



Solent showcases 'peak' of new fashion designs at The Point

For the very first time, fashion design students from Southampton Solent University will be showcasing their final-year collections in Eastleigh, as part of the 'Enliven' fashion design project.

Organised by final-year students on the BA (Hons) Fashion Promotion and Communication degree course, the graduate show will showcase 30 collections from BA (Hons) Fashion students at The Point, Eastleigh on Saturday 7 June.

A combination of womenswear, menswear and plus-size collections, will take to the catwalk - with themes ranging from 'Unconscious art of construction' to 'Distortion and Exposure of the Female and Form' and 'Who am I - Christian Faith'.

BA (Hons) Fashion Design course leader Kathryn Sanders says, "It's a very exciting time of year for us, and an opportunity to demonstrate what creative fashion designers we produce at Solent. The students have worked extremely hard researching, designing and producing their unique collections of outfits and are looking forward to presenting their innovative designs on the catwalk."

The event is produced in collaboration with the University's fashion promotion, fashion PR, fashion photography, fashion styling, digital music, make-up and hair design and media, culture & production courses.

The Southampton Solent University graduate fashion show will take place on Saturday 7 June at The Point, Eastleigh, 6.30pm - 9pm. Tickets for this one-off event are just £6. Attending fashionistas will catch a glimpse of 30 emerging fashion designers' exclusive collections on the catwalk.

Southampton Solent University's graduate fashion show is part of the exciting 'Enliven' fashion design project in Eastleigh, part of the wider EU-funded 'Recreate' programme - supported by internationally acclaimed designers Wayne Hemingway MBE, Mia Nisbet, Philip Treacy OBE, Nicholas Kirkood and Chris Liu.

The project provides a platform for new talent and works with the charity sector to create a unique 'upcycled' fashion collection using clothing, fabrics and other items sourced from local charity shops.

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About Southampton Solent University

Southampton Solent University offers more than 23,000 students over 200 qualifications ranging from HND to PhD, in subjects such as maritime education and training, fashion and design, media and television, music, health, sport and leisure, business, IT and technology. The university was awarded the 2013 Quality Assurance kitemark for quality and standards of teaching and learning. Solent was voted one of the most creative universities in the UK in a Which? University 2013 poll of students. It has been awarded 'Gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).