Press release

Leeds Arts University Postgraduate Show 2020
9 December 2020 - 31 January 2021
Online at www.leeds-art.ac.uk/postgraduate-2020-show

Leeds Arts University’s first digital postgraduate degree show now live

Leeds Arts University, the North of England’s only specialist arts university, launches its first online-only postgraduate degree show on Wednesday 9 December 2020. Leeds Arts University Postgraduate Show 2020 includes works of contemporary art, photography, fashion, textiles, curation and graphic design created by 45 graduates across five postgraduate courses, presented digitally by the UK’s next generation of artists, designers and creative entrepreneurs.

Leeds Arts University supports postgraduate 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. Courses featured in the show are MA Creative Practice, MA Curation Practices, MA Graphic Design, MA Photography and MA Fine Art. These courses are part of a growing portfolio of opportunities for postgraduate study at Leeds Arts University, which also include MA Animation, MA Creature Design, MA Digital Fashion, MA Graphic Novel, MA Illustration and MA Worldbuilding.

Head of Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Sarah Taylor said: “This showcase celebrates the creative contributions of our students working in all postgraduate disciplines at Leeds Arts University. We are delighted to promote the abundance of talent from students working across our courses.

All of our students and staff across the University are to be applauded for the vivacity of their work in this exceptional year. This is of particular significance as the final trimester of the taught programme took place under lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with significant communication taking place via screens. The ability to be inventive is an aptitude that every creative practitioner requires. Students took to their bedrooms, back yards and the quiet streets. Our students proved tenacious, with all continuing to successfully complete their studies.

Congratulations to all of our resilient graduates, we hope that our guests enjoy the range of work showcased here as much as we have.”

Postgraduate students at Leeds Arts University are based in the new expansion to the existing Blenheim Walk site, which includes access to a dedicated research and reference library and a new postgraduate study suite.

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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 2019 and 2016, runner up in 2020). 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.