

Exploring Materials: Clay and Water

Sheila Ceccarelli asked teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, when the last time was that they had played with clay?



Exploring clay

Sheila wanted her students to have a chance to explore and PLAY with clay encouraging them to make a tactile investigation of the matter, with no end result intended or

prescribed.



Playing with clay. Never too old!

Sheila introduced the session showing images of experimental clay work, including [Antony Gormley's 'Field'](#) installations and work in the [V&A Design Lab led by artist Phoebe Cummings](#).

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Megan Boyd



Scottish Fishing Fly Maker

In a cottage in northern Scotland, Megan Boyd twirled bits of feather, fur, silver and gold into elaborate fishing flies – at once miniature works of art and absolutely lethal. Wherever men and women cast their lines for the mighty Atlantic salmon, her name is whispered in mythic reverence, and stories about her surface and swirl like fairy tales. With breathtaking cinematography and expressive, hand painted animation, *Kiss the Water* adheres to and escapes from traditional documentary form, spinning the facts and fictions of one woman's life into a stunning film about craft, devotion, love, and its illusions.

Enjoy the preview of Kiss the Water below – the film is sure to inspire.

Hubert Duprat



Caddis Fly Larvae

French artist Hubert Duprat worked in partnership with caddis fly larvae to create these wonderful living works of art.

Cornelia Parker



Manipulating Matter

British sculptor and installation artist Cornelia Parker transforms ordinary objects into something compelling and extraordinary.

[Cornelia Parker @ 5x15](#) from [5x15](#) on [Vimeo](#).





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Design Lab: Phoebe Cummings at the V&A

Students, from the DesignLab at the V&A, London, worked with artist Phoebe Cummings over a three month period to create a site-specific, group piece, from unfired clay which was inspired by the historical 2D designs found on 19th century British tableware in the collection.

Shoe La-la Project by Lala Thorpe

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