

Jean McEwan: visual artist, organiser and creative facilitator

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Education

2005	BA Hons, Fine Art First Class Honours, Leeds Metropolitan University
2004	Erasmus exchange to Universidad Complutense, Madrid
2002	BTEC Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, Keighley College
2000	SQA in Training Practice, Central College of Commerce
1994	Glasgow Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language, London
1993	MA Hons English Literature and Language, Glasgow University

Selected projects with people

2021 - date	Create Connect Make: creative action research project with Keighley Library
2020 - 2021	Covid Realities: Its Our Story: collective zine with participants on national research project with Universities of York, Birmingham and CPAG
2019 - date	To Wander is To Adventure: creative walking project with Purple Patch Arts and adults with learning disabilities
2015 - date	Wur Bradford grassroots arts project (founder)
2017 - date	My Next Chapter For Creatives change programme: co-facilitator
2019 - 2021	Growing Cultures: Temporary Contemporary public engagement project, Queensgate Market, Huddersfield
2019	'Above The Noise: 15 Stories From Bradford' Bradford Museum Project
2018	Welfare Imaginaries: Zine workshops with Sociological Review Foundation Seminar Series
2018	Instant book workshops, Bradford Libraries: various branches
2018	Touchstone Bradford: Roots & Shoots intergenerational group: collective zine for Interfaith Week 2018
2018	Poverty Free Futures: facilitation of a collective zine with Dole Animators Leeds for International Day for the Eradication of World Poverty 2018
2018	Bubble Up Festival (Wur Bradford)
2018	'Processions' national mass participation artwork, Artichoke: Bradford banner commission with The Brickbox
2018	Bradford Zine Fair: co-organiser
2017 - 18	Power Up Creative Resistance: action research project (Wur Bradford)
2017	Put Yourself in The Picture: Bradford Festival (Wur Bradford)
2017	Free Our Streets: Restorative Solutions campaign against street harassment
2017	Bradford Libraries: International Womens Day zine workshop
2015 - 17	Super Slow Way: Circle of Friends community residency, Blackburn
2016	Kirklees Council: People Make Places residency
2014	Dark Matter Institute, Threadfest Festival, Bradford
2013	WE ARE ALIVE AGAIN: collaborative family photography project
2013	Make Ugly Beautiful: participatory photographic project
2010	Bradford Tea Party: intergenerational project, (videographer)
2010	Changing Lives: Say No To Knives, (videographer) Kala Sangam, Bradford
2004-10	Hive Shipley: Outreach artist, various community projects

Teaching

2020 - date	University of Leeds: Guest lecturer
2015 - 17	Leeds College of Art and Design, Visual Communications: Visiting Lecturer
2017 - 18	University of Lincoln, School of Graphic Design: Associate Lecturer
2017 - 18	University of Sheffield, Fashion Management: Associate Lecturer

Curatorial projects

- 2013 Bradford Baked Zines (popup self-publishing shop project)
- 2011 I Stood Up and I Said Yeah: New Work Yorkshire zine
- 2010 P.S. I Love You: Bradford Playhouse (week-long arts programme)
- 2008-9 Hatch: experimental arts showcase events ,Bradford Playhouse
- 2005 - 09 popup: showcase events for artists' moving image + performance work

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 WE ARE HERE: Kala Sangam, Bradford (Wur Bradford)
- 2017 Full Scale: Art's Use in The Real World, University of Bradford (Wur Bradford)
- 2016 For What It's Worth: South Square Gallery
- 2015 Bowled Over: Glasgow Open House Festival
- 2014 COLONIZE Revisited: Arena Gallery, Liverpool
- 2014 COLONIZE, Dykeman Young Gallery, Jamestown, NY
- 2012 Leeds Vantage Art Prize, Leeds
- 2012 Inhospitable: Liverpool Independents Biennial
- 2012 Supermarket: Stockholm Independent Art Fair
- 2011 Speakeasy: Basement Arts Project, Leeds
- 2011 Fotomania: Malaga, Spain
- 2006 Intersection: Yorkshire Craft Gallery

Selected Screenings

- 2014 Laugharne Castle Poetry and Film Festival
- 2010 Bradford International Film Festival (Made in Bradford strand)
- 2008 iDOLLEyes, The Rosemary Branch Theatre, London
- 2007 12 squared, St George's Hall, Bradford

Film in Performance

Fortunes: Theatre in the Mill, Hebden Bridge Trades Club, South Square Gallery, Bradford

Awards/Bursaries/Competitions

- 2021 Create Connect Make: Award from The Leap
- 2018 WE ARE HERE: Arts Council England (Wur Bradford)
- 2013 a-n Artist Information Company Re:view artist bursary
- 2013 Vantage Art Prize, Leeds: shortlisted artist
- 2010 Made in Bradford: Bradford City of Film short film competition
- 2005 Emerging Artist Bursary, Four Square project @ South Square Gallery Bradford, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation