

ART

WITH PURPOSE

FREE ENTRY

A waste stories art exhibition showcasing the wonderful work of new college lanarkshire's Art Club students

OPENING PARTY



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2:00-6:00pm

Level 5 Gallery, 11 Eldon St, Glasgow, G3, 6NH

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About the Project

Art with Purpose has been created by the brilliant students of New College Lanarkshire's Art Club in response to a brief from the Waste Stories project and the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow. Inspired by the Solway Firth Partnership's Project Gather, the brief invited students to explore the relationships between collecting, collections, and (un)sustainability, and to consider how their creative practice connects to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What We Explored

- What drives us to collect things
- What makes some things “collectable” but not others
- What holds a collection together
- How collecting practices connect to ideas of (un)sustainability
- How the SDGs might help us rethink our habits, values, and creative choices

Our Creative Process

Across the 2025/26 college year, Art Club used these questions — along with the Sustainable Development Goals that speak to responsible consumption, climate action, and community wellbeing — as a springboard for imagination, experimentation, and collaboration. The result is a series of original works that blend visual and audio elements, each offering a different perspective on how we value, gather, keep, and sometimes discard the things around us, while highlighting how creative practice can contribute to the wider ambitions of the SDGs.

Experience the Exhibition

This exhibition brings these works together in the University of Glasgow's St Andrews Building — an invitation to pause, reflect, and experience how young artists are rethinking the stories we tell about our stuff, our habits, and our shared future.

Join us in imagining more sustainable futures.