

# Pānui pāpāho | Media release

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## Local artists deliver week-long exhibitions thanks to NMIT | Te Pūkenga students.

From 9 October, local artists' work will be on exhibition at the g\_space gallery in G Block at the Nelson campus, NMIT | Te Pūkenga.

These week-long exhibitions are organised and promoted by Level 6 Bachelor of Arts and Media ākonga (learners) who take on the role of curator, giving them the opportunity to learn and appreciate the amount of work and professionalism that is required in the gallery space.

"Learners are introduced to the behind-the-scenes, inner-functioning of the arts industry," says tutor, David James. "This helps prepare them to negotiate this world in their own professional practice."

The first exhibition, titled Flourishing Fibres, features micro-crocheted, nature-themed earrings by Japanese artist, Yoko Imai.

"Working with Yoko Imai has been fun as she is a kind, wonderful person who is keen to work with us and share her creative journey," says Leanna Watkins, one of the three ākonga working together with Yoko.

"The exhibition will be immersive for the viewers, and I hope they walk out recognising the beauty that surrounds us."

Leanna says that this project has taken her out of her comfort zone, testing her communication skills as they were expected to approach local businesses to work together.

"But it has been a joy to learn what goes behind an exhibition and event planning," she says.

Following Flourishing Fibres, from 17 - 21 October is Ana Solo's From Soil to Solo. This exhibition features a late night showing on Thursday 19 October until 8pm in conjunction with the Nelson Arts Festival's Night Vision.

Light, Line and Movement by Kathaleen Bartha features from 24 - 27 October, with the artist herself working in g\_space gallery throughout the week as part of the exhibition.

Finally, Nicole Russell's Voyage Through Colour is from 1 - 7 November, with an opening preview and artist floor talk from 5.30pm on Wednesday 1 November.

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