

Aesthetica

Aesthetica Art Prize Future Now Symposium 2017

Meet the UK's Leading Artists, Curators and Art Organisations

Tickets are now on sale for the Future Now Symposium, an arts and culture conference taking place 25 - 26 May at York St John University.

Addressing themes in today's artistic climate through **lectures, panel discussions and portfolio reviews**, the Future Now Symposium considers the arts ecosystem within a broader social context. It is a place for the **exchange of ideas**, offering **support, talent development and networking opportunities** to those working in, or with an interest in, the creative sectors.

This year, the event addresses how the **arrival of the digital age** has created an unprecedented feeling of alienation. Communication has changed and we now rely on technology to interact, presenting ourselves in ways that are evolving beyond control. The sense that the public is merging with the domestic has also spread into a larger, blurred depiction of reality. Surveillance is becoming a prevalent and inescapable issue internationally. Contemporary art is the mechanism that enables us to respond to this renewed understanding of living.

Cherie Federico, Director of Aesthetica, says: "After its successful inaugural edition, we are thrilled to be hosting the second Future Now Symposium this year. A vast array of artists, curators, academics and art world professionals will lead talks, participate in panel discussions and offer artists great advice through Portfolio Reviews. The Symposium is about creating a place for practitioners to unite, share best practice and start new collaborations. These events are vital to stimulate discussion and generate new ideas in response to current trends."

Welcoming speakers from some of the UK's leading art organisations, publications and galleries, such as **Tate, Art Fund, Glasgow School of Art and Whitechapel Gallery**, Future Now gives attendees the opportunity to meet those who are shaping the art world today. Topics include Curating for the 21st Century Audience; Sculpture Today: Dependent & Autonomous Objects; Innovation in the Making: Technology, Design & Digital; The Future of Art Journalism: A Panel Discussion, and Future of Photography: The Epic in the Everyday amongst others.

Representatives from the following organisations will be in attendance:

Art Fund / Artangel / Arts Council England / East Street Arts / Edinburgh Art Festival / Elephant Magazine / FACT Liverpool / Glasgow School of Art / Hiscox / Holden Gallery / Ikon Gallery / Iniva / Jupiter Artland / Leeds Beckett University / Leeds College of Art / London College of Communication / Magnum Photos / Max Mara Art Prize for Women / Nesta / Nottingham Contemporary / Open Eye Gallery / PHOTOFAIRS / Photomonitor / Royal British Society of Sculptors / Tate Liverpool / University of York / Visual Arts South West / Wellcome Trust / Whitechapel Gallery / World Photography Organisation / York St John University / Zabłudowicz Collection

Tickets Information:

A one-day pass (£24) permits access to up to four sessions on one day. A two-day pass (£36) permits access to up to four sessions on each day. Lunch, and a mid-morning coffee/tea

networking break is included with a pass. Attendees must register for sessions in advance:
www.aestheticamagazine.com/symposium

Attendees must bring their confirmation email to the Registration Desk on the day. The Registration desk will be open from 8.30am Thursday and Friday in the De Grey Foyer.

Join the Conversation:

@AestheticaMag #FutureNow Symposium 25-26 May @YorkStJohn
www.aestheticamagazine.com/symposium

Notes to Editors:

1. The Future Now Symposium is hosted by Aesthetica Magazine. It takes place 25-26 May at York St John University, YO31 7EX.
2. There are 19 events taking place across the two days, including lectures, panel discussions, portfolio reviews and networking sessions.
3. On each day of the Symposium, there will be a keynote speaker to introduce the sessions.
4. All sessions must be booked in advance.
5. Partners and sponsors of the Future Now Symposium are: Hiscox, York St John University and Spectrum.
6. See all participating organisations: www.aestheticamagazine.com/art-prize/symposium-2017/organisations
7. See all speakers: www.aestheticamagazine.com/art-prize/symposium-2017/speakers

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