Claire O Studio

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Education

MA Creative Practice (Fine Art) — University of Sunderland, 2026 - Distinction
PGCE Art & Technology — Northumbria University, 1999
BA (Hons) Knitwear Design — Nottingham Trent University, 1989
BA Fashion — National College of Art & Design, 1986

Exhibitions & Selected Achievements

2026

- **MotherOther**, invited artist, Middlesbrough Art Week — The Auxiliary; *11 Days*, *You Will Be Cancelled*, *Yellow Line 1*
- **Seaton Delaval Hall Emerging Artist 2026/27** — Winner
- **Northumberland Open Exhibition 2026**, Woodhorn Museum — *Say Thank You*, *Wear a Suit*, *Dolls*
- **Visual Arts Scotland Annual Members Exhibition 2026**, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Ayr — *Meaningless*
- **Visual Arts Scotland**, Kirkcudbright Galleries, Common Ground, The Living Landscape — *Wash Your Hands*

2025

- **Visual Arts Scotland Biennial 2025**, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh — *Island of Strangers*
- **House of Smalls**, Edinburgh — We Are the Witches II: We Are, Hear; *Lost: Blue Duffle*
- **House of Smalls**, Edinburgh, The Ascent of Man — *Meaningless*
- **Material World Exhibition**, Gallery North, Hailsham — *This Is Trivia*
- **Northumberland Open Exhibition 2025**, Woodhorn Museum — *Jerusalem*
- **New Light Summer Exhibition 2025**, selected by Laura Gascoigne — *Meaningless*
- **New Light Summer Exhibition 2025**, selected by Christopher Cook — *State of a Nation*

2024

- **Baltic Open Submission 2024**, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead — *Sticks and Stones*
- **Inky Fingers**, Hackney Wick — *Voting Schmoting*, *Portillo Moments*
- **Changing the Discourse**, Open Call for Artists, Writers & Creators — online zine: *A Medieval Theological Argument*
- **Louisa Waterford Prize**, Etal, Northumberland — *Overused and Undervalued*
- **House of Smalls**, Edinburgh, Moral Fibre — *Dictionary Corner*
- **Art Quilts – Festival of Quilts 2024**, NEC Birmingham, Judge's Choice, — *State of a Nation*
- **Spotlight: Jerusalem**, Washington Open Exhibition 2024

Prizes & Awards

- **Master Creative Arts – Graduate Student Award Breeze creatives** --- Winner
- **North East Emerging Artist Award 2026/27** — Winner
- **New Light Summer Exhibition 2025** — Textile Bursary Winner, *State of a Nation*
- **North East Artist Fund Award 2025**
- **Art Quilts – Festival of Quilts 2024**, NEC Birmingham, Judge's Choice, — *State of a Nation*