



## Supporting the Saturday Art Club

Our vision is to give as many young people the opportunity of an art and design education. To nurture their talent, build their confidence and give them an insight into university life. Showing them the pathway into further and higher education, and achieving a career in the creative industry.

The Saturday Art Club (SAC) at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) offers Year 10 and 11 pupils a series of inspiring art and design experiences in areas ranging from drawing and sculpture to printmaking and stop-frame animation. Students are encouraged to develop their art and design skills, try out new techniques they may not have experienced before, and use facilities and equipment that may not be accessible at school.

All classes, exhibitions, trips and materials are provided at no cost to the club member. The current cost to NTU of running the Saturday Art Club is £20,000 per year.

Club members visit London's best museums and galleries and exhibit work in their own Summer Show at Somerset House. They also exhibit as part of NTU Art & Design Degree Show and host their own finale exhibition at NTU.

All participants receive the opportunity to attend inspirational masterclasses with high profile artists and designers, currently practicing in the creative industry.

Our workshops run throughout the academic year, in conjunction with the Sorrell Foundation's national initiative the 'Saturday Club', which takes place in 41 locations across the UK, in colleges, universities and at the Victoria and Albert Museum.



## What are the facts?

- Club members do not pay to attend the art club or any associated visits, materials are also provided
- 70 % of the young people who join the club can be described by the following;
  - Are from a disadvantaged background, and may be less likely to continue onto higher or further education
  - They reside in a deprived neighbourhood, where progression into higher education is low
  - They are from a low social economic background
  - They are currently or have been in care
  - They have a disability
- A significant number of young people who attend the SAC go on to join our Schools & Colleges Outreach Programme at weekends.
- The number of members participating has grown year-on-year, with participants coming back to complete SAC year two:
  - 2011/12 had 20 young people participate
  - 2012/13 increased to 38 taking part
  - 2013/14 reached a participation figure of 71
- Members take advantage of masterclasses with high profile arts and designers:
  - Oliver Wright, Graphic Design Manager at Sony Computer Entertainment
  - Pascal Anson, Freelance artist and designer
  - Paul Priestman, Industrial Designer and Founding Director of Priestmangoode
- Our club members are telling us that;
  - 100% enjoyed taking part
  - 100% felt their art and design skills had improved significantly
  - 100% felt more confidence and self-assured



Our ambition for the SAC is to lift young people's aspirations and understanding of what an art and design education could mean to them. 60% of pupils who took part in the SAC would like to progress onto higher education in an art and design subject.

NTU is championing the SAC and aims to nurture young people's talent, improve their skills and increase their confidence. Our aim is to raise their aspirations by offering a more insightful opportunity into art and design education. We firmly believe that through the making of objects and freeing ideas we can support the wellbeing of young people.

## How you can help...

We are fundraising for the SAC and you are invited to take a ticket or table at our **Art School Dinner**, on Thursday 5 February.

The evening will start at 7 pm with cocktails, in our spectacular Newton building. We then invite you to 'step into the Art School' as we dine on a splendid four-course seasonal menu. There will be an opportunity to bid on some bespoke items and unique experience days.

In true art school tradition, you can expect an evening full of surprises!

### Cost:

To book a table (10 seats): £1,000

Individual bookings: £100

### Booking available now!

Visit:

[www.ntu170years.co.uk/events/artschooldinner](http://www.ntu170years.co.uk/events/artschooldinner)  
to find out more and to book your place(s).

