



ELEANOR HAWORTH

Eleanor worked as a tour guide with the Office of Public Works for eight years at both Trim Castle and Kilmainham Gaol. While this work reinforced her passion for the masonry and architecture of old buildings, she sought an outlet for her love of tactile learning and her enjoyment in the meticulous requirements of practical and manual work.

In 2010 Eleanor began taking evening classes in jewellery making with Cormac Cuffe and then weekend courses with The Irish Design Shop. In 2011 she enrolled in the National College of Art & Design for an evening class and was awarded the overall prize for her class that year.

In 2012 she attended The School of Jewellery in Dublin as a student and subsequently as a tutor of beginners' jewellery classes. Also in 2012 she participated in RTÉ TV series CraftMaster, Eleanor was one of three selected jewellers filmed on location at Alan Ardiffe's Studio.

During her training with the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's Jewellery and Goldsmithing Skills & Design Course Eleanor gained valuable insight into a professional jewellery workshop with her work placement at Sam Lafford Jewellers. She now aims to continue to build on her skills and knowledge while working within the Irish jewellery industry.

ARTIST STATEMENT:

I like the idea of converting something so intangible such as the joy of exploring an old building, into the handling of an object that captures that experience.