



HANDSHAKE's virtual campus

Handshake Project

A real alternative to traditional jewellery apprenticeship and study, Handshake is a post-study professional development programme that functions like a practical master's degree. Running since 2011, it begins with a two-year sequence of masterclasses, online mentoring, studio-based tasks, and exhibition testing in Aotearoa NZ. Each participant selects their own mentor — often from the other side of the world — fostering tailored, international exchange. A one-year alumni programme then offers selected artists high-profile exhibitions. The “classroom” is virtual, the studio is personal, and the focus is on experimentation, sustained practice, and meaningful exchanges...

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