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PROFILE

Founder of Being Now Here. Creating immersive and provoking artworks for private commissions and events. Themes include self and happiness, philosophy and science, belief systems. All the work has interactive elements, and engagement opportunities.

EXPERIENCE

2024 Snooks trail York Painted sculptures around the city of York.

2024 Spilsby Light Festival Sensorium sculptural lit neurons

2024 Light Night Worcester NETWORK Inflatable neural network

2024 York Explore Libraries Community project using archive collaborating with artist Rachael Ensoll

2023 BayLight 'POLAR' light installation

2023 LightWaves Glow 'Connection' molecular structure with engagement

2023 DOCA Wiltshire POLAR

2023 Solo Exhibition 'Network' - Selby Abbey Inflatable neuron with Broken Orchestra

2022 Deershed Festival 'Network' Music science festival.

2022 Selby Swan Festival (Jubilee Project) - Selby Abbey Origami Installation of community swans with wishes inside.

2022 YorkExplore Libraries (Jubilee Project) - York Flags of Hope a print project prepped for 16 Libraries

2022 Be Curious Festival - Leeds University Connection Molecule, physically building your network of support

2022 I belong workshops and pop-up event - Leeds University Creative online workshops no skill required connective themes

2022 York Life Festival - York Council Wire workshop, drawing with wire

2022 Our City Festival - York Council Wire workshop drawing with wire

2021 Creative Cafes - YorkExplore Libraries / Mind Charity In person creative mindful activities inspired by the self

2021 LightUpLancaster - Museum Gardens POLAR, life-sized polar bears with resin ice pieces sustainability project.

References

'I have worked with Gemma across several years in my role as Festival Director for East Riding's visual arts festival, ArtWaves. Gemma is an artist who goes beyond what is expected to bring fresh and intriguing ideas with incredible enthusiasm and a sincere passion for the work she does. She is by far one of the most committed artists I have had the pleasure of working with; working long hours yet never lacking in energy and drive which resonates in her engagement with our attendees and is vital to their festival experience as a whole.' -Lauren Frost, ArtWaves Festival Director.

2021 LightNightLeeds - Granary Wharf POLAR Installation recycled materials resin with poems and promises cast inside.

2021 ArtWaves Festival - Bridlington Spa The Happiness Sum, Neon artworks that make a game for participants during the event.

2019 LightUpLancaster - Town Hall Shine programme The Happiness Sum

2019 LightWaves - Media College Salford Quays The Happiness Sum

2019 LightNightLeeds - TheTetley The Happiness Sum

2019 'Dualism' Exhibition - The Yorkshire Hub Leeds Body Mind Installation

2019 'Body' Exhibition - The Thought Foundation Gateshead Wire sculpture wire drawing of body.

2018 Art&York - York Racecourse Contemporary Art Show The Happiness Sum

2018 Stereotyping schools workshop - North Yorkshire School various activities throughout the day including print and origami.

EDUCATION

2017-2019MA Masters in Creative Practice - Leeds Arts University

2000-2001 PGCE Postgraduate certificate in Education - UCE

1998-2000 BA Bachelor of Arts in Visual Communication - UCE