

Ben Hodson

Artist, Photographer & Creative Director

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Education

University of Bedfordshire: MA Art & Design
(Ba) Hons Digital Photography & Video Art. First Class Degree.
Cricklade College, Andover (A Levels):
Art (A), Photography (A), Media (B)

Summary

I am a UK based, artist, photographer and the creative director of the ATP community of companies. Alongside my own projects I regularly receive commissions from both private and commercial clients for a wide range of art/photographic services from all over the UK, central Europe and the Middle East.

I have exhibited widely in both group and solo shows. This includes; The Houses of Parliament, PhotoFusion, the LPA gallery space, Out of the Dark showroom, the Hat Factory, the Llanhilleth institute, the Gateway Gallery and has work on permanent display in London Luton airport and the UN head quarters in New York.

I have run a number of arts based projects, including ambitious cross cultural projects: Iraq The Forgotten Story and Iraq a changing heart. I work as a film/art director, curator, project manager and designer. Furthermore I lecture on Visual Communication in Art & Design for the University of Bedfordshire.

Work Experience

Technician Demonstrator/Lecturer for the Art & design department at the University of Bedfordshire. This includes running lectures/workshops on digital imaging, photography, visual art practice, interactive & web design and exhibition display/curation.

Creative Director and one of the founders of the ATP community of companies and social enterprises. Which includes; A Thin Place, ATP Consultancy, ATP Studios ATP World-wide, ATP Social Innovation and the creative agency ATP Media.

Freelance Artist & Photographer as both a sole trader and on part time contracts. This includes commissions for NGO's, small, medium and even large companies such as the Arup Group Ltd, one of the world's largest architectural and consultancy firms.

2009+

2007+

2002+

Awards

Community Businessman of the Year. Luton Best of awards 2011.
Future 100 award. National competition for recognising the next generation of entrepreneurs. 2011
Best Student in Art & Design University of Bedfordshire 09

The British Youth Council "Snap Shot 60" Highly Commended.
London Photographic Association.
My Backyard 4 -Silver Medal Winner.
Shoot Nations 2007 - Final Short list and light-box display.

Luton First Photography Competition Winner 2007.
Shoot Experience Winner
September 07 Competition
Excellence in Education Award
Cricklade College

Exhibition and Displays

Exhibition: "Iraq – The Forgotten Story" Blaenau Gwent, Wales. March – May 12
Exhibition: The Re Show, Out of the Darkness Showroom. 11th – 25th Nov 11
Exhibition: "New Day" The Studio, Norfolk Showground Aug 11
Exhibition: "Iraq – The Next Step" The Hat Factory July 11
Exhibition: "Iraq – Amna Suraka" UCMK Gallery. March 11
Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" University of Bedfordshire Corridor Gallery Sep –Nov 10
Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" High Town Art for All Sep –Nov 10
Exhibition: "Newday" The Studio, Norfolk Showground.Aug 10
Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" The hat factory gallery, July 2010
Permanent Display: "Luton Our Story & Lutopia" ABC Cinema Luton. May10 +
Exhibition: "Luton Hoo Exhibition"- Luton Hoo walled Garden Estate May 10
Exhibition: "Guerilla Galleries" - The Arndale Shopping Centre, The Market Hall & The Uni of Beds. April -May 10
Exhibition: "Guerilla Galleries" House gallery group exhibition. April10
Exhibition: "Luton Art 09" Wardown Park Museum & Art Gallery Nov 09 - Jan 10
Exhibition: Luton Arts Festival Market Hall

Gallery Oct 09 -Jan 10
Permanent Display: "Lutopia (Airport)" London Luton International Airport. Oct 09 +
Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" Dimensions Exhibition Space
Exhibition: "Iraq- The Forgotten Story" Museum of St Albans Sept 09 - Jan 10
Exhibition: "New Day" The Studio, Norfolk Showground. Aug 09
Exhibition: "Amna Suraka" University of Bedfordshire. Jun 09
Exhibition: "B:Unit" The Mall, Arndale Shopping Centre Luton May - Jun 09
Exhibition: "Gallery Event" Summer at High Wycombe. Artist Led Initiative. Jun 09
Exhibition: "Iraq- The Forgotten Story" The Hat Factory May - Jun 09
Permanent Display: "Lutonian Life" Luton Central Library & Theatre. April 08 +
Exhibition: "Iraq - A New Face" The Greenhouse Gallery April - May 09
Exhibition: "Gallery Event" Winter at High Wycombe. Artist Led Initiative. Dec 08
Exhibition: "My Backyard 4" London Photographic Association. London Gallery Nov 08 -Jan 09
Exhibition: "Lutopia (Airport)" London Luton International Airport. Nov -Jan 08
Exhibition: BYC "SnapShot 60" The Houses of Parliament Nov-Dec 08

Permanent Display: "Gardens" Couture Cafe, SDC Jul 08
Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" The Gallery, Luton Central Library & Theatre. Jul - Nov 08
Permanent Display: "Life's Journey" Stockwood Discovery Centre. Jul 08 +
Exhibition: "Fake Modern" The Hat Factory. May 08
Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" The Hat Factory. May 08
Exhibition: "Multi-cultural" Wardown Park Museum. Nov 07
Exhibition: "Shoot Nations" - Photo Fusion, London. 13-17th Nov 07
Display: "About Here" University of Bedfordshire. Nov 07
Permanent Display: "Reminiscing" United Nations Headquarters NY. Aug 07 +
Display: Wardown Park Museum. Jul 07
Exhibition: "Images of Luton" - Direct Art Ltd. Jun 07
Permanent Display: The Bridge Community Building. May 06
Permanent Display: Cricklade Library. July 05
Exhibition: "Huge" - Cricklade College. June 05
Permanent Display: The Orange Room. July 05
Exhibition: "Private View" - Cricklade College. Jun 04
Exhibition: "Art for Mercy" - The Bridge Community Building. Nov. 03

Skills	<p>Image creation Curation and exhibition installation Graphic, interactive & web design Project management Art direction Photography and digital imaging Film making and direction Lecturing and workshops</p>	<p>Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe Indesign Mac OSX/Windows 7+ Some CSS, HTML Squarespace/Wordpress Expression engine + other CMS Social media automation</p>	<p>DSLR and digital imaging Analogue camera systems Medium format photography Darkroom development Microsoft Office/iWorks Prezi/Powerpoint/Keynote Final Cut Pro/Premier Pro Aperture/Lightroom/iPhoto</p>	
Related Experience	<p>I was one of the lead artists on the project High Town Art for All. The project won a Lutons Best award 2010 in the culture category. I have volunteered for Luton Voices, a local oral history project. I have taken photos, video and helped put together displays and exhibitions. I digitally retouched numerous images from the general public to use in an exhibition at Wardown Park Museum and Stockwood Discovery Centre.</p>	<p>Digital Assistant and Photographic officer for Museums Luton. Responsible for images of artefacts, exhibitions, displays and PR events. Work published in guidebooks, leaflets, websites and exhibition displays. Since 2008 I was the exhibitions co-ordinator for Luton Arts Festival. I am the creative director of a social regeneration project: The Creative Quarter.</p>	<p>I have collaborated with another artist with art therapy classes for primary school children. Art Box was a way for children in year 6 to find enjoyment and support through creative practices and workshops. The programme was specifically aimed at individuals who were starting to disconnect with academic subjects and it hopefully promoted a desire for them to carry on and pursue more creative educational routes.</p>	
Publications	<p>"Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2012 "Digital Photographer" Issue 110 2011 - 6 page spreads, interview and my current work. DLIFLC - Technology Integration Division, field support manuals for Iraq. Aug 2009. Internaute Magazine - The rise and fall of Saddam Hussain. This online magazine reaches 15 million readers each month. (Nielsen – Netratings, Jan 2009).</p>	<p>Annual report - Community Engagement, London Luton International Airport. 2008 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2009 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2009 "LPA" London Photographic Association Website and Magazine. Interview and example work. November 2008 "Achieve More" Magazine April 2008</p>	<p>"Digital Photographer" Issue 67 (page 66 & 67) March 2008 - Two page spread, interview and my current work. "The Photographer" (page 3) December 2007 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. Front Cover Ben has been published numerous times in The Herald & Post, Luton News, Luton On Sunday, Dunstable Gazette, The Andover Advertiser, and The Advertiser Midweek.</p>	
Associations	<p>A Thin Place -Artists Collective AN artists network air+ British Institute of Professional Photography Royal Photographic Association London Photographic Association Artists Network Bedfordshire High Town Art For All IGVP International Guild of Visual Peace Makers The Creative Quarter</p>	Clients	<p>ACJ Retailing Ltd, Arup, Andover Advertiser/Midweek, Bannerfactory GmbH, Henry Gross Ltd, GG-Live/GG-Net GmbH, Go Montgenevre Ltd, Go Switzerland GmbH, GTG Europe Ltd, ITSM4U GmbH, Impact Network, Just Pictures Ltd, Luton Cultural Services Trust, Luton Museum Services, Luton Voices -Oral History Project, Montgenevre Multi-service, Museums Luton, M28 GmbH, On The Move,</p>	<p>The Bridge Community Building, The Bridge Coffee Shop, The Valley Church, University of Bedfordshire, White Circle Organisation, Xpresso Coffee Shop, Youth For Christ. Noah Enterprise, Tokko, Think Luton, Love Luton, Travel Luton, Comissions East, Biso Africa, Mountivation, Chez Serre Chevelier, the Hat Factory, We Create Together and Luton Culture.</p>
Interviews	<p>I have given both live and recorded interviews to a number of Radio shows including BBC 3 counties radio about my current work and group exhibition that I was taking part in.</p>	<p>In November 08 I took part in Portable Radio, a touring local podcasting project hosting dialogues about UK visual cultures from May 08 to May 09. In each location they go to they choose 3 artists/arts practitioners/gallery curators, In Luton I was selected to be involved.</p>		