

ART EDUCATION

MA Art as Environment, Distinction, Manchester School of Art, 2007
BA (Hons) Embroidery, First Class, Manchester School of Art, 2006
BTEC Diploma Foundation: Art & Design, Distinction, Manchester School of Art, 2002

EXHIBITIONS

Manchester Open 2026, HOME, Manchester, 2026
Crossing Boundaries: Decolonisation, Diversity and Dissent, University of Leeds, 2026
Displacement: Changing Frames, Norman Rea Gallery, York, 2025
Memorial Gestures 4, Sunny Bank Mills, 2025
A Small Space, The Silk Museum, Macclesfield, 2025
A Small Space on Tour, Shepherds Rest, Spain, 2025
A Small Space on Tour, Tata Art Space, Bali, 2024
Air OPEN 2024, Rogue Artist Studios, Manchester, 2024
Comme Ca Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition, Manchester, 2024
Art Speak- Conversations Between Art and Language- Norman Rea Gallery, York, 2023
AIR OPEN 2023, AIR Gallery, Manchester, 2023
A Small Space, Deansgate, Manchester, 2023
Art After Loss, Inch Arts, Altrincham, 2023
Narratives: Threads & Testimony, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023
Fibres, Air Gallery, Altrincham, 2023
We Remember them in Verbs, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023
Conversation Series III: Narratives The Lowry, Salford, 2023.
The Manchester Contemporary 2022, Manchester Central, 2022
Manchester Open Exhibition 2022, HOME, Manchester, 2022
Trooping The Corgis, Altrincham Town Centre, 2022
Together, Inch Arts, Altrincham, 2022
International Women's Day Textiles Exhibition, Manchester Sew Social, Online, 2022
Stitch Your Story, British Textiles Biennial, Blackburn Cathedral, 2021

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Independent Creative of The Year 2024, Manchester Culture Awards- Finalist
Highly Commended Award- Comme Ca Art x AWOL Studios Open Call Exhibition, 2024
Arts Council DYCP Grant– “Engaging with Inherited Archives,” 2023
MAstars 2007: Anneke Kuipers & Laura Nathan. Professionals select the artists to watch from MA degree shows across the UK, Axis Web, Selected by Clarissa Corfe
Manchester School Of Art- MA Travel Grant- 2007 (Israel and the Palestinian Territories).
A Celebration of Talent Exhibition, 2006 Best of MMU Art and Design & Salford University, Urbis

ART RESIDENCIES & PROJECTS

Memorial Gestures 3, Holocaust Centre North Residency, 2025

Remote residency programme for artistic research into Holocaust Centre North's Archive which culminated in a group show at Sunny Bank Mills.

***I was 8814*- Global Story Films, 2024**

Creating textile art portraying the childhood memories of Kindertransport Holocaust survivor Hanna Miley. The artwork was incorporated into the award-winning Documentary.

Engaging with Inherited Archives, 2024. Manchester Jewish Museum Residency, DYCP Project,

Conversation Series III, Narratives: Venture Arts: 2022 12 Artists exploring personal histories, cultural heritage and collaboration. Partners-Manchester Jewish Museum, The Lowry, Castlefield Art Gallery and Ahmed Iqbal Ullah RACE centre and Education Trust. Exhibited at the Lowry, The Manchester Contemporary and Manchester Jewish Museum.

SOCIALLY ENGAGED ARTIST & ENGAGEMENT ROLES

Textiles Facilitator, Venture Arts, Part Time 2009- Present,
Supporting learning-disabled and neurodivergent artists to develop their practice.

Textile Workshop, Celebrating Jewish Culture Month, Whitworth Art Gallery, 2026

'My Grandmother's Story' The Creative Activist Group, Manchester Jewish Museum, 2023.

- Co-creation project exploring my grandma's oral history testimony and archives.
- Exhibited during "We Remember Them in Verbs" Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

Lead Artist, Pulling Together Young Asian Women's Group, 2010-2014

- Looping The Loop; Community Commission-Textiles pieces installed in Salford Quays celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games. Exploring the values of the Olympics within South Asian young women.
- Faith and Festivals A-Z Textiles Project - Exploring symbols associated with different religions festivals. Resulted in the creation of A-Z textiles cubes & education resource.
- Body Art: A Mark of Identity- Culturally sensitive body image and self-esteem project.

International Women's Day-The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester- 2009-2013

- Coordinated annual International Women's Day events alongside a drama facilitator.
- Responded to themes including "100 years 100 voices" & "Inspiring Women in STEM"

Visual Art Facilitator: Purple Patch Arts, 2011- 2013

- Weekly workshops alongside a drama facilitator for adults with learning disabilities.
- Responding to an annual theme and weekly subtopics set by the service users.

Schools & Community Engagement Officer: Anne Frank + You, Manchester Cathedral, 2009

- Devised education resource.
- Facilitated workshops reflecting on the exhibition themes.
- Marketed and co-ordinated school visits.
- Coordinated a series of associated events including "The Asylum Monologues"
- Facilitated community art workshops resulting in an accompanying exhibition.
- Successfully secured further funding to deliver additional outreach projects.

Art Facilitator and Community Engagement Officer: Zion Centre 2009-2010

- Facilitated curriculum-based art workshops in primary schools in East Manchester
- Developed connections between local communities and Manchester Metropolitan University archives.

Artist in Residence - Energise and Willow Tree Healthy Living Centres, Salford 2008-09

- Facilitated identity-based workshops with four groups of service users.
- Create a permanent textiles piece inspired by the workshops.
- Mentored two visual arts students and supported them in the delivery of drop in sessions

Camp Counsellor and Art Assistant, Artsbridge Institute, Endicott College, Massachusetts, 2008

- Supported Israeli and Palestinian 15–18-year-olds in an art and dialogue programme.
- Planned social activities, assisted in art sessions and supported wellbeing.

TALKS

‘I was 8814’ Film Talk, With Hanna Miley and Laura Nathan, Kindertransport Association, March 2026

Working Creatively with Archives and Testimony Manchester Genealogy Mini Conference, July 2025

Memorial Gestures: In Conversation with Laura Nathan, Sunny Bank Mills, June 2025

KTA Books and More Talk with Laura Nathan’, Kindertransport Association, Jan 2025

Engaging With Inherited Archives, Curating Memories, Materials and Visual Histories about the Holocaust. Holocaust Centre North conference, March 2024

PUBLICATIONS

Q&A | ‘There was silence and an unknown ‘thing’ that wasn’t discussed’

Museum Journal, Museums Association, Daisy Finch, June 2025,

Laura’s personal connection to her textiles project, Jewish Telegraph, May 2025

Engaging With Inherited Archives - Imperial War Museum Holocaust Blog, Guest Author Laura Nathan, January 2024

Laura Nathan: Honouring Identity with Hands and Heart

The Cutting (&Stitching) E-Magazine, Mr X Stitch, March 2023

Narratives artist Laura Nathan on collaboration and creating art in Manchester Jewish Museum, Laura Nathan, Venture Arts, March 2023

The Reason I Create- The Digital Cloth, E-Magazine, Holiday Issue 4, Laura Nathan, 2022

Laura Nathan- Inspiring Women in Arts- Hugs and Buttons Blog, Sara Sarf 2022

In Stitches Elaine Bermitz, J Life Magazine, March/April Edition p51, 2022

Laura Nathan uses art to bring Israeli and Palestinian teenagers together in America
The Jewish Chronicle, 2008

Laura Nathan: Experiments With Soap and Hair FiberArts Magazine, April/May 2007:25-25,
Jessica Hemmings

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

The Mothers Participatory Art Project, The Mothers UK, Participant,
Documenting experiences of motherhood, contributing to both the online blog and ZINE, 2021

Art Mentor, Koestler Trust- Supporting an ex-offender to develop their artistic practice, 2009-2010.

Yom Hashoah Committee - Prestwich Synagogue, 2007-2008
Worked alongside an art teacher, Holocaust survivors, and drama students.
Created an immersive storytelling evening based on Holocaust survivors' testimonies

Participant, Muslim Jewish Youth Theatre Group, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester,
2007-08

- Devised and performed participatory show "24 Hour City"
- Explored themes surrounding migrant histories, conflict and racism.
- Assisted in the delivery of drama workshops with two schools in Manchester.

MEMBERSHIPS

War and Conflict, Subject Specialist Network- Imperial War Museums

A Small Space- An exhibition concept finding unconventional small spaces in contrast to the conventional white cube gallery space showing small works in group shows.

Interfaith Stitch Stories- Women from diverse backgrounds collaborating on textiles projects.

The Muslim Jewish Forum of Greater Manchester- Executive Committee Member, 2013-2014