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RECENT PROJECTS

2023-24 **SPARK-Artists Interventions in a time of crisis;** Curator

SPARK is a network of environmentally focussed artists in the North-West. I co-curated, with John-Paul Brown, an exhibition of 30 SPARK artists and associated events [@sparkartistsnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/sparkartistsnetwork)

2022-24 **Para-Lab;** science/art research collaborations

Working groups 'Moss Colliding' looking at the confluence of ecology and particle physics and 'Soil Core' investigating the ecology of soil and archives at the UK Centre of Ecology and Hydrology

2022-24 **Rogue Rewilding** - Interventions to increase biodiversity around Rogue Artists Studios and the wider Gorton community.

AWARDS

2023 **Meadow Arts Commission Award**, Worcester Open Climate Change Edition

2021 **LBxan Artists Bursary** www.biennial.com/blog

Bursary awarded by the Liverpool Biennial, a-n Artists Network and Open Culture to develop an audio-visual piece about water and open water swimming.

2006 **Landscape Institute Award** Landscape Architecture GDip Exhibition, MMU

RESIDENCIES

2023 **Groundwork Gallery: Extraction Residency**

[#thegroundbeneathourfeet](https://www.instagram.com/thegroundbeneathourfeet) Program of residencies and exhibitions addressing Extraction, in association with Groundwork Gallery and The Grange Projects; aiming to foster collaborations and future environmentally focussed projects in the Norfolk region

2021-22 **SUSTAIN Digital Artist Exchange** www.sustainartists.info

Digital residency with a focus on low-carbon artmaking; commissioned by Castlefield Gallery, Manchester, UK and Aarhus Billedkunstcenter, Aarhus, Denmark.

2018-9 Moors for the Future, Edale Environmental Art Residency

2018 CAMP, Aulus-les-Bains, France Residency/workshop with Nils-Udo

2016 I-Park Foundation, Connecticut, USA Environmental Art Residency

EDUCATION

- 2019 MA Fine Art (Distinction), Manchester School of Art
2007 BLA Landscape Architecture, Manchester Metropolitan University
1992 BA(Hons) 3D Design (wood, metal, ceramics, glass) Manchester Polytechnic

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 SPARK- Artists Interventions in a time of crisis Curator and exhibitor, Rogue Project Space, Manchester
2023 THE GROUND BENEATH OUR FEET Groundwork Gallery, Norfolk
2023 CLIMATE.EMERGENCY.HOPE The Turnpike Gallery, Leigh
2023 WORCESTER OPEN The Art House/Pitt Studio, Worcester
2022 PARALAB REPORT Seesaw Space, Manchester
2019 MAMFA HOME, Manchester
2017 PROOF Robert Burt Gallery, London
2016 RESIDENCE(residents) I-Park Foundation, Connecticut, USA

COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Thresholds Site-specific Installation commissioned by The Whitaker Museum, Rossendale
2023 The Museum of the Vibrant Collector Installation and animation commissioned by Groundwork Gallery, King's Lynn
2022 The Checklist Resource for artists to lower website's carbon emissions
2019 Talk to the Trees Community engagement, Lead Artist, Preston
2016 [Birds of Passage](#) Public Artwork, RSPB Sculpture Trail, Fairhaven Lake
2014 [Reach Art Project](#) Community Engagement for Lytham St Annes Promenade
2003 DNA Public Artwork, Nuffield Hospital, Leeds
2000 Wave Public Artwork, Saltash, Cornwall
1998 Sundial Public Artwork, Mile End, London

Referees

Veronica Sekules, curator Groundwork Gallery, King's Lynn, mail@groundworkgallery.com

Gaynor Seville, curator Whitaker Gallery, Rossendale, gaynor@thewhitaker.org