



## **Photography at Arts University Bournemouth**

You might be a student on a three-year course; you might teach here for ten years; you might visit for half a day out of curiosity or out of burning desire to discuss work in progress; you might momentarily have turned the page of a magazine and be attracted by a photograph an advertisement by a current student or graduate. Whatever the point of contact, and however long its duration, there is distinction about the study of photography at the images made by its students.

Photography was the first offered by the former Bournemouth and Poole College of Art in 1959 when it occupied temporary space in an Edwardian annexe. A converted science laboratory provided processing facilities, with a gymnasium offering occasional studio space. From such a modest start the Institute developed facilities which now rank amongst the best in the UK. This has been achieved by careful planning, close relationships with the industry and through the enthusiasm of a succession of subject leaders, teachers and, most importantly, creative students.

The Photography School has always had as its principal purpose the practical education of students in the processes and practice of making photographic images. The outstanding characteristics of our courses are to be found in the vocational focus they achieve and in the production of creative photographic work by innovative students. The courses are visually led and encourage experimentation and risk-taking. We look for students who want to push creative boundaries, challenge perceptions and set the agenda for photography. The strong links with the industry have enabled students to consistently achieve high professional standards.

We have a most distinguished alumni of photographers who are leaders in their field. Collectively, they have contributed to our status as a major centre of photographic education whose list of achievements and recognition are scarcely matched anywhere else in the world.

**Professor Stuart Bartholomew CBE**