

## **For immediate release**

### **An exhibition of drawings at Gardens Gallery, Cheltenham, 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April**

'Drawing from Life', an open exhibition of drawings will be held from 15<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April at Gardens Gallery, Montpellier Gardens. The gallery will be open to the public, free, from 10am – 8pm daily. All are welcome at the open evening, Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April from 6-9pm. Most works will be offered for sale.

#### **Details:**

This is the first annual open drawing exhibition organised by Cheltenham Fine Art and Crescent Artists' Network to support the practice of drawing. The 2010 event is also sponsored by Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum and In2digital and Mailing.

“Many of us draw more than we realise. It is an essential part of thinking and understanding, “ said Sarah Frydenlund of Cheltenham Fine Art. “We want to encourage drawing for everyone regardless of age or experience, to show that drawing is for everyday as much as it is for the gallery wall.”

Drawing from Life, an open exhibition of drawings in various media including charcoal and watercolour to drawings in three dimensions. The drawings reference 'life' in a very broad sense from the classical study of drawing from life models stand with intimate sketches of all those things that make up our lives – watching television, picking up a fallen leaf, riding on a train – and show the expansive ability of drawing to be an immediate, expressive and powerful fine art practice.

The exhibition is open to the public every day free of charge, from 10am – 8pm. Most works will be offered for sale throughout the exhibition.

Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show, Innovation in Drawing and Young Artist. Special thanks to prize donors: The Strand Art Supplies, PromPrint, Moka Cafe and Cheltenham Fine Art.

#### **About the organisers:**

Cheltenham Fine Art is a small fine art school offering painting, drawing and sculpture classes for all levels. In support of drawing, the studio and the associated Crescent Artists' Network offer numerous drawing courses, run regular drawing activities through 'The Drawing Lab', as well as community wide activities such as a BIG DRAW events and drop in sessions at the Sandford Park Lido.

Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum has supported this exhibition at Gardens Gallery, visit [www.cheltenhamartgallery.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamartgallery.org.uk).

In2digital and mailing is a Cheltenham based company offering high quality digital printing for small to large businesses and individuals.

#### **Further information:**

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