

London Fashion Week

Celebrate the Arts in London:

Say No to Cuts at Central Saint Martins and London College of Fashion

London Fashion Week is a wonderful showcase for the arts and an opportunity for UK designers to show the world their skills and their imagination.

Many of the designers exhibiting here this week such as Jenny Packham, Ann-Sofie Back, Louise Goldin, Christopher Kane, JW Andersen, Patrick Cox and James Small to mention but a few, are graduates of Central Saint Martins or the London College of Fashion, two of the UK's top arts educational institutions, now part of London's University of the Arts.

Sadly, the University of the Arts is currently trying to cut hundreds of jobs, including at Central Saint Martins and the London College of Fashion—meaning fewer staff with more students, and a lower standard of arts education.

Staff and students at the University are fighting these cuts because:

- we believe that they are misguided and will damage the reputation of the University of the Arts

- we believe the cuts are unnecessary—there is no financial problem at the university

- we believe that management have failed to follow their own procedures, closing courses and issuing compulsory redundancy notices without proper consultation, recruiting students to courses that are being cut and leaving students without a supervisor to guide their work.

Staff and students are angry and upset.

Students have protested on graduation day and occupied parts of the university.

The University and College Union, which represents lecturers has voted to ballot for strike action if the cuts do not stop.

We do not want this to happen – we want the university management to halt course closure proposals, withdraw redundancy notices and carry out a full consultation with staff and students.

We believe that the future of the University of the Arts and its colleges is at stake.

Please show your support

Join our photo petition: turn this leaflet over and have your photograph taken with our message of support

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Stop the Cuts at UAL

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