

L.A. Simmons

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This project involves making portraits of the people in my world, with an emphasis on the exchange that takes place during the drawing process, then printing them onto specific items, which I gift them (t-shirt, banner for a market stand, notebook, cushion, coffee cup). I have also printed them on a set of plates, on display here in 'House of Denna' throughout June; they will be added to over the course of the month.

My art practice has a strand running through it that goes back as far as I can remember. Studying Fine Art at John Moore's University of Liverpool allowed me to develop conceptually and painterly, with mixed media and process based / interactive installations. This led me to artists books, as a way of documenting the processes behind these collaborative, psychological and environmental projects. Following that I trained in 'Design for Environment', Masters at Chelsea College of Art and Design in London, where I mainly created site specific interchanges around London using photography, print, spoken and written words. I continued this for several years, with commissioned and self organised projects and then undertook the part time Art Psychotherapy Masters at Goldsmiths University of London, which further informed my practice, enabling me to work deeply and restoratively with groups and individuals.

During the making process I explore memory formation, using the act of creating artwork to explore and embed experiences, whilst experimenting with how learnings can be shared. My works bear witness to existence, akin to the function of a postcard or photo album; the format of which have changed dramatically with the growing role of digital media over the last two decades.

The project, which started on December 20th 2023, is still in progress. If you enjoy it do get in touch about hosting an installation, commissioning further portraits or follow: [instagram.com/l.a.simmons](https://www.instagram.com/l.a.simmons)

Thanks,

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