



## Press Release

# Game Republic Student Showcase at Leeds College of Art

Leeds College of Art were pleased to host Game Republic's sixth Student Showcase which took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. The one-day event allowed students from five different universities in the region to display their work to the region's most successful games developers, who judge projects in four different awards categories.

'Events like this really cement that relationship between industry and academia and it's hugely important', says Jamie Sefton, director of Game Republic. As industry professionals prowl the exhibition for the next big talent, and with such impressive work on show, that relationship may just become a reality for some lucky Leeds students.'

Although Leeds College of Art missed out on an award, all our students involved were really pleased with the feedback received from industry and learnt a lot from the experience. Reporting on the day was BBC Look North, and we were delighted to watch a broadcasted on the event, along with some of our students and Mike Smith, the following day on 31<sup>st</sup> May, which can soon be viewed on our College website.

Mike Smith Programme Leader of BA (Hons) Animation at Leeds College of Art said, "We were thrilled and excited to host this year's event. The Student Showcase is a fantastic opportunity for students to speak directly to professionals in the games industry and gain valuable feedback about their work."

BBC Look North clip - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qBI5Grd-sg&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qBI5Grd-sg&feature=player_embedded)  
<http://gamerepublic.net/news/student-showcase-2013-on-bbc-look-north/>  
<http://gamerepublic.net/news/game-republic-student-showcase-winners/>  
<http://gamerepublic.net/news/game-republic-student-showcase-2013-news/>

Culture Vulture - <http://theculturevulture.co.uk/blog/digital-design/game-republic-student-showcase-at-leeds-college-of-art/>



## Editor's Notes

### Leeds College of Art

Founded in 1842, Leeds College of Art is an innovative institution that has changed the way art qualifications are taught and structured in Britain today.

We combine academic and vocational excellence in all our undergraduate programmes. Our focus is to put student's talents to practical use, so their creativity is channelled towards a successful career or postgraduate study.

Our students and staff create a unique community of vibrant, ambitious and deeply creative artists and designers. We are based in Leeds, an internationally acclaimed centre for teaching and learning in addition to being a leading hub for creative and digital industries.

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