



Photopolymer Gravure for Artists and Photographers

With Laura Clarke

Laura Clarke is a Senior Technician and Master Printer at CFPR.

She is also an artist and has over 12 years of experience teaching in Higher Education. At the CFPR she strives to create work with artists that couldn't have been made in another way, in any other print studio, dedicated to bringing clarity and nuance to artists ideas however that manifests itself.

Overview

This two-day workshop is aimed at students, beginners, hobbyists and printmakers wanting to expand their practice.

This hands-on short course introduces the beautiful process of photopolymer gravure, where photography meets traditional printmaking. Across two sessions, participants will learn how to transform autographic, digital or photographic images into richly tonal, hand-pulled prints using light-sensitive polymer plates and an etching press. From preparing images and making plates, to inking, wiping, and printing, this course provides all the skills needed to fully understand and explore gravure printing

Max number of part- 6

Learning Outcomes

Understand the process of creating positives for exposing onto plates

Create your own photopolymer gravure plates

Learn how to ink up and print

Create your own small edition of prints

Course Structure

Day 1

Welcome, introduction to lab and safety emphasis

An overview of the historical impact the process has had and its origins

A look at examples of photopolymer gravure

Image making for exposure onto plates – autographic, digital, photographic, creating test strips using curves on photoshop

Preparing a plate, exposing and developing

Demo in preparing ink and paper for printing, and then inking up the plate

Participants will then get to ink up test plates.

Day 2

Re-cap of health and safety

Participants create their own film positives

Participants expose and develop their own plates

Participants print a small edition

Clear down, and showcase of works

This workshop will take place at the CFPR lab, UWE Frenchay Campus. The day will begin at 10am and will end at 4.30pm