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W e l l i n g t o n R o a d S t u d i o s , O x t o n , C H 4 3 2 J E

2004-24 Self employed artist and arts co-ordinator in the UK.

Organiser for HAND.Grown and Floribunda exhibition at The Atkinson Feb - March 2025
Freelance editor for Williamson & Priory Friends 2024 -
Organiser for Wirral MakeFest 2023 and director of Wirral MakeFest C.I.C 2024
Freelance Press Officer for Wirral Museums Service 2014 -2018
funded by Williamson & Priory Friends (Williamson Art Gallery & Birkenhead Priory)
Freelance Press Officer for West Kirby Arts Centre 2017 - 18
Promoter of Steve des Landes -artist 2018 and 2020
Community Arts Worker at the Shaftesbury Youth Club.
Curator of “de-junk, re-junk” and Eco Fashion Exhibition at the Williamson Art Gallery
On the steering committee for the Oxtan Fair for six years
Fashion tutor on alternative curriculum wirral schools
Tutor for Wirral Lifelong Learning, Wirral Change & other organisations (rag rugging)

1997-00 Artist/jeweller based in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Exhibited internationally including S.O.F.A. in NYC, Chicago, & Jewellery Moves, UK.
Consultant to Guelph Arts Council.
Invited speaker to textile groups throughout (Ontario).
Tutor in textile techniques in metal (Kingston & Toronto).
Publicity officer for textile groups & studio tour.
Curator for the Connections Group exhibition “Fire!”

1993-97 Artist/jeweller based in Sydney, Australia.

Exhibited throughout Australia.
Exported jewellery & craftwork to Asia & U.S.A.
Invited to exhibit international shows in U.S.A and Europe.
Freelance gallery work for Punch Gallery, sales and display.
Conducted workshops in recycling & jewellery.
Presented seminars at Sydney universities in contemporary jewellery.
Gained national publicity on television, radio & in print.
Commissioned in 1993 to design and produce a range of jewellery for a national Van Gogh touring exhibition throughout Australia.
Commissioned to produce a range for Re store, Darlinghurst, Sydney.

1990-93 Artist/jeweller based in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Exhibited & sold work in over 90 exhibitions (solo & joint).
Chosen to represent Scotland in international expo in Munich.
Gained national publicity on television, radio & in print.
Invited to Craft Master Week at Aberdeen Art Gallery.
Recipient of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

Awards:

2023	Individual Award for Nurturing Community Talent from Wirral Met College
2019	Wirral Life award for the Food and Drink festival, part of WBC culture team
2019	Special Recognition Award (Wirral Life) for the year, part of WBC culture team
2017	Finalist in Wirral Tourism Star of the Year
2017	Part of the Wirral Tourism Volunteer Team of the Year, Williamson and Priory Friends
2015	Part of the Wirral Tourism Team of the Year, Williamson Art Gallery Staff
2010	Nominated for Liverpool Art Prize, Liverpool
2009	Finalist in the Environmental Art Award, Liverpool
2000	Fibre Award (First), Toronto Outdoor Art Show, Canada.
1999	New Artisan scholarship, One of a Kind Show, Canada.
1999	Ed Harder Construction Prize (with Karen Dueck), Insights show, Wellington, Can.
1999	Fibre Award (Hon. Mention), Toronto Outdoor Art Show, Canada.
1998	Innovation Prize, Threadworks, Wellington County Mus, Canada.
1997	The Silver Thread Award, Insights, Wellington County Museum, Canada.
1995	Wearable Fibre Award, Mornington Peninsula Craft Event, Australia.
1994	Commended, (Conservation Section), N. Z. Wearable Art Award
1992	Regional Finalist, Nescafe Club-wear Design Comp, U.K.
1992	Recycled Fashion Designer of the Year, The Green Mag., U.K.
1991	Scottish Fashion Designer of the Year, Bacardi Rum, Scot., U.K.
1991	Go and See Award for travel (Barcelona), The Prince's Trust, U.K.
1989	Andrew Grant Award for Post Graduate Study, E.C.A., Scotland.
1989	Special Commendation, The Platinum Awards, Ayrton Metals, U.K.
1985	William Rutherford Bequest for Art, Royal High School. Scotland.

Education, Development & membership :

2023	Introductory Welding Skills -(TIG) Welding Award, Wirral Met (Level 1)
2022	Introductory Welding Skills -(MIG) Welding Award, Wirral Met (Level1)
2022	Digital Marketing - Level 3, The Women's Organisation, Liverpool
2020 - 2021	Certificate in Teaching, Learning and Assessment, UCLAN
2017 -2019	Chartered Institute of Public Relations
2016 - 2019	Arts Marketing Association
2018	Digital Skills in Museums: Culture 24
2018	Behind the scenes at the 21st C Museum, Future Learn & University of Leicester
2009 -2011	Arts and Committee, Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
2018	Contributed to Transformers Programme with Museums Association
2003-04	New Entrepreneur Scholarship Prog., J.M.U, Liverpool
1999	Jump Start Your Career, Ontario Crafts Council, Canada
1999	Artist's Develop. course, Vis. Arts Ontario, Uni. of Waterloo, Canada.
1993	Professional Develop. Course, Crafts Council of N.S.W., Australia.
1993	Business Course (E.V.E.N.T), Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.
1989-90	Edinburgh College of Art, Post Graduate Diploma, Jewellery.
1985-89	Edinburgh College of Art, B.A. Honours Design, Jewellery.
1979-85	The Royal High School, Edinburgh.
1989-90	Edinburgh College of Art, Post Graduate Diploma, Jewellery.

Employment:

2020 - 2021 Lecturer, BA Fine Art, Wirral Met College, (University of Chester)
2018 - 2020 Partnership & Participation Officer, Culture team, Wirral Borough Council
2009 - 2018 Art Liaison Officer for 2Bio Ltd, Liverpool.
1995-97 Gallery assistant, Maker's Mark Pty., Sydney, Australia.
1994-95 Relief gallery manager, Golden Canvas Gallery, Australia.
1990-91 Exhibition assistant for "Dazzle" touring exhibitions, UK.
1990-91 Illustrations for North West View (local newspaper).
1882-84 Piece worker for Stolen Jewellery, Joe Cool, Edinburgh & U.S.A.

Voluntary/Civic:

2023-2024 Steering committee for Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture, Wirral
(voluntary, community and faith)
2022-2023 Organiser of Wirral MakeFest (partial freelance work)
2012 - 15 Momentary Art Project C.I.C Director (volunteer)
2012 Welly Road Gets the Boot In! Community Project with public funding
2010->2019 Community relations officer for the Friends of the Williamson Art Gallery & Museum
2009-> With These Hands/Art on Wirral – artist network established in 2009
2009-> Administrator of several community social media sites (Facebook & Twitter)
1993-07 Secretary for the Jewellers & Metalsmiths Group of N.S.W.

Web site: <http://www.abcscraft.com/>

FYI this does not include extensive exhibitions list

Holds full drivers licence, and DBS clearance

Can provide references for all previous projects and employers.