

# Craft 2026

Craft 2026 is an exhibition of contemporary craft with ceramics, glass textiles and metal work from established professionals and emerging creatives from the UK, Europe, North America, Africa and East Asia as well as our annual exhibition of DMU Design Craft second year student work

Exhibitions and events run from **29<sup>th</sup> May – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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## ***Fungal Growth***

Jiayi Zhao

This work is a series of textile sculptural forms created using traditional tie-dye techniques from Yunnan. The organic structures are inspired by fungi found in the local environment, which often grow in damp, overlooked, or fragmented spaces.

Despite limited conditions, fungi continue to expand, adapt, and regenerate, revealing a resilient mode of existence. Through repetitive hand-tying gestures, the work forms irregular, fungus-like bodies that embody intuition, labor, and accumulated time. The piece reflects the idea that growth is rarely perfect or linear.

Instead, the ongoing process of growing, adapting, and repairing one-self is itself a form of healing. Within this continuous becoming lies an inherent vitality, where life persists and strength quietly emerges.

## **Artist Bio**

Graduated from Royal College of Art fashion and Textile program, now worked as a freelancer designer in London.