

# Melanie Tomlinson CV

<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>
	MA	Illustration	1994
	BA Hons	Graphic Design & Illustration <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Class	1993
	PGCE (Post Compulsory Education)		1998

**EDUCATION:** Birmingham Institute of Art and Design 1990-1994

**EMPLOYMENT:** **17 years experience of working as an artist within education and participatory arts.**

**SELECTED PROJECTS: 'Inhabit' with Hybrid Consulting – 2010-2011**

Lead artist for interiors – working in five empty shop spaces in Birmingham to create installations and with the local community.

**'1mile<sup>2</sup> Smethwick' with Visiting Arts – 2009-2011**

Lead artist for 1mile<sup>2</sup> Smethwick, the global arts and ecology project, working with the local community to explore the nature and diversity of the high street.

**Craftspace – Routes to New Routes 2010 and Seeds of Change 2005-2009**

Lead artist delivering craft workshops for asylum seekers and refugees in B'ham.

**Lecturer – Further and Higher Education 1994-2003**

Visiting Lecturer BA Hons Crafts – Staffordshire University

Visual Communication/Illustration tutor – North Warwickshire College

Visiting Lecturer 3D Design - Newman College University Sector

**COMMISSIONS: New Walk Museum & Art Gallery – 2011**

Commissioned to work with the collections and archives for six months to produce an artwork for the permanent collections and Animal Stories exhibition.

**Paintings in Hospitals - 2010**

Commission for second wall based sculpture to tour UK hospitals.

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**Manchester Metropolitan University - 2008**

Purchase of a piece for the contemporary metalwork collection.

**St Barts Hospital – 2007**

Commission for children's waiting area.

**Evelina Children's Hospital - 2006**

Commission of five wall based pieces for the intensive care unit.

**Tate Modern – 2005**

Commissioned to design a range of jewellery for the Frida Kahlo exhibition.

**AWARDS: Arts Council Award – 2010**

Awarded a grant to work with Natural History collections to create new work.

**West Midlands - Manufacturing and Advisory Service - 2006**

Grant awarded to purchase and develop tooling for cutting into steel.

**George Little Management International Marketing Award - 2002**

Awarded at Chelsea Crafts Fair 2002 to promote work in USA.

**Creative Ambition Award 2002**

Awarded by the Arts Council (West Midlands) to develop new work.

**Creative Ambition Award 2001**

Awarded by West Midlands Arts for exhibiting at Chelsea Craft Fair 2001

**Princes Youth Business Trust 2001**

Start up assistance given to purchase digital imaging equipment.

**Recipient of Year of the Artist Award – 2000**

Awarded for a residency at the Jaguar Car Factory, Coventry.

**David Canter Memorial Fund '1998'**

Awarded the 'David Canter Memorial Award' for automata makers.

**Tangye Memorial Prize – 1994**

For innovative work undertaken on my MA Degree.

**Louisa Ryland Travel Scholarship – Prague December 1994****PUBLICATIONS:**

Living at Home (Germany) – Spring 2011

Non-precious jewellery – Kathie Murphy 2009

Irish Interiors – July 2008

Vogue (Germany) – November 2007

Coast Magazine – March 2007

Country Living Magazine – Summer 2006

Feature in Collect it Magazine – April 2006

'Lets Start at the Beginning' Crafts Mag. – Crafts Council Sep/Oct 2006

Lookout, Crafts Magazine – Crafts Council, Sep. / Oct. 2004

Made in the Middle, exhibition catalogue – Craftspace Touring

Automata & Mechanical Toys, by Rodney Pepe, - Crowood Press 2002art.tm 'in-art-iculate' exhibition catalogue – November 2001

Arts and Crafts Magazine – September 1999

Oriel Myrddin, 'Recycling the Century' exh. catalogue June 1999

**SLIDE INDEXES:**

Crafts Council Photostore Register of Selected Makers

**FORTHCOMING &****RECENT EXHIBITIONS:**

Flow Gallery 'From Wall to Table' – London 2 May to 7 July 2012

New Walk Museum 'Animal Stories' - Leicester until 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Ghosts of Gone Birds, Rochelle School London - November 2011

Galerie Handwerk 'Artistic Toys' – Munich December 2011

Craft2eu 'Vogelschau – Bird Show' – Hamburg 2011

COLLECT 2011 – represented by the Scottish Gallery

Bluecoat Display Centre – Melanie Tomlinson and Rachel Howard- Spring 2011

COLLECT 2010 – represented by Bluecoat Display Centre

Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery – Christmas 2009

Sheffield Millennium Galleries – Spring 2009

The Scottish Gallery, Christmas Exhibition 2008

National Glass Centre Sunderland – Beautifully Crafted 2007

Flow Gallery, Group Show - London 2008

The Scottish Gallery, Solo Show – Dec. 2007

**INTERESTS:**

I have a passion for the natural world and when time allows will seek out nature.

I am interested in the conservation of wolves in the wild and other creatures

such as bats and moths. I love poetry and regularly attend a women's poetry

group despite my limited knowledge in this area!! I am interested in languages

and am learning to speak Romanian.