Young Arts 2022/23

In the 2022/23 three TASN bursaries of £500 each were provided to final year students in the Arts Faculty at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) to assist with the cost of materials for their final year projects.

In previous years these bursaries were provided to NTU final year students on the Decorative Arts degree but, as this programme is no longer provided, in 2022/23 bursaries were offered across the range of degree programmes offered by the Arts Faculty. The successful bursary students this year were Kate Elliott, BA Hons Textiles, Sarah MacDonald, BA Hons Photography and Zoe Milner, Fine Art.

Kate Elliott's project was focused on developing fabric and paper inspired by pavement ecology to produce a range of home and stationery products and she is seeking to continue this focus in her work. Sarah MacDonald is planning to develop a career in fashion photography and produced a series of photo shoots based on flower symbolism for her final exhibition. Her bursary money was used to explore other presentation methods and use quality printing for her photographs.

Zoe Milner is a deaf artist whose project was concerned with developing an installation to communicate deaf identity and to educate audiences of the value and importance of recognising British Sign language as an official language using recycled materials wherever possible. She used her bursary money for materials as well as travel related to her project.

The aim of the TASN bursaries is to provide tangible support to students planning careers in a range of arts related roles and past bursary winners have gone on to do so. All three bursary students achieved impressive results in their final degrees, with two gaining distinctions and one a 2.1. It is pleasing to note that all three bursary winners are intending to develop their careers in their chosen fields and that last year's two bursary winners have achieved this with one now working as a design ceramicist and the other as a self-employed textile designer based in Nottingham.

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