



Art Activism

UCA Staff Research
Conference

Friday 15 April 2011

Wellcome Collection Conference Centre,
183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE

Climate change, precarious natural resources, demographic pressures and mass migration, conflict and wars – with the globalised world in continued and accelerated crisis, activism has never been as important as today to bring about social, political, economic or environmental change.

This year's UCA Staff Research Conference addresses the issue of *Art Activism*, raising pertinent questions regarding the spaces, values, functions and impacts of the arts - their ideological foundation, intellectual articulation and creative realisation. As the category of art in the broadest sense has been constructed differently at different times, in different places and within different cultural, social and political systems, its relationship to activist agendas and direct social or political engagement has taken different manifestations too. It is an expression of a connectedness of art and creativity with a wider public and diverse communities.

External speakers: Peter Kennard, RCA; Barbara Steveni, Founder of the Artist Placement Group

UCA Staff Presentations: Derek Hampson, Lucy Panesar, Nicky Hamlyn, Anthony Heywood, Francine Norris, Judith Williamson, Calum Mackenzie and Laurie Yule

UCA Research Students will be making PechaKucha style presentations



Register at www.ucreative.ac.uk/artactivism

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