

**Expanding Horizons – Art Education Across Contexts  
with Dr Anna Robb and Alice Heggie**

**Date:** 19th of February

**Time:** 1:30 - 3 pm

**Location:** Matthew 5013 lecture theatre

**Brief summary:** This session brings together Dr Anna Robb and Alice Heggie, two educators and researchers whose work spans primary, secondary, further, and higher education. Together, they will share their experiences and insights into the diverse opportunities within art education and how these can shape the future of the arts.

Dr Anna Robb is Academic Lead on the MEd programmes at the University of Dundee's School of Education and Social Work. With expertise in primary art education, children's voices, and visual methods, Anna's research explores the ways young children experience visual art both in and out of the classroom.

Alice Heggie is a PhD student with a background at the intersection of arts and education. Her work focuses on widening access to higher education and the arts, particularly for underrepresented groups, and she is on the senior leadership team of a Further Education College. Alice's doctorate investigates young children's access to and perceptions of the creative industries as a career.

This session will challenge us to think critically about access, representation, and inclusivity in arts education. It offers practical insights into how art education can shape sustainable futures, while also inspiring the next generation of creative practitioners and educators.

**Contributor Biographies:**

**Dr Anna Robb** – Anna currently works at the University of Dundee in the School of Education and Social Work as Academic Lead on the MEd programmes. She also works with doctoral students and on initial teacher programmes. Following a career in primary teaching, Anna joined the University in 2012 and completed a PhD which focused on young children and their experiences of visual art in and out of the classroom. Her areas of expertise are primary art education, children's voice, identity, and visual methods. **[More information about Anna Robb.](#)**

**Alice Heggie (she/her)** – Alice is a Dundee PhD student in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law, with secondary supervision from DJCAD. Her expertise sits at the intersection of arts and education, focusing on widening access to higher education and the arts for underrepresented groups. Alice has run higher education music outreach projects for schools and colleges, led skills development projects for early career creatives, and is now on the senior leadership team at a Further Education College. Her doctorate examines young children's access to and perceptions of the creative industries as a career.

**[Alice Heggie LinkedIn.](#) Watch a short film about one of Alice's larger projects [here.](#)**

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LEFT - DR ANNA ROBB  
BELOW - ALICE HEGGIE

