

Liz Blyth

designer - maker

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CREATIVE PROFILE:

I am a maker and designer in contemporary craft specialising in ceramic and mixed materials. I am interested in how materials influence each other to modify, illuminate or resist. My work seeks to hold a quiet beauty with an emotional language expressed in each piece. I make work with meaning, telling stories through my making and crafting objects to be treasured, touched and held.

CREATIVE SKILLS:

- Porcelain and porcelain paperclay
- Surface decoration
- Mould making and slip casting
- Glassblowing and coldworking
- Mixed materials, material experimentation
- Sustainable craft practice
- Artist collaboration
- Arts event leadership and management
- Curiosity, communication and creative ideas

STOCKISTS:

Mint Gallery, Duke Street, London

Mayfair Design District, MDD Edit, London

Leicester Gallery, De Montfort University, Leicester

EXHIBITIONS:

Mint Gallery, Duke Street, Marylebone, London
Winter Collection
Impermanence Collection, porcelain paper clay
November 2025 – March 2026

Mayfair Design District x CTO Lighting, Savoir
Beds, Berkeley Square, London
The Art of Stillness
for Frieze week and PAD London
Impermanence Collection, porcelain paper clay
10 – 30 October 2025

Mint Gallery, Marylebone, London
Second Skin
for London Design Festival
Impermanence Collection, porcelain paper clay
13 – 30 September 2025

Mint Gallery, Marylebone, London
Summer Exhibition
Impermanence Collection, porcelain paper clay
29 July - 17 September 2025

New Designers, Business Design Centre,
London
Impermanence Collection, porcelain
2 - 5 July 2025

Leicester Art House: Extraordinary Art in
Ordinary Houses
Blown glass and fine metals
6 - 8 June 2025
7 - 9 June 2024
9 - 11 June 2023

LCB Depot, Leicester
Making It, Contemporary Craft Exhibition with
Design Nation
Antidote Collection, porcelain, blown glass and
fine metals
13 May - 2 June 2023

RECENT EMPLOYMENT:

De Montfort University
Graduate Artist in Residence
Design Crafts
September 2025 - August 2026

Watson Blyth Ltd
Management Consultant and Director
2016 – 2024
Expertise in leadership in arts, museums,
heritage, libraries and leisure. Clients included
Arts Council England, Libraries Connected,
Sport England, ArtReach and the Local
Government Association

De Montfort University
Lecturer and Module Leader (part time)
2017 – 2020
Delivering the Leadership module on the MSc
Cultural Events Management, School of Arts
and Festival Management. Currently a guest
lecturer in the department

RECENT EDUCATION:

BA (Hons) Design Crafts - First Class
De Montfort University
2018 – 2025

Foundation in Art & Design - Distinction
De Montfort University
2016 - 2018

NON-EXECUTIVE ROLES:

University of Leicester
Trustee and Lay Member of Council.
2023 – now

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Curve Theatre, Leicester
Vice Chair and Trustee: 2018 - 2024
Trustee: 2012 - 2016

The King Richard III Visitor Centre
Leicester
Trustee: 2013 – 2019

Leicester City Football Club Community Trust
Trustee: 2015 - 2016

Hazel Primary School, Leicester
School Governor: 2005 – 2010

EARLIER CAREER AND EDUCATION:

Director of Culture and Neighbourhoods,
Leicester City Council, 2011-2016
Responsible for arts, festivals, galleries,
museums, heritage, libraries, sports centres
and community centres. Led a team of circa
1200 staff with a revenue budget of £14m

Cultural Strategy Manager, Leicester
City Council, 2003-2011
Coordinating the city’s cultural strategy
with the arts and creative sector

Prior to 2003, I spent 5 years in local
government in the areas of community
development and partnership work

In my early career I worked in the charity
sector for an HIV/ AIDS organisation and for
Oxfam’s Middle East programme

MA Policy, Organisation and Change
Loughborough University
1998 - 2000

Diploma of Higher Education,
Youth and Community Work

Bradford and Ilkley Community College ..
1993 – 1995

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Graduate Member, Design-Nation
and on the Graduate Mentoring Programme
Graduate Member, Crafts Council

INTERESTS:

Art, theatre, books, travel, world cultures

REFERENCES:

Available on request