



# GOLDSMITHS

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# INTRODUCTION

Goldsmiths has had a year to remember. The past 12 months have seen our students, staff and alumni make headlines around the world, influence Government and make vital contributions in all areas of life.

From changing UK tax policy to informing debate around the ongoing humanitarian crisis and even helping broaden the minds of Britain's book publishers, 2015 has been full of landmark achievements. It finished on a high: the Turner Prize was awarded to architecture collective Assemble who will begin building a public art gallery on campus next year.

The four pillars of our strategic plan have supported all of our successes.

**Knowledge Production** is a must for an institution like ours. From our beginnings as the Goldsmiths' Company's Technical and Recreative Institute in 1891, we have grown to be at the forefront of creative and cultural thought and practice.

Our academic successes were recognised nationally and internationally this year. The Department of Design was ranked the best in Britain by The Guardian while the QS World University Rankings named Art and Design, and Media and Communications at Goldsmiths in the top 25 in the world and in the top five in the UK. Sociology was rated 45th in the world and 9th in the UK.

London and the World celebrates the global nature of Goldsmiths. Whether it's to study, work or collaborate, our doors are open to all. Our community starts in New Cross and stretches across the world. Just ask the hundreds of alumni in 13 cities across the globe who helped celebrate 'Goldsmiths Reunite: Around the World in 7 Days'.

The **Student Experience** is at the heart of all that happens on campus – with the QAA hailing the 'particularly positive' inclusion of the student voice across the university. Our duty of care doesn't end at graduation: our graduates were recently rated among the most employable in the UK.

Financial Sustainability helps us ensure Goldsmiths' future will be as bright and as bold as its past. We will soon also see profound change in the Higher Education landscape: among government proposals are a new framework to assess teaching excellence and a major reshape of research funding. A 'No' vote in the EU referendum could cause further upheaval in the sector.

Because of this we are taking steps to grow Goldsmiths. We have broadened our range of Short Courses and are extending our undergraduate offering with degrees in Arts Management, Economics and Criminology. We are also investing in our estate – with exciting plans to further develop our campus.

With so many positive innovations and developments it has been another challenging yet successful year for Goldsmiths, with the needs of our students, staff, alumni and community remaining at the heart of everything we do.

Patrick Loughrey Warden





Some 3,187 Goldsmiths students completed their degrees this year, among them 100 newly qualified teachers, 22 filmmakers and 44 social workers.

Many of our graduating students had amazing stories to tell about their lives before arriving at Goldsmiths, the challenges they've overcome to graduate or even get here in the first place, and the incredible achievements they've made along the way.

Shellisha Downie from the Department of Educational Studies left school with no GCSEs, and had spent time living in a youth hostel. Already the mother of a young son, Shellisha had her daughter during her first year studying with us - around the time essay submissions were due - and went on to ace her course, graduating with a 2:1 in Education, Culture and Society.

Tim Powell, also a parent of two young children, gained a First in his BA Design, Creativity and Learning from the Department of Design. Among other achievements, he's helped set up London Reclaimed – a charity enabling disadvantaged people into careers through furniture-making. He also turned local kids into bug-hunting biologists with his final-year project.

Both students were recipients of the Lewisham Fee Waiver, a scholarship for the borough's best and brightest.

Then there's **Laura Coryton**, who graduated from the Department of Politics this summer. Laura set up the 'Stop taxing periods. Period' petition, attracting global media attention, and becoming a leader in the campaign to get rid of the 'luxury' tax on sanitary products.

By November 2015 Laura's petition had been signed by more than 276,000 people – a wave of support which could not be ignored by the Government. In the Spending Review, Chancellor George Osborne promised to redirect money from the tax to women's health charities.

But Laura's not giving up. 'I'm happy to see that our voices are being heard by [George] Osborne, and that some real positive change is being made,' she said. 'But it's still not okay to pin societal problems, such as domestic abuse, onto the responsibility of women. We need to end the tampon tax, not substitute it.'

Another graduate making a difference is **Hadeel Ayoub.** Her MA Computational Arts final show won global media coverage after she developed a glove that turns sign language into speech and text, helping people with a variety of disabilities to communicate. The design went from her degree show in St James Hatcham to the pages of tech websites from the UK to Saudi Arabia, with Hadeel even appearing on the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet to talk through her design.

The ceremonies in February and September also saw us welcome the great and the good to campus.

Sir Daniel Day-Lewis, artist Fiona Rae, novelist Ali Smith, sociologist Howie Becker, psychologist Elizabeth Loftus, headteacher Sheena Gilby, producer Lord David Puttnam, musician Green Gartside, designer Margaret Howell and composer Adrian Sutton were welcomed into the Goldsmiths family as Honorary Fellows and Graduates.

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Almost three-quarters of research at Goldsmiths was rated as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' by the **Research Excellence Framework** (REF), the results of which were announced at the end of 2014.

The Warden, Patrick Loughrey, reacted to the outcome of the REF: "Goldsmiths has a proud tradition of being a place where research and teaching fuses together, providing a stimulating environment for learning, researching and innovating. We're delighted that this has been reflected in an increase in the volume of world leading and internationally excellent research."

#### **REF** highlights

- Media and Communications was rated in the top three in the UK for 3 and 4\* research, with Anthropology placed in the top five on the same measure
- The research environments of our departments of Art, Design, Visual Cultures, Music, Anthropology and Computing were wholly rated as internationally excellent orworld leading
- All of the research impact from our departments of Anthropology, Computing, Media and Communications, Music and Psychology was rated as internationally excellent or world leading

# RESEARCH MAKING THE NEWS

From studies on autism diagnosis and fieldwork exploring social media's role in disaster recovery to an exploration of British-Bangladeshi book 'British-Islamic Identity: Thirdvouth culture, our researchers are constantly contributing to knowledge and practice in a range of disciplines, in a range of ground-breaking ways. This is a snapshot of this year's Goldsmiths research: see gold.ac.uk/news and gold.ac.uk/research for more.

Dr Johnna Montgomerie (Politics) led a delegation of activists, authors and academics from Goldsmiths and across the UK to Athens, where they met with politicians, community groups, trade unionists and activists calling on the Greek government to take a firm stance in opposition to the 'Troika'. The trip was one of many activities designed to bring academic research and the work of think-tanks, civil society and activists together to develop viable solutions to tackle household indebtedness and craft an alternative

Why are older children less likely to help their bullied peers? Dr Sally Palmer and Professor Adam Rutland (Psychology) found that younger school pupils were more likely to reason that bullying is 'not a nice way to treat other people', believe that everyone is equally important, and more often express empathy for a victim.

politics of debt across Europe.

**Dr Aminul Hoque from Educational** Studies' interviews with British Bangladeshi teenagers in east London formed the basis of his Generation Bangladeshis from East London'. The ethnographic study explores the creation of a new British-Islamic identity, helping young people find a sense of belonging, recognition and acceptance.

The **Department of Psychology's** Dr Sophie von Stumm made global headlines this year with her innovative work on the imagination, the time of day your brain works best, and the connection between breastfeeding and IQ.

Media and Communications' Dr Mirca Madianou's work investigated the use of social and digital media in disaster recovery. Her group found that platforms introduced by aid agencies to facilitate information dissemination and feedback in the Philippines were often appropriated for different purposes by affected people in an attempt to regain 'normality'.

Goldsmiths is renowned as a global centre for practice research. Our expertise in the area led to a symposium in June entitled 'The Future of Practice Research' co-hosted with HEFCE, which drew more than 200

practitioners and academics.

Dr Chris Brauer from IMS was a regular name in the news over the last year commenting on wearable technology in the workplace. One of his studies, commissioned by the Energy Saving Trust, found that automating the home - and moving away from individual consumption toward collectives would cut energy costs and allow a reinvention of the utility sector.

Working with the Holocaust Educational Trust, Professor Jonathan Freeman's Goldsmiths spin-out i2 media helped create the digital app '70 Voices: Victims, Perpetrators and Bystanders' to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Through new research and public events, the **Department** of Design's Rose Sinclair shed light on the 19th century women's philanthropic, socially progressive, Bible-inspired textile-making clubs that are still flourishing today. Rose is currently completing her PhD on the subject of Dorcas clubs, and will be speaking at the V&A on the subject in January 2016.

Teaching and learning about religion and belief is outdated and needs an overhaul, according to the RE for REal report published by **Professor** Adam Dinham and researcher Martha Shaw from the Faiths and Civil Society Unit in STaCS. The report was covered by the BBC, The Times and TES among others.

### RESEARCH MAKING THE NEWS

Psychology's Music, Mind and Brain group produced a number of interesting papers, with **Dr Daniel** Müllensiefen and colleagues showing that personality plays a key role in musical ability, even for those who do not play an instrument. Professor Lauren Stewart worked on several studies, including one that explored the positive effects of singing in a megachoir. In another study, Lauren, Nicolas Farrugiaa, Kelly Jakubowskia and Rhodri Cusack used MRI to uncover how the brain's structure relates to earworms: the small loops of a tune that get stuck in your head.

Dr Michaela Benson's (Sociology)

research into self-build housing found that even those with social, cultural and economic capital are struggling to build their own home in a housing sector dominated by traditional models of construction and ownership. She argued that practitioners and supporters of self-build need to challenge the structures of the housing and land market, and find innovative solutions that work within these structures.

**Ethnomusicologist Dr Barley Norton** 

explored the refined tradition of a Vietnamese sung poetry known as ca trù, showing why a oncerepressed art form has made a comeback thanks to a number of state-supported initiatives. Dr Yasmin Gunaratnam, Dr Emma Jackson (Sociology) and Dr Will

Davies (Politics) were among a team from seven universities looking at the wider effects of controversial Home Office immigration campaigns. High-profile tactics, including the 'Go Home van', have increased anger and fear in local communities across the UK found the researchers.

Why are we so interested in measuring happiness? The Happiness Industry: How the Government and Big Business Sold us Well-Being by **Dr Will Davies** was published earlier this year. New York Magazine described it as 'deeply researched and pithily argued' and 'a welcome corrective to the glut of semi-scientific happiness books that have become so popular in business and management circles, and which rarely, if ever, acknowledge the larger ideological goals of workplace well-being'.

Dr Dave O'Brien (ICCE) uncovered worrying levels of inequality within the acting profession in the UK. Working with data from the BBC's Great British Class Survey and interviewing actors about their experiences of becoming an actor, he reported on the trials and tribulations of getting work, and how acting relates to other areas of their lives, such as social networks and cultural tastes.

#### Psychology's Professor Chris French and Dr Rob Brotherton

found that belief in conspiracy theories is widespread because of an 'intentionality bias' built into our brains. Their research suggests that conspiracies about mysterious events, from the disappearance of MH370 to the death of Princess Diana, become popular because many of us can't help seeking intent behind ambiguous events. As a result, conspiracies appear more plausible than alternative explanations.



Professor Alex Watson from the Department of History (above) set out to tell the story of WW1 from the perspective of Germany and Austria-Hungary with his book 'Ring of Steel: Germany and Austria-Hungary at War, 1914-1918'. He went on to win a number of top awards for the work, including the Wolfson History Prize, and received a five-star review from The Telegraph.



# BREAKING DOWN BOUNDARIES: ACADEMIC INNOVATION

At many institutions there's a tendency to keep academic disciplines separate, with clear, indissoluble boundaries maintained by narrow and unchangeable conceptions and expectations of what each subject is. Goldsmiths strives to break down these boundaries, recognising that academics from outside a particular subject will often bring fresh and unexpected insights. As part of our effort to encourage cooperation between departments, we continue to form and reshape interdisciplinary academic centres and units.

The Fashion Research Unit (FRU) is a new research group bringing together expertise and interests from across the Departments of Design, Media and Communications, Visual Cultures, Sociology, ICCE, IMS, Computing and Art. The Unit's formation marks the success of the recently introduced MA in Fashion which calls for creative practitioners – designers, writers, thinkers and curators – to actively challenge traditional boundaries in the fashion world.

The Unit's launch event took place in February 2015, and addressed Critical Perspectives on Fashion Research & Methodology. Based for the first two years in Media and Communications, with **Professor Angela McRobbie** as Director, the Unit hosts monthly events.

The Centre for Philosophy and Critical Thought (CPCT) was established in May 2015 as a research centre based in Sociology and run jointly with the Centre for Cultural Studies. Its Co-directors are Dr Alberto Toscano (Sociology) and Dr Julia Ng (CCS).

As the flagship for a distinctively Goldsmiths approach towards philosophy, CPCT sees philosophy as a critical activity that engages with the arts and practice-based approaches, and which also strives to analyse and articulate historical and political events.

The autumn term saw the **Disability Research Centre (DRC)** launched at Goldsmiths – a specialist research grouping that promotes and conducts high-quality research about disability in society.

Led by Professor Rob Imrie and Dr Anna Hickey-Moody, the DRC is jointly run by Educational Studies and Sociology and brings together academics from several different departments including Theatre and Performance, Media and Communications, Psychology, and Music.

Research projects taking place within the centre approach different types of disability from a range of perspectives, including the challenges designers face in creating environments that are equally accessible to all; examining the employment experiences of parents of children with ADHD; how schools exclusions are partially caused by institutional prejudice and the impact of high-speed hand-dryers on the vulnerable.

Finally, one of our oldest academic centres was reborn. After more than 30 year the Centre for Caribbean Studies was relaunched as the Centre for Caribbean and Diaspora Studies (CCDS). An event held during Black History Month helped celebrate the centre's history – and look forward to its future.

## MA BLACK BRITISH WRITING: A WORLD-FIRST COURSE

This year we introduced a number of new programmes including our MA Black British Writing – the first course of its kind anywhere in the world.

Created and convened by **Dr Deirdre Osborne** and **Professor Joan Anim-Addo**, the MA has been widely welcomed by academics, authors and playwrights.

Dr Osborne says:

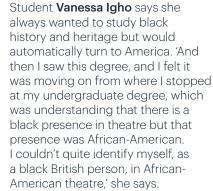
'Joan and I found that the work of black British writers was being taught more abroad, in the United States and in Germany for example, than it was an embedded part of the curriculum here where the work is actually produced. We're literary activists for including the work of black women writers, in particular, who tend to be further marginalised, or only a few 'stars' let through.'

The students on our MA in Black British Writing are taking a big step toward changing that.

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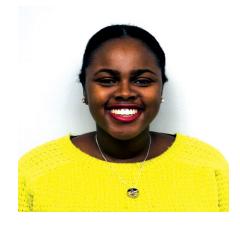


Heather Marks has a passion for theatre but noticed a 'default whiteness'. She believes the MA will give her the foundations she needs to enter the industry in Britain and 'shake it up, add some colour to it. There are so many identities of African and Caribbean heritage that are present in Britain. We're here, we have stories that can be told'. She sees the MA as more than just a literature course - it's also a history degree: 'It's a retelling of history from a different perspective.'



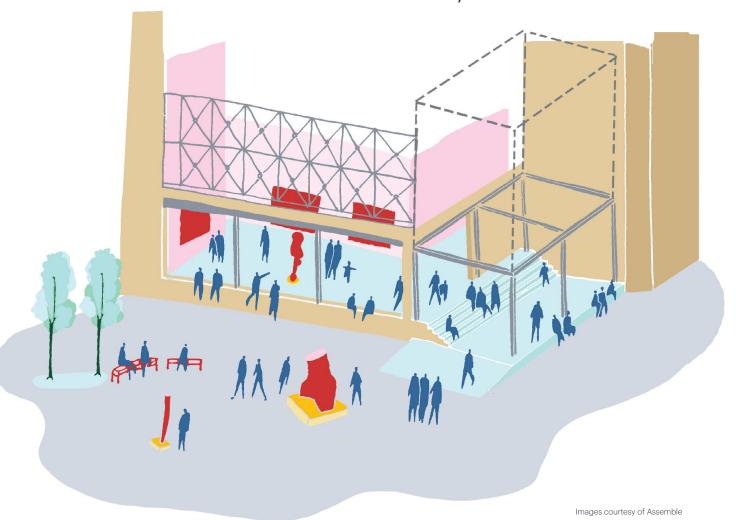


'I chose to study Black British Writing because it's a story that hasn't really been told. Going all the way from primary school to my undergraduate degree I never really studied any black authors,' adds **Andrea Thomas**. 'Black history, black literature, is so left out of the European university curriculum.'



# THE GALLERY AT GOLDSMITHS

An inspiring new creative space for Goldsmiths and its local community



Next year work is due to begin on a new public art gallery at Goldsmiths, turning our former Victorian swimming baths into a space that will open up our campus to the community and the world.

It's a bold project made all the more exciting by the fact that it is being created by the winners of the Turner Prize 2015. Architecture collective Assemble have been praised for their "invention and ingenuity" – making them the perfect fit for Goldsmiths.

In February this year, work donated by illustrious Goldsmiths alumni including Antony Gormley, Damien Hirst, Sarah Lucas, Julian Opie, Sam Taylor-Johnson and Steve McQueen went under the hammer at Christie's to raise funds for the Gallery at Goldsmiths.

The artists represented a 'Who's Who' of British art over the past 30 years and the works they donated were a reflection of their generosity and of their affection and support for Goldsmiths.

The £1.4m raised by the donated works at the Post-War and Contemporary Auction provided a significant boost to funds already raised, and brought us closer to the £2.8m fundraising target for the Gallery at Goldsmiths project.

The Gallery will host an international programme of exhibitions, residencies and projects, stimulating inventive and original work while simultaneously contributing toward new research.

Dr Richard Noble, Head of the Department of Art at Goldsmiths, commented: 'The Gallery at Goldsmiths will offer a unique, research-driven programme of exhibitions, projects and residencies.

'We are eternally grateful to all of the artists and collectors who contributed, and to Christie's for their ongoing support.'

We are continuing to raise funds for the new Art Gallery and are on target to open in 2017. To find out more about the Gallery at Goldsmiths and other fundraising projects, visit gold.ac.uk/give

#### **Annual Fund 2015**

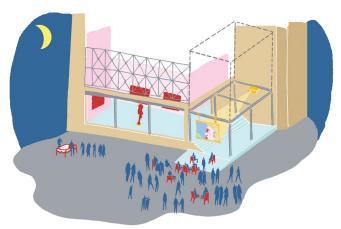
Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, this was our most successful telephone campaign, raising a total of £105,000.

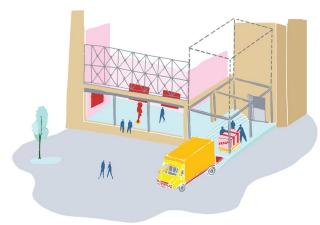
The Annual Fund is an essential resource funding a range of special projects by students and staff, and making an important contribution to the Student Hardship Fund at Goldsmiths.

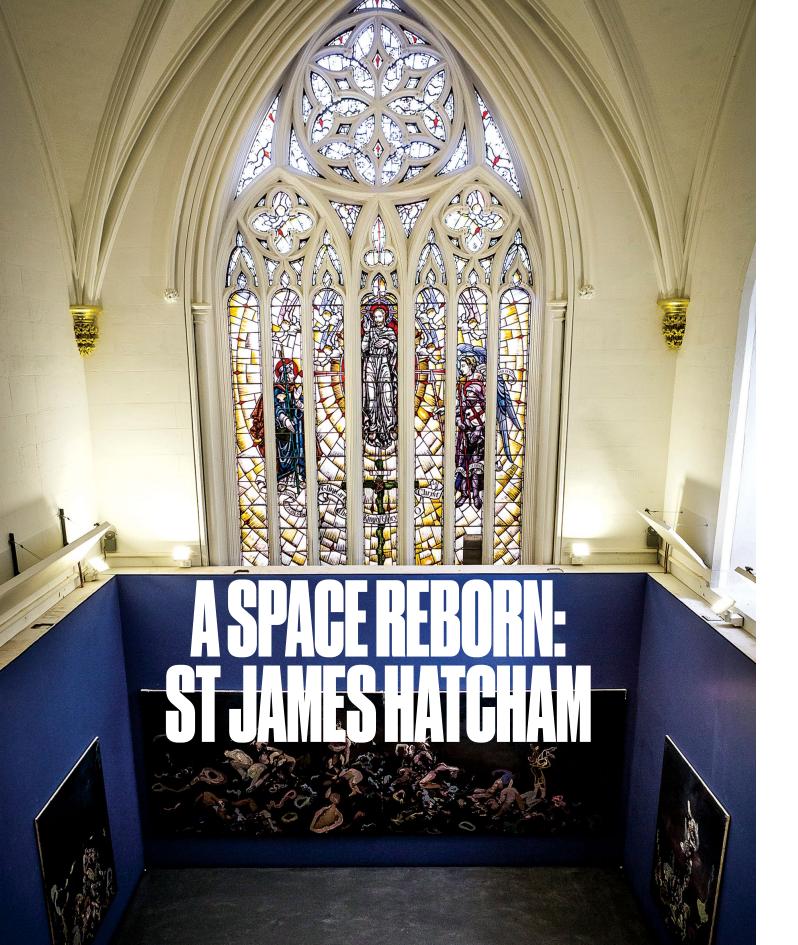
So far this year, the Annual Fund has supported a diver range of projects including the international photography exhibition Drift in conjunction with Tate Britain and a year-long reading series for Creative Writing students.

Please visit **gold.ac.uk/thankyou** for a list of those who have generously supported Goldsmiths. Next year's phone campaign will take place from late February.

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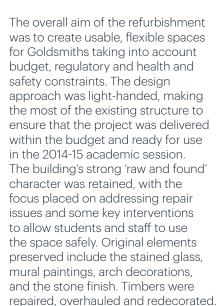


Art degree show

Goldsmiths bought the beautiful St James Hatcham church in 2011. As the parish of the Reverend Arthur Tooth, prosecuted and imprisoned for proscribed liturgical practices in 1877, the church had seen its share of controversy and fervent debate, but had remained empty and unloved for many years. We wanted to bring this fascinating building back to life.

A key component of the refurbishment project was to protect the building as an asset and ensure that it had sustained use in the long term. The church was declared redundant in 1981, and later leased to Laban Dance Studio, who introduced a series of concrete slabs within the original space, as well as two new concrete stair cores. It was unused until it became part of the Goldsmiths Estate. The concrete structure creates a series of new spaces at various levels, and there is also a canopy extension at the back. Generally both the original structure and the more recent one were in good condition, but surveys were commissioned to ensure that any works would not negatively affect the building.

The exterior of St James
Hatcham after renovation



On the ground floor, the main
exhibition space was consolidated
towards the front area of the church,
partitioning the areas at the back
for performance and creating a
secondary exhibition space. Separate
spaces were created at the back of
the church, which are acoustically
and thermally separate from the main
volume at the front. This allows for
various functions to take place at
the same place without interference.
Where possible, access was provided
to all spaces, with a new lift sitting
adjacent to the existing stair. It



Preservation of original features

was also necessary to improve the environmental comfort and quality inside the church, providing adequate levels of ventilation, climate control, acoustics and lighting, as well as new IT, power, security and fire systems.

Located in a privileged location within the campus, the building is now home to exhibition and performance spaces, new teaching rooms and artist studios. The 19th-century brickwork and stained glass window have been restored.

### Other areas of the campus developed or refurbished during the year include:

- SU Tiananmen Building
- Deptford Town Hall Building roof and façade repairs
- Refectory Balcony refurbishment
- Computer labs 306 and 306a
- New library helpdesk
- Electronic Music Studios (EMS) and practice rooms
- RHB Quadrangle façade and roof repairs including renewing the glass roof above the Kingsway corridor
- Education Building First floor teaching room refurbishment





Kevin Barry was awarded the Goldsmiths Prize 2015 for boldy innovative fiction for his work Beatlebone. The book takes us to 1978 and imagines 20th-century icon John Lennon trying to visit the island he owns off the west coast of Ireland to undertake a course of primal scream therapy.

Stylistically adventurous and utterly inimitable, it is a work about the strange and the wonderful, time and place. On winning Kevin said: 'This is special... It's really cool to win it – it's a really cool prize.'

Chair of judges **Professor Josh Cohen** said: 'Intricately weaving and blurring fiction and life,
Beatlebone embodies beautifully this prize's spirit of creative risk.
We're proud to crown it our winner.'

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'The change it's made is that publishers, who never take risks in anything, are taking risks on works which are much more experimental than they would've two years ago. That to me, is like a miracle. And that's the Goldsmiths Prize.

'The prize has already its two years running changed the industry. That's what it took, for Goldsmiths to launch a prize which was novel about the novel and understood the novel form.'

**Ali Smith**, Goldsmiths Prize 2014 winner, speaking as she was made an Honorary Fellow in September.





a week-long exhibition entitled

Gold in a Minefield curated by

Cecilia Bergamo and Lilian Bado

of bringing our alumni together.

staff in Singapore visiting partner

institution, LASALLE, also joined

in for a night of celebrations



The current humanitarian crisis is the key issue confronting our world – and one which demands a response from all corners of society.

Our staff and students have felt compelled to act, offering financial help and drawing on academic expertise, knowledge and experience to contribute to the wider debate around this most urgent of issues.

This autumn saw us announce funding of up to £140,000 a year in scholarships for refugees and asylum seekers – with three undergraduate and three postgraduate students set to receive accommodation and tuition fee waivers as well as a maintenance bursary of £10,000. The scholarship was developed in partnership with the Students' Union.

A team of academics with expertise on migration drawn from across the university have launched the Migration Research Network (MRN). The network aims to coordinate activities and events and incubate future research collaborations highlighting our academics' passion, commitment and intervention in issues around the past, present and future of migration. In keeping with our multi-disciplinary ethos, the Network's contribution to understanding migration uniquely crosses subject boundaries to examine, explore and contribute.

Among such collaborative work being undertaken here is that of **Professor Sue Clayton**, from the Department of Media and Communications and **Eyal Weizman**, Professor of Visual Cultures and director of the Centre for Research Architecture at Goldsmiths.

On campus, a Department of Sociology-curated exhibition is at the heart of the Migrating Dreams and Nightmares: Materials and Movements project – which takes conceptual and methodological inspiration from John Berger and Jean Mohr's classic work A Seventh Man in exploring the expressions of migration.

We've also welcomed high-profile speakers to New Cross. We hosted the Mayor of Palermo Leoluca Orlando for the UK of the International Human Mobility Charter of Palermo 2015 – while Ewen Macleod, director of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, delivered a keynote speech at the launch of the MRN.

We hope our efforts will help us use education, that most sustainable of resources, as a tool to truly effect change. We want our knowledge, experience and ability to influence the policy-makers.

Most importantly we want to help empower the displaced – and help make their lives better.

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Final-year exhibitions and performances are always a highlight of the academic calendar.

But Goldsmiths Degree Shows are truly unique - no other university offers such an eclectic programme of events, exhibitions and performances across a diverse range of subject areas including Art, Art Psychotherapy, Dance Movement Psychotherapy, Computing, Design, Educational Studies, Media and Communications, Theatre and Performance and Visual Cultures.

For the first time, this year's Goldsmiths Degree Shows were brought under a central campaign to encourage those who visited for one show to come back for others over the May to September season.

The Degree Shows showcased the incredible work of our students, and the staff who support and teach them.

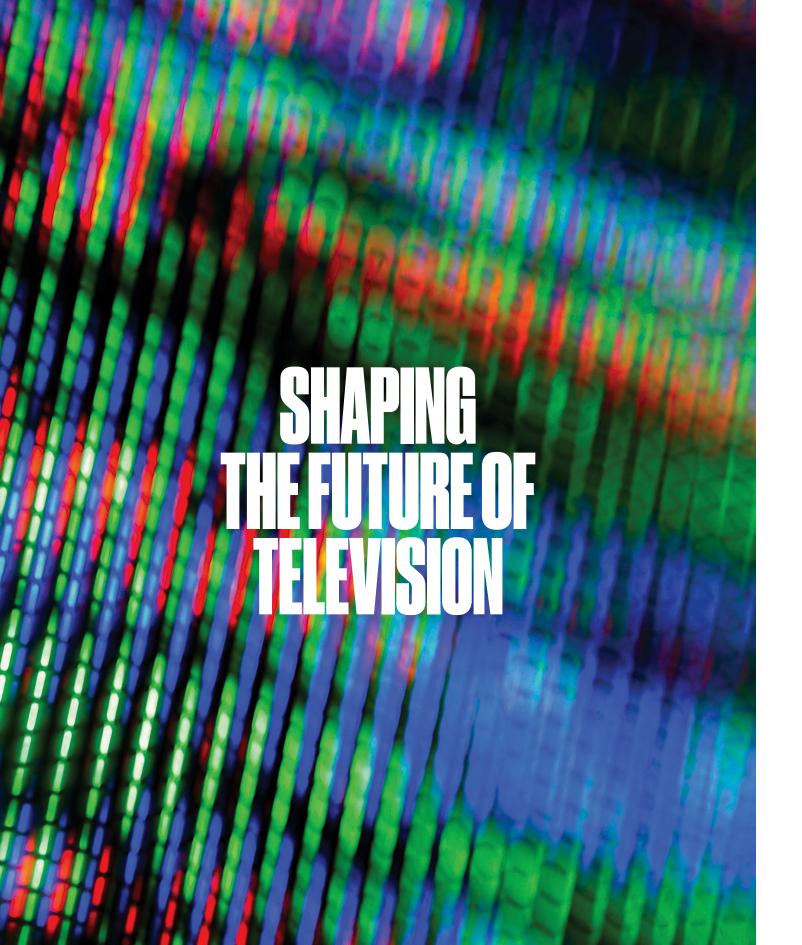
The Department of Music's PureGold festival, launching at the Southbank Centre was a social and musical hit, with generations of current and former Goldsmiths students and staff joining the public to watch stunning sets from the 2015 graduating class. The Department of Design took over the Old Truman Brewery on Brick Lane with 'XV' in June, with several students going on to raise funds for the charity EduHaitian through the sale of work.

This year's BA Fine Art exhibition was by far the largest of the 2015 shows, stretching across all floors of the Ben Pimlott Building, St James Hatcham Building and other studios. The packed-out Private

View on a hot summer night was described by Artlyst as displaying 'much of the same investigative spirit that led [the YBAs] to push the boundaries for later generations'.

Artlyst highlighted work by Nik Jaffe, Amy Steel, Emilie Peyre Smith and Riikka Hyvönen, with Hyvönen's striking large-scale paintings of Roller Derby girls' bruised backsides heading straight for an exhibition at London's Finnish Institute once the degree show closed.





The coming year promises to be decisive for public service television in Britain. With the current BBC Charter expiring at the end of 2016, the next 12 months will see vigorous debate over the future of this provision.

Our voice will be heard. In the autumn we helped launch the far-reaching Inquiry, A Future For Public Service Television: Content and Platforms in a Digital World.

The Inquiry is based at our Department of Media and Communications and is considering the nature, purpose and role of public service television today and into the future.

With partners including the British Academy, the Guardian, the Hansard Society, Vice and BAFTA, the Inquiry sees Goldsmiths' academics leading a vital public debate on an issue which impacts upon the entire nation. We are perfectly placed to contribute: Media and Communications

was rated in the top three in the UK for 3 and 4\* research by the Research Excellence Framework.

The Inquiry also draws on our deep foundations on the issue of public service broadcasting at Goldsmiths. Our former Warden Richard Hoggart was one of the key architects of the 1962 Pilkington Report that launched BBC2 and exerted a huge influence on the broadcasting landscape.

Due to be published in June 2016, the Inquiry chaired by Lord Puttnam hopes to have the same reach as the Pilkington Report five decades ago. During the next six months public events will be held across the UK to help inform the Inquiry and broaden the conversation.

The events have already shown this is a subject about which people feel great passion: we have seen Lord Bragg launch a withering attack on the BBC Trust and the current Government while Channel 4 chief creative officer Jay Hunt has warned

against 'disrupting' Britain's 'vibrant public sector broadcasting ecology'.

Speaking as it was launched in November, Lord Puttnam said of the Inquiry: 'We need to consider both the challenges and opportunities for public service television in the digital age.

'Public service broadcasters remain at the heart of our broadcast landscape in the UK but we are seeing a worrying fall in investment in key areas such as arts, news and drama as well as the tendency for younger audiences to migrate to new digital platforms.

'Surely the time has come to reconsider exactly what we mean by "public service" content and consider new the regulatory structures that will ensure the UK public continues to be served by high-quality, original free to air television.'

It is a debate which we are proud to help lead.

gold.ac.uk/news/a-futurefor-public-service-tv



# ENGAGING WITH OUR PUBLIC

2015 saw the launch of an ambitious project to connect the public with Goldsmiths' ground-breaking research. While we've always been proactive in working with different groups beyond the University, the Public Engagement Project has provided new resources and opportunities to help our researchers create mutually beneficial relationships with the public while also delivering some fun and fascinating events.

So what have we been up to?

### Radical New Cross: protest and dissent 1875-2015

From 14-18 November 2015, nearly 360 people attended a series of events exploring the radical past, present and future of the local area in some of Goldsmiths' most unique and historical spaces. For 'Radical New Cross: protest and dissent 1875-2015', academics collaborated with community groups, artists, archivists and activists to host eight free public events that sparked discussions on themes such as direct action, protest and the commons.

New Cross has long been a hotbed of radical ideas and this spirit of challenging established thinking, creativity and direct action is part of the fabric of Goldsmiths. From the imprisonment of the parish priest of St James Hatcham for radical teachings in the 1870s, to the Battle of Lewisham between the National Front and anti-Fascist groups 100 years later, New Cross continues to be a hub for progressive voices and debate.

Across the series we heard firsthand accounts of the 1977 'Battle of Lewisham' from a panel including the borough's first black police constable and retired Metropolitan Police Chief Inspector, David Michael, and former Goldsmiths lecturer and eminent academic, Professor Paul Gilroy. A communal meal in Goldsmiths newly refurbished and historic Deptford Town Hall Council Chamber brought together local people, bloggers, academics and community groups and provided a platform for anyone to speak on the themes of communing, enclosures and the problematic history of Deptford as major naval and trading port. Workshops explored the history and enduring relevance of textiles in the digital age, new empowered print work inspired by posters from the Women's' Movement from the Women's Art Library Archive was on show on New Cross Road and a public lecture explored the relevance of anarchism for contemporary politics.

Radical New Cross was funded by Being Human, the UK's only national festival of the humanities and a partnership between The School of Advanced Study, The Arts and Humanities Research Council, The British Academy and The Wellcome Trust. Event partnerships ranged from the UK Houses of Parliament's Parliament Week, The Field & New Cross Commoners, X Marks the Spot and the Women's Art Library.

#### Round-up

This Halloween saw Goldsmiths researchers take to the stage of a local pub to give nine-minute, fun presentations on the past. A spooky themed, Goldsmiths special History ShowOff attracted over 130 people and apart from being a great night, raised around £750 for Refugee Action.

Across the summer of 2015, students from our MA Design Interaction worked with some of our highest profile academics to develop research installations that connect visitors to our campus with current impactful research. Three highly visual installations will fire the curiosity of visitors to our campus and link directly to online content through their smart phones.

2016 promises to be an even bigger year with ambitious new projects including an immersive murder mystery night exploring the psychology of a murder investigation.

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# FESTIVAL FUGITIVE HAVE YOU SEEN HER?





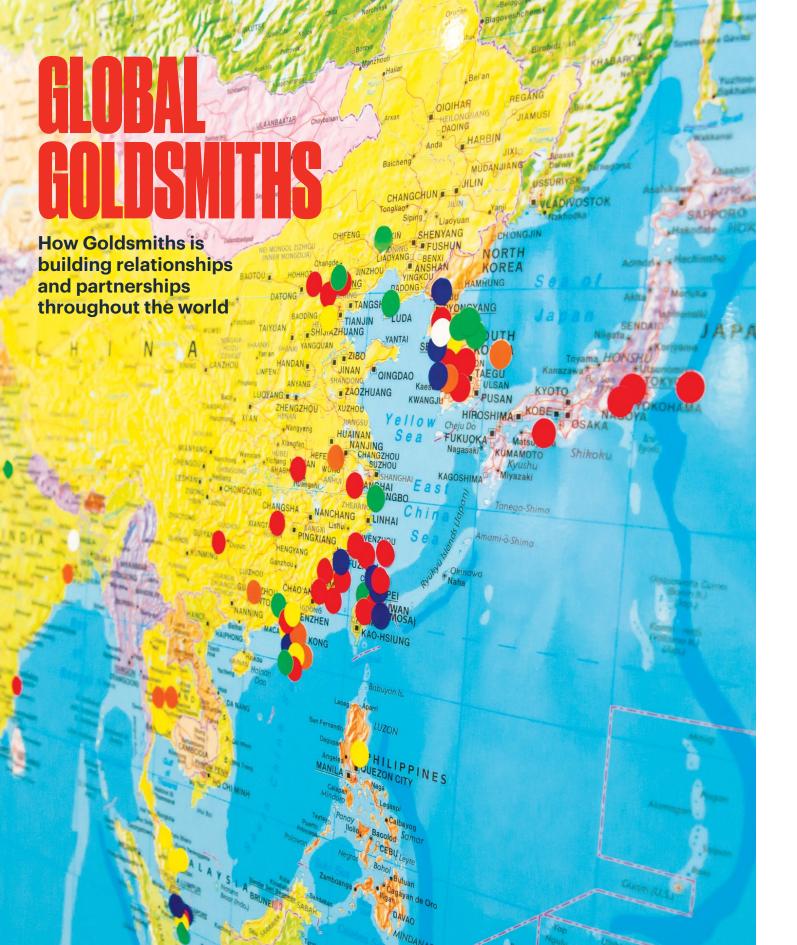
In July, researchers from our new Forensic Psychology Unit conducted an interactive, participatory memory experiment at the London borough of Lewisham's annual community festival, People's Day, which attracts close to 20,000 people.

The missing persons experiment invited festival-goers to seek out actors circulating throughout the festival site and report back as many details as they could remember. The data gathered is going towards an active research project on missing persons investigations.

## REDDIT

Goldsmiths researchers have taken to social media website reddit to take part in huge open discussions about their work with a truly global audience. Each day, reddit hosts 'Ask Me Anything' sessions with its nine million-strong science community and

Goldsmiths psychologists and politics researchers have attracted thousands of questions and comments from members. These discussions have featured on reddit's homepage and weekly round-up email and are read by tens of millions of people.



With more than a third of our students coming from outside the UK, drawn from over 120 countries, and around 200 international staff, Goldsmiths is without doubt a global institution. Our internationalisation strategy is a key aspect of the 'London and the World' pillar of our strategic plan. It builds upon the vitality of Goldsmiths' presence in a culturallyrich global capital city, where we have close and longstanding ties with our local community.

From this base, Goldsmiths branches out across the capital and beyond via dynamic and mutually beneficial relationships with business, social and creative industries, public and third sector organisations, and local and national governments.

These links enhance knowledge production and the student experience in numerous ways: via placements and internships for students; professionally enriched teaching and specialised training; collaborative research; consultancy and innovation partnerships.

Over the last year we have prioritised targeted internationalisation activities to enrich our academic community locally and enhance our global connectedness, including:

 Developing and diversifying our engagement in high calibre collaborative taught programmes with international partners of shared values and aspirations

- Increasing staff and student participation in learning and social activities, both on campus and through overseas visits, which are designed to enhance cross-cultural understanding, networks, and awareness of international issues
- Developing and strengthening research partnerships with overseas universities and other organisations, increasing the participation of our staff and students in internationally collaborative research which is recognised as world-leading
- Establishing, hosting, and actively participating in academic networks and research centres which focus on international themes and activities
- Recruiting excellent students from other countries, with a view to enhancing the cultural diversity and learning experiences of cohorts across all our disciplinary areas

As part of our Internationalisation Strategy, we have recently signed new strategic partnerships overseas.

#### National Research Tomsk State University, Russia

We have extended and formalised our long-standing relationship with the National Research Tomsk State University in Russia to include new disciplines and enhanced staff and student mobility and we have committed to exploring new developments that could involve joint curriculum design and dual award delivery.

#### Universidad de las Artes, Ecuador

We were pleased to partner with the newly established Universidad de las Artes, Ecuador where we aim to promote academic development, support and advice for developing curricula, academic training, research capabilities and the mobility of staff and students.

### Confucius Institute for Dance and Performance

Our Confucius Institute continues to be a big link with China – and we had the pleasure of being one of the few Vice Chancellors invited to meet President Xi Jinping on his recent visit to the UK. We also recently signed a new MOU with the National Institute of Cultural Development at Beijing International Studies University.

### LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore

The LASALLE partnership in Singapore continues to be by far our largest Collaborative Provision partnership: with 18 programmes at BA or MA level currently on offer and new Masters degrees in development for 2017. LASALLE had the distinction of being the first HE institution in Singapore ever to receive an EduTrust star from the Council for Private Education.

We are currently expanding our support for the development of new forms of collaborative provision, and we welcome approaches from institutions interested in exploring a range of arrangements, including, but not limited to, those described above.

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This summer saw the Department of **Design rated the best in the UK. With** at organisations including Oxfam, a perfect score of 100, the ranking in Imagination, Alexander McQueen, the Guardian's University Guide 2016 Selfridges and Studio Myerscough. was testament to the hard work of **students and staff in the department.** Thanks to these links with industry

It was a fitting accolade to a brilliant year which also saw Design rated 12th in the world in the QS World Rankings 2015.

The creative energy and ability which runs through the department was plain to see at the BA (Hons) Design final show this summer. Students took over Brick Lane's Old Truman Brewery with huge crowds attending the show which featured the work of 51 creatives.

Using an interdisciplinary approach, the department offers undergraduate and post-graduate courses. Students are urged to question the status quo, with the aim of allowing scholars to develop their own selfsustaining practice over time.

The courses are taught by leading industry figures with placements

the department has also been ranked by LinkedIn as a top university for design graduate employability.

Alumni have gone on to work for some of the world's best design consultancies like Pentagram and Heatherwick studio – where 2008 graduate **Neil Hubbard** helped create the new Routemaster double-decker bus - and firms including Dyson and Burberry.

One graduate recently in the spotlight was Justin Ramsden. After completing a BA (Hons) Design in 2014 Justin went to work for Lego - where he featured in this summer's Channel 4 documentary The Secret World Of Lego.

While a student at Goldsmiths Justin captured the pioneering spirit of his department, saying he felt 'part of something much bigger' in New Cross.

He added: 'There is not only an excellent group of tutors who are always there for you while navigating through the weird and wonderful ideas that we generate, but there is also a chance to learn new (and develop) old skills in the excellent workshops."

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# GIVING TO GOLDSMITHS

Goldsmiths is proud of its powerful sense of community, encouraging freedom of expression and supporting the effort and achievement of all individuals irrespective of background.

Our commitment to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to experience Goldsmiths is supported by the philanthropy of our alumni and friends.

In the six years since its inception, the Goldsmiths Annual Fund has supported nearly 200 worthwhile projects and every year Goldsmiths provides £1.4 million in scholarships including many donated by alumnus and friends.

An example is the Art Scholarship of £75,000 donated by alumnus Gary Hume. We also fundraise for major projects such as our current Art Gallery campaign, or the recent donor funded renovation of the Richard Hoggart Building.

Making a donation, however large or small, makes a real difference. By choosing to support Goldsmiths you ensure we can continue to offer transformative and lifechanging experiences to our students now and in the future.

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