

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 **29th May – 19th June 2026**

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Ties across the ocean

Katie Hepworth

This piece explores the connection between two different cultures: South Africa (Limpopo) and the Isle of Man. Although, these places are separated by distance, I discovered similarities in the way both cultures use patterns and symbols to represent identity, history and belonging.

The shapes and line work in the piece are inspired by traditional cultural patterns from both places. I wanted to show how art can create understanding between people from different backgrounds reflect individuality.

This piece represents finding common ground through creativity by recognising despite our differences, people often share similar ways of expressing who they are and where they come from.

Artist Bio

Katie Hepworth is a designer-maker specialising in glass and fine metal work. She combines emerging technologies with hands-on craftsmanship, using a thoughtful approach to materials to solve unique design challenges within each project.

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