

# Sue Whelan

## Contemporary Ceramicist

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### Objective

To develop in the first instance a professional Ceramic studio that will be successful and sustain my career as a Designer Maker of Contemporary Ceramics. In addition, continue developing Ceramic Practices in schools by providing workshops and evening classes to various age groups.

### Personal Profile

I consider myself as someone who is creative, enthusiastic and highly motivated, and a person who works hard to achieve their goals.

Through my ceramics I explore the natural qualities of human skin. How the idea of perfection influences our judgement on ourselves and on others. By accentuating the cracks, folds and layers that at first could be perceived as imperfections, exposes the reality of natural beauty that we all have inside and outside.

### Skills Profile

Knowledge of working with different clay types using a wide range of hand built methods.  
Experienced in the firing and glazing of ceramics.  
Awareness of Health and Safety procedures required in a ceramic studio.  
Experienced in developing projects from conception to completion.  
Skilled in researching expressive techniques of design using a wealth of different media.  
Proven record of delivering projects on time.  
Experience of working with able and disabled children in a creative role.

### Academic Qualifications

#### Hereford College of Arts

2007 – 2008 Contemporary Applied Arts 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Top up for BA

#### Swindon College

2005 – 2007 HND 3D Design in Ceramics

2004- 2005 Access into Art and Design: Ceramics, Distinction

### Exhibitions

New Designers, Islington Design Centre, London 2008  
Hereford College of Arts Summer Show 2008  
"Gift" Swindon Arts Centre, November 2007  
Islington Contemporary Arts Exhibition, October 2007  
"Moods" Pennington's Newbury, September 2007  
Debut, Swindon College, Graduate Show, June 2007  
Nationwide, March 2007  
Pies and Punch - Open Studio, December 2006  
Gallery Number 9, November 2006  
Access and Foundation Show, Swindon College, May 2005  
Cirencester Craft Market, 2004 - 2005

### Awards/Competitions

Best in Show at "Debut 07" Swindon College, Graduate Show, June 2007  
Presented to The Duchess of Cornwall a piece of my work at the opening of the new Swindon College building, February 2007.