



## Eventually Everything Connects

**Artists:** Mandy Lee Jandrell, Melanie Stidolph

**Where:** Solent Showcase Gallery, Sir James Matthews Building, Above Bar, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7NN

**When** 18 May 2015 - 20 June 2015

**'Eventually Everything Connects'** is an installation by artists Melanie Stidolph and Senior Photography Lecturer Mandy Lee Jandrell.

Running from 18 May to 20 June at Southampton Solent University's city centre gallery, the exhibition will feature previously unseen moving image works by Melanie and collage-based installations by Mandy as a closely connected body of work.

Over the course of their careers, both artists have used photography as a way to explore ideas around aesthetics and the cultural production of meaning. In this exhibition the artists question their relationship to the camera and the printed image through multiple approaches.

'Eventually Everything Connects' has arisen from conversations between the artists over the last eight years. In both cases their practice has shifted from a close alliance to a reading of photographs through the singular image to an overlapping of interrupted scenes and forms.

Over time, the artists have developed a way of interrogating one another's practice, as well as articulating and questioning each other's ideas and experimental outcomes. Both share a desire to unsettle their existing ways of working and disrupt the coherence of the image.

In developing this exhibition the artists hope that the works will continue their conversation and forge new ways of encountering the photographic image.

There will be an opportunity to meet the artists on Saturday 6 June from 2.00-5.00pm at the Solent Showcase Gallery.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a publication based on an interview and image exchange between the two artists, a culmination of ideas discussed on a blog at <http://connectseverything.tumblr.com/>

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### About Southampton Solent University

Southampton Solent University offers more than 19,000 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 2014 poll of students. Solent Business School has been awarded the Small Business Charter Award, which is supported by the Association of Business Schools and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and 'gold approval' by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

### Biographies of the artists:

**Mandy Lee Jandrell** graduated with a MA Fine Art from Goldsmiths in 2003, she has since exhibited her photographic work internationally. Her work has been shown at 10 Downing Street, The Royal Academy, The Whitechapel Gallery, The South African National Gallery and most recently at The Sharjah Art Foundation (UAE). She is Senior Lecturer and Course Leader of BA (Hons) Photography course at Southampton Solent University and teaches on the

CUCR Urban Photography Summer School at Goldsmiths College.<http://mandyleejandrell.info/>

**Melanie Stidolph** graduated with a MA in Fine Art from the University of British Columbia in 1996, under the tutelage of Jeff Wall. Her work has been shown in the UK and internationally including Canada, The USA and Germany. Solo shows include 'The Fall', Campbell Works, London, 'Interior Life', The Northern Gallery of Contemporary Art, Sunderland, and 'Shallows' Kamloops Art Gallery, Canada. Group shows include 'Curious Nature', Newlyn Art Gallery and 'Lilith' MOT International. She has recently curated the group show 'Except The Mirror' for Format photography festival in Derby. She is currently Learning Curator at Tate St Ives. <http://melaniestidolph.com/>

Solent Showcase Gallery opening times are Monday - Saturday 11.00am - 5.00pm.