### Katherine Fortnum

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# Experience

#### Managing Director - October 2013 - Present Katherine Fortnum Ceramics

#### Freelance Ceramicist

I create hand built decorative ceramic sculptures inspired by structures in nature and particularly delicate natural forms; created through playful experimentation, pushing the limits of the fragility of the clay qualities within the forms through the ceramic process. Interesting qualities emerged as I began using smaller elements creating complex structures which were much more delicate. Each unique piece is extremely challenging and time consuming to make as every element is individually constructed. I also create a range of functional ceramic homewares inspired by nature, including: coasters, vases, mugs, bowls, fruit bowls, decorations, home and garden accessories.

#### Ceramic Workshops

I teach Ceramics courses and workshops from my studio, based in Market Harborough, Leicestershire. I offer a range of sessions including one to ones, groups, parties, one off creative sessions, courses and more. I teach a wide variety of ceramics building and decorating techniques and a wide variety of different items, with workshops being suitable for ages as young as 2, teaching people from beginners to the more advanced helping them learn and develop their skills in ceramics.





#### Spark Harborough - 2013 Business Idea Competition Best New Business Idea <25 yrs - 3rd Place

**Business Venture 2013** Winner

# Qualifications

**Princes Trust Certificate** Exploring Enterprise 2017 Level 2

#### De Montfort University 2010-2013 Design Crafts

Grade: 2:1

#### (FdA) Foundation Degree

De Montfort University 2010 Art and Design Grade:Merit

#### NCFE Level 3 x2

De Montfort University 2010 Creative Craft Interactive Media

#### A - Level

Robert Smyth Academy Applied Art

#### Eleven G.C.S.Es / Grades: A to C

Robert Smyth Academy 2006 Grade A in Fine Art Grade B in Graphics design



Stelios Award - UK 2017 **Disabled** entrepreneurs Finalist



Princes Trust - 2018 **Enterprise Award** Nominated / In progress

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Interests







# Work Experience

Assisting ceramics classes - 2013 Bosworth Academy, Oadby, Leicester Firing Up Scheme - Crafts Council

**Teaching Assistant - 2012** Primary School, Mkt Harborough **Book Making Class** 

Assistant - 2007 Pewter Design company Decorative Design Work

Teaching Assistant - 2006 Primary School, Mkt Harborough Art Class

## **Radio Interviews**

with Ben Jackson 8th November 2017

with Ben Jackson 1st December 2017

BBC Radio Leicester 1104.9fm BBC with Helen McCarthy RADIO 6th December 2017



Harborough FM 102.3fm with Nick Shaw 2nd November 2017

# Publications

Craft & Design Issue 228 July/August 2013

October, November 2017

Enable Magazine October 2017

November 2017

November 2017

The Harborough Mail November 2017

If you would like to see a specific publication, please get in touch and I will send you the URL link.



Katherine Fortnum Ceramics 2015, 2016, 2017 (x2)

Art Fair / Exhibition(s) Harborough Artists Cluster 2017 (x3)

Art and Design Degree Show De Montfort University 2010 (FdA), 2013 (Ba Hons)

Artisan Exhibition Fabrika, Leicester 2013



Stelios Awards - UK 2017 **Disabled** entrepreneurs Meet the Five Winners www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO9UHJpNx4c&t=1s

#### Stelios Awards - UK 2017

**Disabled entrepreneurs** Katherine Fortnum Ceramics www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlyWszTCxCM&list =WL&index=15&t=4s

Leicester Mercury December 2017

**De Montfort Universitv** December 2017

Ceramic Review - issue 289 Jan/Feb 2018

Craft & Design.net January 2018

The Business Tribune Festival 2018 edition

The Business Tribune.net November 2017

BBC



