



Tamsin O'Hanlon

Founder of Free Range
Europe's Largest Graduate Art & Design Show

Tamsin's love of art and design began at an early age in South Africa where she grew up bare foot by the sea. Inspired and encouraged by her mother, who works for the South African National Gallery, she moved to London after school to study for a BA (Hons) in Graphic Design & Media at the University of the Arts London College of Communication; graduating with a 2.1 in 2000. She was one of five students invited on an exchange programme to New York's Fashion Institute of Technology. During her final year at college she was headhunted from her part time job at the Vibe Bar to become Events Manager at the Old Truman Brewery overseeing high profile art, music and fashion launches.

In 2001 she founded Free Range as part of her job to promote the Old Truman Brewery as an international venue and home for the creative industries. She directs all aspects of the project and has single handedly championed and grown Free Range from its inception to the beast that it has become today. Free Range, now in its ninth year, annually showcases over 3000 art & design students from the UK's finest universities and colleges.

She has also been instrumental to the development of the Old Truman Brewery bringing to it events such as Body Worlds, Vauxhall Art Car Boot Fair, Tent London, Carnesky's Ghost Train, Red Bull Art of Can, Saatchi's New Sensations, Tribe Art with Hussein Chalayan and Julian Opie plus two series of Hell's Kitchen as well as assisting with the development of projects such as Fashion East, London Design Festival and the East Festival.

Tamsin has worked with a range of organizations including the GLA, Arts Council of England, Chartered Society of Designers, Artquest and Association of Photographers as well as publications such as Dazed & Confused, Metro, Time Out, Grafik, Creative Review, Design Week, British Journal of Photography and Art Review. She has been invited onto the judging panel for the King's College 'What is Crime?' photography competition and is on the Style Council for the Vauxhall Collective. She has also been invited back to the University of the Arts to guest lecture.

Tamsin has lived and worked in East London since 1995.