

P R E S S R E L E A S E

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE SALE

at Koestler Arts Centre

Saturday 16 July 1100–1700

The Koestler Trust is the UK's leading prison arts charity. Their annual awards scheme has been encouraging and celebrating creativity by those in prison and secure settings since 1962.

The charity is based in the old Governor's House at the famous gates of HMP Wormwood Scrubs. Members of the public are invited to come and learn more about the charity as well as having a chance to buy artworks including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and ceramics.

In 2016 they have received nearly 7,000 entries from over 300 establishments. After this year's judging finishes, the Open House Summer Sale will be the first chance to see and buy the amazing 2016 entries.

'We've been blown away by the high standard of work in another strong year of entries. Our Open House sales are a new opportunity for people to own a piece of Koestler art. We hope that these events will make the artworks more accessible as well as to allow more entrants to sell their work', says Sally Taylor, CEO.

There will be tea, coffee and cake and the pop-up shop will be open for business with merchandise and the Koestler Collection. Prices are from £1 to £500. Sales proceeds are divided between the artist, the Koestler Trust and Victim Support.

Getting there: Free parking on Du Cane Road next to Hammersmith Hospital; closest tube East Acton (Central Line); 10 min walk from Westfield White City.

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Notes to Editors:

The Koestler Trust has been awarding, exhibiting and selling artworks by offenders, detainees and secure patients for 54 years. Past & present judges include Sarah Lucas, Jeremy Deller, Emma Bridgewater, Speech Debelle and Grayson Perry. In 2016 dub poet Benjamin Zephaniah will curate their annual exhibition at the Southbank Centre which will be held from 15 September to 13 November.

The Koestler Trust's aims are:

- to help offenders, secure patients and detainees lead more positive lives by motivating them to participate and achieve in the arts
- to increase public awareness and understanding of arts by offenders, secure patients and detainees
- to be a dynamic, responsive organisation, which achieves excellent quality and value for money

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