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EDUCATION

2020–2021 Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh — *MA Applied Arts & Social Practice (Distinction)*

2010–2012 Central Saint Martins College of Art, London — *BA (Hons) Fine Art (2:1)*

2008–2010 Edinburgh College (Telford) Edinburgh — *HND Contemporary Art Practice*

AWARDS

2024 Visual Artists and Craft makers Award, Aberdeen City

2023 The Stephen Palmer Travel Award Bursary

2022 Magnetic North Theatre Seed Funding Award

2021 The John Byrne Award, Quarterly Shortlist

2021 First Port Build It Award

2019 Creative Scotland Open Fund Award

2018 Birth Rites Collection Award for New Work

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 **MOTHEROTHER**, The Newbridge Project, Newcastle

2024 **Game Changer**, Design Museum – Holon, Israel (*Pulled out in solidarity with the people of Palestine*)

2023 **Artist/Parent**, AIR Gallery – Manchester

2023 **Embracing Our Differences**, Billboard Exhibition – Florida USA

2023 **(Re)production**, Open Eye Gallery – Liverpool

COLLECTIONS

The Birth Rites Collection – University of Kent

Schwitters's Army Collage Collection – MERZ Gallery Sanquhar, Scotland

Private Collections – U.K., U.S.A., Europe

RESIDENCIES

2024 **Peacock and the Worm**, Printmaking Residency (funded by VACMA)

2019 **Birth Rites Collection Residency**, King's College London – *Funded by Creative Scotland, The Hope Scott Trust and King's College Cultural Institute*

2016 – 2018 **An Artist Residency in Motherhood**, Edinburgh

2014 **AIR ETC**, Edinburgh College Granton Campus

SELECTED COMMISSIONS & PUBLICATIONS

2024 **We Can't Afford to Work for Love**, In: Axisweb

2022 **Whose Story Is It?** Spilt Milk Gallery - *Edinburgh*

2022 **196th Annual Exhibition**, Royal Scottish Academy - *Edinburgh*

2022 **Roe v Wade**, Anthropology of Motherhood - *online*

2020 **Schwitters Army**, METZ Gallery - *Sanquhar Scotland*

2019 **Scotland's Maternity & Midwifery Festival** - *Edinburgh*

2019 **Leith Late's Glow Art Trail** - *Edinburgh*.

2019 **The M Word** One Paved Court Gallery - *London*

2017 **Birth Rites Screening**, The Whitworth Gallery - *Manchester*

2016 **Darkness Cannot Drive Out Darkness, Only Light Can Do That**, Lights of Soho Gallery - *London*

2016 **Second Self**, Arusha Gallery - *Edinburgh*

2015 **Women's Encounters**, Palazzo Albrizzi - *Venice Italy*

2014 **Site-Seeing** (Solo Exhibition), Creative Exchange - *Edinburgh*

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2023 - current **Society of Scottish Artists**, *Edinburgh* - *P/T Administrator*

I am responsible for the general management of the day-to-day running of the organisation and manage an ongoing programme of activities including the Annual Exhibition.

2018 - current **Spilt Milk Gallery CIC**, *Edinburgh* —*Founder & P/T Director*

I am responsible for the management and strategic direction of the organisation including day-to-day running, development and management of an ongoing programme of exhibitions, events and activities.

2015 - current **Participatory Artist**, *Freelance* - *Various*

I have developed and delivered a number of participatory projects and workshops with local community groups in partnership with a number of organisations including Fruitmarket, North Edinburgh Arts, Dr Bell's Family Centre, Edinburgh Museums and Edinburgh College.

Artist Exploitation Series.

2023 **A Conflict of Interests**, In: *An Artist and a Mother*, Demeter Press, Canada.

2022 **Unfinished Business: Lauren McLaughlin discusses The Holding Place by Emma O'Brien**, In: *OVER Journal*, Photo Ireland, Dublin, Ireland.

2021 **Artwork Feature**, In: *Cults of Life*, zine, Norway.

2020 **Artwork Feature**, In: *Milked Mag*, Issue 3, The Portrait, Maryland, USA.

2020 **Artwork Feature**, In: *Stay Home Magazine*, Zine, Todmorden, UK.

2019 **Artwork Feature**, In: *Wordpower: Language as Medium*, Library X, London.

VOLUNTARY

2017 **Edinburgh Collage Collective**, *Founding member*

2014-15 **2-1-4-1 Collective**, *Founding member*

MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Scottish Artists

Visual Arts Scotland

Scottish Artist Union

