

FORMAT 2024

FORMAT International Photography Festival happens every other year in Derby. As a part of FORMAT's off year programme the festival has partnered with LCB Depot to celebrate its 20th anniversary, bringing amazing international photography to Leicester!

Venues across the city are hosting exhibitions from **25th March - 26th April 2024**. Find out more about the exhibition venues and artists involved at <https://lcbdepot.co.uk/event/format24/> or @lcbdepot



Shattering Stereotypes

Ade Salako

Photography

Density stands as the pioneering group of female skateboarders in Lagos, Nigeria; founded with the aim of empowering women to embrace skateboarding and navigate traditionally male-dominated spaces with confidence. The community has played a pivotal role in reshaping the skateboarding landscape in Nigeria. Prior to its inception, women were often marginalized and excluded from skate parks, viewed through the lens of outdated gender stereotypes.

However, through the dedication and vision of the founder and the members of Density, significant progress has been made. Today, we witness a flourishing community of female skateboarders emerging across Nigeria, emboldened by the example set by Density. Their efforts have not only

normalized the presence of women in skate parks but have also fostered a culture of inclusivity and acceptance.

Beyond Lagos, Dencity's influence extends to different states across Nigeria, where young women are now empowered to pursue their passion for skateboarding without fear or hesitation. This community has paved the way for a new generation of female skateboarders to thrive and inspire females.

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Artist Bio

Adedolapo Salako is a 25-year-old photographer from Nigeria. She is self-taught and she discovered her talent in photography in the year 2022; she began her photographic journey with self-portraiture before exploring street photography and reportage works, focusing on documenting the vibrant communities of Lagos, Nigeria.

Through her photography, she portrays a narrative of resilience, determination, and hope amidst adversity. When she's not photographing, you can find her reading, making some research on YouTube, or listening to podcasts.

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