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SUMMER SHOW 8–16 June 2019

Embankment Galleries South Wing Somerset House London

"This is the future. And it looks pretty good."

Edmund de Waal OBE Artist and writer Trustee, Saturday Club Trust

Free Open daily

Mon 10.00-17.00, Tue, Wed - Fri 11.00-20.00 Sat & Sun 10.00-18.00

NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB SUMMER SHOW 2019





The National Saturday Club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and the work of this year's members at the Summer Show, Somerset House, 8-16 June.

The Summer Show is the culmination of another exciting year pushing the boundaries of creative education. This year, more than 1,600 young people aged 13–16 have spent their Saturdays exploring subjects they love for free in their local universities, colleges and cultural institutions, as part of the National Saturday Club programme. The Summer Show is an opportunity to see the work created by these young people.

At the Summer Show, National Saturday Clubs from across the UK will present a curated selection of the young people's work in the Embankment Galleries at London's prestigious Somerset House. Capturing the breadth of creative activities that members engage with during their Club year, projects on display include an interactive sound and light installation from the University of Lincoln Saturday Club; a cabinet of curiosities created at London Metropolitan University Saturday Club; forensic science evidence boards from Liverpool John Moores University Saturday Club; as well as a catwalk of garment designs from the Fashion&Business Saturday Clubs nationwide.

A selection of experimental pieces produced in 55 special Masterclasses will be shown, including work created in collaboration with Arup, PriestmanGoode, Standpoint Studio and Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners.

This year's exhibition will also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the National Saturday Club with an installation presenting a selection of the 8,000 self-portraits created by Club members over the past 10 years.

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Rachel Dawson Tutor, University of Bolton

"The Saturday Club has given us the confidence to express ourselves. Creating a finished piece of work and seeing it in the show is brilliant."

Club member UAL East Art&Design



About the National Saturday Club

Across the UK, the National Saturday Club gives 13–16 year olds the opportunity to study subjects they love at their local university, college or cultural institution, for free. Offering dynamic creative learning programmes in four subject areas – Art&Design, Science&Engineering, Fashion&Business and Writing&Talking – the model works to develop young people's skills, nurture their talents and encourage their creativity. Over the past ten years, this powerful national movement has engaged more than 8,000 13-16 year olds across the UK.

Weekly classes are held locally at host universities, colleges and cultural institutions, led by professional tutors on Saturday mornings for up to 30 weeks during the academic year. The Saturday Club Trust brings everyone in the network together for shared national events including the London Visit and the Summer Show, and organises Masterclasses for each Club, giving young people a vital link to the professional world.

A unique educational model

The National Saturday Club is a unique model, representing a powerful network of educators, practitioners, designers, artists and industry partners who nurture young people's talents and creativity, and inform them about their future choices.

Over the past ten years, the Saturday Club has shown how a specially designed educational program, which runs outside but alongside the national curriculum, has the potential to change lives.

Free for every young person

By making all Saturday Clubs free and non-examined, barriers to attending are reduced and young people from all backgrounds are encouraged to get involved. This year, more than 60% of members were from a widening participation background, and the Trust has a focus on increasing access, believing that every young person in the country should have the opportunity to attend a Saturday Club.ther.

Founded by John and Frances Sorrell in 2009, the National Saturday Club is driven by the ambition that every young person in the country should have access to this exciting and transformative learning opportunity. 78 Clubs

58 locations

1,600 Club members

300 disciplines

328 tutors

338 student assistants

43 Masterclasses

115 professional practitioners