

JC Candanedo

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BIO

JC Candanedo is a queer, Latin American multidisciplinary artist based in London. He uses photography, mixed-media and performance to start conversations around issues of extractivism, migration and displacement. His practice is socially-engaged and his work tries to answer the question: how can we use the arts to promote social transformation?

CV

Education

- 2026** Certified Carbon Literate, Carbon Literacy Project and Association of Photographers, London
- 2023** Contemporary Art Academy, London
- 2021** Creative Community Fellowship. The Center for Social Impact Strategy, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2012** The New York Institute of Photography

Publications

- Material Dialogues: Botanical Dyes, Textiles, and Analog Photography as a Methodology for Socio-Ecological Repair, Drawing Lines of Care: Fieldnotes, Centre for Sustainable Fashion - University of the Arts London, April 2026.
 - From Darien to Twickenham: Reconstructing Historical Memory through Phototextile Artefacts, Museum Ethnographers Group Blog, January 2026.
 - Seeing Changes, Park Lane Press, London, October 2023, 36pp.
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Exhibitions

2025

Group Exhibition - Royal Society of Arts Summer Show, London
Group Exhibition - Palestine House, London
Group Exhibition - Winter Show. Orleans House Gallery, London

2024

Group Exhibition - Unframed Festival, Berlin
Group Exhibition - Les Amarres, Paris
Group Exhibition - MIAH Foundation, Birmingham
Group Exhibition - In Your Face - SEAS, Brighton
Group Exhibition - Unearthed - Joseph Wales, Margate
Group Exhibition - Shifting Narratives - Barbican Centre Library, London
Group Exhibition - Alternative Processes - Griffin Museum of Photography, Massachusetts
Group Exhibition - Document NOW - Bermondsey Project Space, London
Group Exhibition - No Borders - Royal Society of Arts, London
Group Exhibition - Photobook Café, London

2023

Group Exhibition - Creating Futures - Waltham Forest College, London
Group Exhibition - Blue - The Glasgow Gallery of Photography, Scotland
Group Exhibition - Shades of Red - Fox Yard Studios, Stowmarket
Group Exhibition - Traces: Stories of Migration. - Nunnery Gallery Bow Arts, London
Group Exhibition - We Belong - Bermondsey Project Space, London

2022

Exhibition - Aberfeldy Stories - East India Dock Garden, Poplar. Open Air
Group Exhibition - Mode Sirens & The Hidden Entity - Shane Bradford's Studio, London
Group Exhibition - Reality, Reciprocity, Resilience. Making Space Gallery, Poplar.

2021

Group Exhibition - Traces: Stories of Migration - Making Space Gallery, London

2019

Group Exhibition - AOP Awards 2019- One Canada Square, London

Residencies and Programmes

2025-2026

Orleans House Gallery - Artists Make Space, London

2021

Cel Del Nord - Online Artist Residency, Barcelona

Awards

2021

Shortlisted for National Portrait Gallery's Taylor Wessing Photography Award

Shortlisted for The Royal Photographic Society IPE 163

2020

Silver-Award Winner, AOP Awards 2020

2019

Finalist, AOP Awards 2019

2017

Shortlisted for The Royal Photographic Society IPE 160

Lectures, Talks and Events Facilitated

2025

Panel. What Happens When Artists Collaborate, RSA - Royal Society of Arts, London

Talk. The Plants That Made The Empires: Botanical Dyes as Carriers of Historical Memory, Symposium: Learning and Making - Weaving Climate, Water, Land, and Communities, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford

Talk. 1200 Years of Queer ARTivism, Westminster LGBT Forum, London

2024

Talk. Art As A Political Tool, South West London Humanists, Richmond Library, London

2022

Guest Lecturer. MA in Photojournalism and Documentary Photography at the London College of Communication.

2021

Host. System Change, not Climate Change, at Central London Humanists.

Host. Empowerment Through Enterprise, Entrepreneurship for Women Refugees, at the Conway Hall.

Host. Living at the Intersection of Gender Identity, Race and Belief, at the Conway Hall.

Host. The Universe and the Divine, at the Conway Hall.

Moderator. Panel Discussion about Queer Identity at Out For Good.

2020

Moderator. Panel Discussion about the State of the Industry at the Aldridge Foundation.

Judge and Selector Experience

Selection Panel. Artist Make Space Residency 2026-27, Orleans House Gallery, London, UK

Judge. Summer exhibition 2026, The Horton Arts Centre, Epsom, UK

Guest Selector. Axis Awards 2026, Axis, Wakefield, UK

Memberships

2025 - Present Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, London

2025 - Present Member of the Sustainability Working Group, AOP Association of Photographers, UK

2024 - Present Co-Founder - Noria Collective, London

2024 - 2026 Member of the UKCCF Project Board - Derby Museums, UK

2024 - Present Co-chair of the Board of Trustees - Axis, UK

2015 - Present Accredited Photographer - AOP Association of Photographers, UK

References

1. Lucy Orta. Professor and Chair of Art & the Environment / University of the Arts London.
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2. Dr Francesco Mazzearella. Senior Lecturer in Fashion and Design for Social Change / London College of Fashion. f.mazzearella@fashion.arts.ac.uk