

# Leah Sims

## Emerging Early Years Artist

I am an artist and educator currently based in East Anglia. Graduating from Norwich University of the Arts in 2018 with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art, I have been working as an Atelierista and Early Years Educator for just over 5 years. I completed a level 3 diploma in early years education with Pen Green Children's centre in 2022, and have subsequently been working full-time as a practitioner within childcare settings. My practice is driven by a want to understand how children learn and make connections with others, and how I as an artist can interpret and document their findings.

I have experience in working with young babies through to preschool aged children as well as with children with SEND. I believe in bringing opportunities to families from all walks of life and making work that is accessible for all children to enjoy.



# Experience

## CHILDCARE SETTINGS

February 2020 – January 2023

CREATIVE PRACTITIONER/ATELIERISTA – The Children's Garden Day Nursery, NORWICH

January 2023 – September 2023

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER – Bignold Primary School and Nursery, NORWICH

October 2023 – March 2025

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER – St Nicholas House Chestnut Nursery, NORTH WALSHAM



## RESIDENCIES

April 2021 – May 2021

EMERGING ARTIST - [\*In Between Spaces Project\*](#), Magic Acorns, GREAT YARMOUTH

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

26 April 2017

Firstsite, Colchester. *Ephemera*

5 June 2018 – 14 June 2018

The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, Norwich. *Bishop's Art Prize Exhibition*

14 June 2018 – 16 July 2018

Truman Brewery, London. *Free Range*

26 June 2018 – 4 July 2018

Norwich University of the Arts, Norwich. *Degree show*

15 December – 13 January 2019

The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral, Norwich. *Aspire*

16 June – 29 June 2019

St Margaret's Church of Art, Norwich. *Norwich 20 Group Annual Exhibition*

## EDUCATION

October 2020 – September 2022	Pen Green Children's Centre, Corby NN17 1BJ	NCFE Cache Level 3 Diploma For The Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)	
September 2015 – July 2018	Norwich University of the Arts, Norwich NR2 4SN	BA (Hons) Fine Art	2:1
September 2013 – June 2015	Charles Darwin Sixth Form College, Westerham TN16 3AU	A Level Art & Design A Level Biology A Level History AS Level Geography	A B A C

8 October – 19 October 2019      Undercroft Gallery, Norwich. *Metamorphosis*



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