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Birmingham/Reading, UK.

## EDUCATION

- 2026-28 MA by Research in Typography and Graphic Communication, University of Reading, Reading.
- 2015-18 First Class with Honours in BA Fine Art, Birmingham City University (BCU), Birmingham.

## PROJECTS

- 2024+ Tentative Press.
- 2022-26 Emotional Outbursts, Substack.

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 [solo], curated by Adam Grainger, Forth, Nottingham [TBA].
- 2026 *Bleeding Out* [group], curated by Sophie Mason, Seventh Circle, Birmingham.
- 2025 *Public Characters* [group], curated by Lucy Grubb, free house, Birmingham.
- 2025 *free house x GLOAM* [group], curated by Stu Burke and Victoria Sharples, GLOAM Gallery, Sheffield.
- 2025 *Winter Sculpture Park 2025* [group], curated by Meg Stuart and Keiran Idle, Gallery No. 32, London.
- 2024 *Communion* [group], curated by Deborah Robinson, The New Art Gallery Walsall (NAGW), Walsall.
- 2024 *MORE ART INC.* [group], curated by Dinosaur Kilby and Emily Scarrott, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Wolverhampton.
- 2023 *Hall of Mirrors* [group], curated by Georgia Stephenson, PLOP Gallery, London.
- 2022 *How to Get Attention When You're Drowning* [solo], curated by Dinosaur Kilby and Yasmyn Nettle, Cheap Cheap Gallery, Birmingham.

## SELECTED TALKS/READINGS

- 2026 *Offering* [reading], Humber Street Gallery, Hull [TBA].
- 2026 *On Digbeth* [reading], Centrala, Birmingham [TBA].
- 2026 *Bleeding Out* [panel discussion], Seventh Circle, Birmingham.
- 2026 *Ones to Watch* [panel discussion], *SEEN* with Punch Records, Pan-Pan, Birmingham.
- 2026 *Emotional Outbursts: Love, Loss and a Semi-Autobiographical Practice* [talk] with Lucy Wright, *Mental Health for Artists* season, Axis Web (online).
- 2025 *Participatory Artist in Conversation with Leah Hickey* [talk] with Lucy Elmes, *I hadn't finished talking to you yet*, Rame Projects, Cornwall.
- 2024 *In Conversation* with Jamal Lloyd Davies, Tomilola Olumide and Deborah Robinson, The New Art Gallery Walsall (NAGW), Walsall.
- 2024 *An Ode to the Gallery* [reading], *From Where I Speak: The Printing Room*, Issue 1, Multistory BCN Journal, Lightwoods House, Smethwick.
- 2023 *Grief: A Love Letter* [reading] with Grace Ndiritu and Eastside Projects, Digbeth Arts Space, Birmingham.
- 2022 *Offering* [reading], *Ikon Small Press Fair*, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham.
- 2022 *Artists in Conversation with Lubaina Himid CBE*, with Haseebah Ali, Helen Grundy and Round Lemon, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG), Birmingham Museums Trust, Birmingham.

## WRITING COMMISSIONS

- 2026 Whitworth Wallis Fellowship 2025: Leah Hickey, Birmingham Museums Trust.
- 2025 Nothing Gold Can Stay: Assembly 2025, Corridor 8.

- 2024 *Ballerina, butterfly*, Live Art Writers Network (LAWN), performingborders and Fierce Festival.
- 2024 *An Ode to the Gallery, From Where I Speak: The Printing Room* Issue 1, Multistory BCN Journal.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 *Emotional Outbursts: Year Three*. Self-published via Tentative Press.
- 2024 *Emotional Outbursts: Year Two*. Printed by Ersatz (prev. The Holodeck.)
- 2023 *Emotional Outbursts: Year One*. Printed by George Gibson.
- 2022 *Grief (In Few Forms)*. Printed by Ersatz (prev. The Holodeck.)

#### SELECTED PRESS

- 2026 *Common Creatives* [short, podcast], Abeyance Media x Punch Records [TBA].
- 2026 *20 Stories* [short], Tegen Kimbley for Multistory [TBA].
- 2026 *Offering* [feature], F Magazine, Issue 15, *In Memoriam*.
- 2025 *Gallery No. 32's Wild Art: A Symbiotic Relationship* [press], Stella Koslowski for MADE IN BED.
- 2025 *The Winter Sculpture Park 2025: A Celebration of Art and Nature* [press], Hari Pradha for Blue Rhino Art Consultancy.
- 2025 *London's Largest Sculpture Park 'Winter Sculpture Park' Opens in March* [press], Mark Westall for FAD Magazine.
- 2025 *Winter Sculpture Park 2025 Brings 40 Experimental Artworks to London's Wildest Outdoor Gallery* [press], Made in Shoreditch.
- 2024 *Communion* [review], Aneka French for This Is Tomorrow.
- 2023 *Young Artists in Conversation* [interview] with Adam Grainger.
- 2022 *CCA Introducing: Leah Hickey* [feature], Centre for Contemporary Art Derry (CCA Derry).
- 2022 *A Letter to Leah Hickey* [review], Emily Scarrott for a-n.

#### WORKSHOPS/TEACHING

- 2026 *Victorian Valentines with Leah Hickey* [workshop], Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG), Birmingham Museums Trust, Birmingham.
- 2025 *Belated Valentines* [workshop], Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Wolverhampton.
- 2024 *A Letter to No One* [workshop], Throes of Grief (online).
- 2023 *Poem for a Potential Darling* [workshop], Eastside Projects, Birmingham.
- 2022-23 Visiting Lecturer in Fine Art, Birmingham City University (BCU), Birmingham.

#### TRAINING

- 2026 *Calligraphy Course for Beginners*, Craft Courses, Birmingham.
- 2025+ Printing Press Volunteer, The Winterbourne Press, Winterbourne House and Garden, University of Birmingham (UoB), Birmingham.
- 2025 *Introduction to Letterpress*, London Centre for Book Arts (LCBA), London.
- 2025 *Introduction to Risograph*, London Centre for Book Arts (LCBA), London.
- 2025 *Making Books*, London Centre for Book Arts (LCBA), London.
- 2025 Typography Short Course, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London (UAL), London.

#### SELECTED AWARDS/PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMES

- 2026-28 Steering Group, CVAN West Midlands.
- 2026 UK Academic Achievement Scholarship, University of Reading.
- 2025-26 The Sir Whitworth Wallis Fellowship, Birmingham Museums Trust.
- 2025-26 'Developing Your Creative Practice' (DYCP), Arts Council England (ACE).