

OPEN CIRCLE

Thursday 17th January - Saturday 9th February 2008

Atrium Gallery Foulis Building The Glasgow School of Art 158 Renfrew Street, Glasgow

The Glasgow School of Art is pleased to host 'Open Circle', co-ordinated by Cardonald College, Glasgow. This important project brings together contemporary Silversmithing and Jewellery from the students and staff of four European institutions. 'Open Circle' has been made possible by the EU Comenius Education Programme and the enthusiastic participation of Cardonald College, Scotland; Gewerbliche Schule, Germany; Koulutuskeskus Salpaus, Finland; and Istituto Pietro Selvatico, Italy.

'Each European country has its own story, its own distinctive traditions, habits and conventions, weather patterns and landscape, food, music, its own history of political expression, architecture, even its own sense of humour. Differences are always noticeable. However, to be able to become part of each others differences, to observe and experience, is very special.'

Open Circle has generated an impressive volume of work that collectively expresses the subtle national differences within a shared European identity. Colour, shape, composition, materials and techniques are skilfully applied to express changing perceptions of the self as being 'sympathetic, flowing, broken, spacious, exposed, porous, interspersed and unrestricted'.

Atrium opening times:

Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Open Saturday 10am – 1pm, The Galleries are closed Sunday
The Glasgow School of Art, 167 Renfrew St, G3 6RQ

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