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EDUCATION

MA Art & Design Studio Practice, Loughborough University (2009)

BA (Hons) Visual Communication in Illustration, Loughborough University (2006)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Member, Society of Graphic Fine Art (2026 – present)

AWARDS & PRIZES

2025 Artist of the Year Awards – Best New & Emerging Artist – Shortlisted

2024 Visual Arts Association Exhibition & Scholarship Award – Winner

2024 New Platform Art Mentorship – Selected Artist

2023 Comme Ça Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition – Winner

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019 Drawings by Colette Lilley, Cass Art, Liverpool

2018 Draw Draw Draw, Art in Windows, Liverpool

2017 Learn to See / Learn to Draw, Art in Windows, Liverpool

2017 Learning to See, Through the Act of Drawing, The O Gallery, London (online)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 You Shed Your Names With The Seasons, 50 MV, Waterloo

2026 Being There – Conversations in Drawing, Bridewell Studios & Gallery, Liverpool

2026 Society of Graphic Fine Art 104th Annual Open Exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
2025 Williamson Open, Williamson Art Gallery & Museum, Wirral
2025 Royal Society of Portrait Painters Drawing Prize: Revealing the Human, University of Hull
2025 RWA 172nd Annual Open Exhibition, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol
2025 Clyde & Co Art Prize, London
2024 Guildford House Open, Guildford House Gallery, Surrey
2023 RBSA Drawing Prize, RBSA Gallery, Birmingham
2023 Liverpool Art Fair, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool
2023 Drawing is Free: 10 Year Anniversary Exhibition, Paris College of Art
2023 Comme Ça Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition, Manchester

RESIDENCIES

2026 Being There Residency, Bridewell Studios & Gallery, Liverpool
2015 Stiwdio Maelor, Corris, Wales
2015 Mini Residency, Arena Gallery & Studio, Liverpool

SELECTED PROJECTS

Liverpool Artists' Network – Co-founder (2015–present)
Drawing (Paper) Show – Co-curator (2023–present)
@Artist_Parent (2024 – 2026)
@talk.drawing (2025 – present)

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

2025 VAA Member of the Month – Prize Winner Interview
2024 What It Is to Draw a Face – Podcast Interview
2024 Agogzine
2023 Drawing Paper No. 9
2023 AWOL Studios x Comme Ça Art Open Call Winner Interview