



## Press Release

# Up and coming artists showcased at Trinity Leeds

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Talented up and coming student artists are making their mark on the city by having their work commissioned for restaurants and bars in the new Leeds Trinity shopping centre.

International restaurant group D&D have launched two new restaurants called Crafthouse and Angelica on the upper floors of Leeds Trinity. D&D have a long tradition of commissioning pieces of artwork from young, up and coming artists. Seeking to maintain this tradition in their new Leeds based ventures, D&D collaborated with our students to create artworks to feature in their new restaurant spaces.

The students were given an open brief, which asked the work to reflect on the wool manufacturing heritage of Leeds. Ideas were received from 12 students in total with work from mediums including photography, illustration, fine art, design and textile design.

D&D were initially looking for two pieces of artwork but were so impressed with our students work they commissioned a third additional piece of artwork for the Angelica restaurant and bar.

The first piece of winning work is from Ealish Walmsley Jones studying [BA \(Hons\) Printed Textiles & Surface Pattern Design](#). Ealish created a striking black and white mural inspired by textures and surfaces found in industrial architecture, which is hand-painted onto the entrance corridor to both restaurants.

The second piece of work is from collaboration between Rachel Foster and Roxanne Van Zyl both from [BA \(Hons\) Art & Design \(Interdisciplinary\)](#) who produced a geometric design reminiscent of Trinity Leeds' iconic roof. Their work is in the Crafthouse restaurant corridor and uses the impact shadow and light from this location in the finished installation.

The additional piece of work commissioned was by Martin Derbyshire from [BA \(Hons\) Fine Art](#) who created three colourful prints of cotton reels which now hang in the Angelica restaurant and bar.

The students all received a cash prize for their work plus the cost of materials to install their work ready for the launch of the new shopping centre on Thursday 21 March. The artwork will remain in the designated spaces for a minimum of one year.



## Editor's Notes

### Leeds College of Art

Founded in 1846, 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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