



Silhouettes Illustration workshop with Regents Park Community College

A group of year ten BTEC students from Regents Park Community College are bringing local legends to life at a series of illustration-based workshops at Southampton Solent University's Showcase Gallery.

The workshops are inspired by Solent Showcase Gallery's current exhibition *Strange Folk* - by Peter Lloyd and Jonny Hannah - which explores the areas of folklore and legends.

Students are being asked to research traditional myths and tales from their hometown and recreate their own versions. During the workshop on Monday 17 November the students created A3 card silhouettes of their chosen characters or scenes.

Dominique Hocking, Art Teacher at Regents Park College said: "The workshops are full of challenging and engaging activities. They are helping the students increase their confidence in drawing and contextual understanding. I look forward to working with Solent Showcase again!"

Impressed with the day, one 14-year-old said that if he knew that he could make this kind of thing he wouldn't have gone outside when he was young, he would have stayed indoors all day making art!

The workshops are part of an ongoing programme of education and community outreach activities offered to local schools, colleges and groups by Solent Showcase

Showcase Gallery Arts Education Coordinator, Eleonore Pearson says: "The activities we offer are an important part of the gallery's community engagement. They help to encourage an interest in the creative arts, raise aspirations and help provide additional portfolio material for students interested in continuing their studies."

The gallery offers regular bespoke workshops, which are artist-led and themed around current exhibitions. For more information email showcase@solent.ac.uk.

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