



Press release

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Leeds Arts University Show 2020

1 July – 30 September 2020 | Online at leeds-art.ac.uk/2020ShowUG

Leeds Arts University's first digital undergraduate degree show now live

[Leeds Arts University](#), the North of England's only specialist arts university, launched its first online-only undergraduate [degree show](#) today, 1 July. Over 500 works of contemporary art, animation, illustration, graphic design, fashion, textiles, creative advertising and photography, from across ten undergraduate courses, are presented digitally by the UK's next generation of artists, designers and creative entrepreneurs.

Leeds Arts University supports students to question ideas, experiment and respond to the world in creative and radical ways with world-class teaching in state-of-the-art facilities. As a result of lockdown, this year's graduating students completed their studies at home with online support and the University's annual end of year show takes place on the [University's website](#).

Vice-Chancellor Professor Simone Wonnacott said: "Our undergraduate show is a great focus and celebration for students and staff alike. I am immensely proud of our students and the mature and resourceful ways in which they have risen to the challenges of presenting their final year projects online.

"And, while we are deeply saddened that this year's cohort will not have the opportunity to show their work within the University buildings due to Covid-19, the digital format presents an opportunity for many more friends, family, industry professionals and those looking for creative inspiration and stimulation to experience this visually stunning and ambitious online exhibition."

[Leeds Arts University Show 2020](#) marks the culmination of three years' studio-focused creative study by final-year undergraduate students. Students are given access to industry throughout their courses, enabling many to contribute to the arts and cultural sector in Yorkshire and further afield after graduation. Well-known alumni include artists Barbara Hepworth, Damien Hirst, Henry Moore and Georgina Starr; wallpaper artist Deborah Bowness; filmmaker Clio Barnard and comedian Leigh Francis aka Keith Lemon.

BA (Hons) degree courses featured in the *Leeds Arts University Show 2020* are [Animation](#), [Creative Advertising](#), [Fashion](#), [Fashion Photography](#), [Fine Art](#), [Graphic Design](#), [Illustration](#), [Photography](#), [Textile Design](#) and [Visual Communication](#).

Running concurrently with the undergraduate show, are online exhibitions for two of our further education courses - the [Extended Diploma](#) in Art & Design and [Access to HE Diploma](#) (Art & Design).

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Listings information:

Leeds Arts University Show 2020

12pm, 1 July – 30 September 2020

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Notes to editors:About 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. In 2016 the University was granted Taught Degree Awarding Powers, and in 2017 was awarded full university status, making it the only specialist arts university in the North of England.

Leeds Arts University has been recognised for its industry-standard facilities at the Whatuni awards (winners in 2014 and 2016, runner up 2017 and 2018) and is the highest ranked specialist arts university in the UK for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2018. The University was number one for Design & Crafts in the Guardian University League Table 2019 and the winner of The Sunday Times 'University of the Year for Student Retention' 2019.