



Print workshop

We love a good workshop. A lot of art/design activity works best when you can engage with it over a decent-sized period of time, like a whole day. It allows you to explore the subject in more depth than you could in, say, just one hour: it gives you time to learn new skills and go on to apply them straight away; you can work on something that wakes up the creative side of your brain and still have time to find out where it wants to lead you.

Printmaking is an exciting and challenging way of working in art and design. One of its advantages is that it doesn't require you to be especially confident in your drawing skills, so it is a great way of giving expression to your creativity.

We wanted to give our students the opportunity to take part in a printmaking workshop. We also thought it would be exciting to involve another key part of the SWPS community – the parents. So, on a Saturday in November, Ute Haring (Printmaking Tutor) and Ian Russell (Head of Art & Design) ran a one-day workshop for students and parents. We had 16 participants – the event was very over-subscribed so we are hoping we will be able to run another one soon.

Over the course of the day, working with the medium of lino printing, our students developed their own, individual abstract designs, cut their images into lino and printed them using the presses in our Print Room.

Ms Haring and Mr Russell were thrilled with the images their students created, and everyone clearly had a lot of fun spending the day making prints.

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