The Future is Digital for A level History of Art

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THE FUTURE IS DIGITAL FOR A LEVEL HISTORY OF ART

Prospective students of art history can now study the subject wherever they are, thanks to a new online course leading to the Pearson History of Art A level.

This innovative online course arises from a partnership between the National Extension College and the Association for Art History, working with universities, schools and teachers.

Artists, museum and gallery professionals and academics across the country welcomed this news. A hard-won campaign in 2016 to keep History of Art on the A level curriculum led to renewed interest in the subject, but large areas of the country still lack access to it in schools and colleges. Bringing the subject to an online learning environment makes it accessible to people across the country.

Registrations for the course opens today (Wednesday 13 November), following a launch event last night at The Grammar School at Leeds, one of the project's academic partners.

At the launch, Griselda Pollock, Professor of Social and Critical Histories of Art at the University of Leeds, delivered a lecture to students from schools across the Leeds area.

Professor Pollock said: "I'm delighted to support the launch of the online version of the A level in history of art. The study of art history gives us the tools to analyse both the images the past has left us and the image cultures we are making in the present and that are making us."

Gregory Perry, Chief Executive of the Association for Art History, said: "The A level has always been a cornerstone of our ongoing work to promote art history in schools. Our partnership with the National Extension College allows us to develop more opportunities to study art history anywhere, anytime.

"Launching the online course with our partners in Leeds also represents our continued commitment to ensure access to art history throughout the UK."

Ros Morpeth OBE, Chief Executive of the National Extension College, said: "NEC exists to transform lives through education. Our particular focus is students who are looking for a second chance to open doors to their futures. We are delighted to be working with the Association for Art History. This interactive online course will open up the possibility of studying art history to a much wider and more diverse group of students."

Further information about the course, how to enrol and starting dates can be found on the National Extension College website at https://www.nec.ac.uk/a-level-history-of-art/

Find out more about the Association of Art History's vision, mission and their work in education at https://forarthistory.org.uk/about/

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