

Youth Forum: De/Construct

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Thirty young people from across London form the Whitechapel Gallery's youth group. These 16–24 year olds, known as **Duchamp & Sons**, create new works in response to the space, and test out the possibilities of collective decision-making.

What does it mean to work together? How can a creative process be shared? Working in collaboration with artist **Steven Morgana** and architect **Nick Wood**, the group's display reflects the research, experiments and conversations developed over the past six months, as the galleries become a site of interaction and making.

A sculpture suspended from the Gallery's skylight shifts the experience of the room and disrupts usual patterns of seeing. Drawing on observations of how people move through space, it highlights the often overlooked architectural features of the building.

Prompted by research into positions of rest, the group has created an audio piece alongside a poster that offers a series of eye exercises to help overcome museum fatigue. Throughout the exhibition, they will also construct new furniture for the space.

In the adjacent room, an evolving modular structure comprising silver leafed postal tubes and found imagery is disassembled and rebuilt. This process allows the group to continuously incorporate recent images sourced from their online archive.

Established in 2010, the Whitechapel Gallery's youth group provides a platform to share, discuss and experiment with new ideas. It aims to give young people practical experience, skills and behind-the-scenes insights into the Gallery, while working alongside artists and creative practitioners.

Duchamp & Sons 2013-14: Shanita Akhtar, Ateshaam Arif, Justina Balynaite, Samima Begum, James Bruin, Christopher Campbell-Mhlope, Tamar Clark-Brown, Ines Costa, Rosie Florence Chomet, Lauren Chiu, Halima Chowdhury, Marianna Drake, Hadiah Edwards, Brandon Fletcher James, Migena Gega, Aditi Gupta, Abdi Jama, Michile Khan, Sabiya Khatun, Elida Lunaj, Phoeby Narenthiran, Radoslav Ninov, Nika Mamdova, Amanda Marie Rose, Mia Moore, Alyssa McLennan, Shristi Rai, Rafiqur Rahman, Gaby Sahhar, Jenny Wickens, Janelle Williams.

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