Leeds City College will be opening a brand new

campus at the heart of the cultural quarter to revolutionise the college's digital, creative arts and health science provisions.

www.leedscitycollege.ac.uk/

LeedsBID (Leeds Business Improvement District)

A business-led, not for profit organisation, LeedsBID is focused on delivering an ambitious business plan to transform Leeds city centre.

Representing close to 1,000 businesses and organisations in the city centre, LeedsBID leads on inspiring, exciting plans, projects and events to make Leeds city centre a great place to live, work, visit and do business. Initiatives brought to the city by LeedsBID range from the introduction of new street teams to improve the welcome and experience for people, the creative use of art, lighting and experiential activities to animate public spaces to the introduction of standout events to put the city on the map.

LeedsBID is the third largest Business Improvement District in the UK and the largest outside London.

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