

# Ben Hodson

Artist, Social Entrepreneur & Creative Director

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Education	<p>University of Bedfordshire:            Post Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PgCAP)            MA Art &amp; Design (Distinction).            (Ba) Hons Digital Photography &amp; Video Art (First Class Degree).            Cricklade College, Andover (A Levels): Art (A), Photography (A), Media (B)</p>		
Summary	<p>I am a UK based, artist, photographer and the creative director of the ATP community of companies. Alongside my own projects I regularly receive commissions from both private and commercial clients for a wide range of art/photographic services from all over the UK, central Europe and the Middle East.</p>	<p>I have exhibited widely in both group and solo shows. This includes; The Houses of Parliament, The Ismail Khayat Gallery in Iraq, PhotoFusion in London, the LPA gallery space, the Hat Factory, Departure Lounge, the Gateway Gallery and have work on permanent display in the United Nations head quarters in New York.</p>	<p>I have run a number of arts based projects, including ambitious cross cultural projects: Iraq The Forgotten Story and Iraq a changing heart. I work as a film/art director, curator, project manager and designer. Furthermore I lecture on Visual Communication in Art &amp; Design for the University of Bedfordshire.</p>
Work Experience	<p>Technician Demonstrator/Lecturer for the University of Bedfordshire. This includes running lectures/workshops on a range of subjects on digital imaging, photography, creative business, social media, visual art practice, interactive &amp; web design and exhibition display/curation. 2009+</p>	<p>Creative Director and one of the founders of the ATP community of companies and social enterprises. Which includes; A Thin Place, ATP Consultancy, ATP Studios, ATP Worldwide, ATP Social Innovation and the creative agency/media company ATP Media. 2007+</p>	<p>Freelance artist, photographer and producer as both a sole trader and on part time contracts. This includes commissions for NGO's, small, medium and even large companies such as the Arup Group Ltd, one of the world's largest architectural and consultancy firms. 2002+</p>
Awards	<p>Rising Star Awards - Finalist            Enterprising Award/ Best New Company/Best Company 2012            Best new company (under 50)            FSB awards finalist 2012            Community Businessman of the Year.            Luton Best of awards 2011.</p>	<p>Future 100 award. National competition for recognising the next generation of entrepreneurs. 2011            Best Student in Art &amp; Design University of Bedfordshire 09            The British Youth Council "Snap Shot 60" Highly Commended -</p>	<p>London Photographic Association.            Luton First Photography Competition Winner 2007.            Shoot Experience Winner            September 07 Competition            Excellence in Education Award            Cricklade College</p>
Exhibition and Displays	<p>Display: "Underground Rivers" "Light in the Darkness" Luton Library &amp; Theatre. Nov 12            Exhibition: "Fragmentations &amp; Cohesions", Departure Lounge gallery. Oct - Nov 12            Exhibition: "&gt;Import Export&gt;" group show at the Gallery Space, UOB Oct 12.            Exhibition: art6 group show in the crypt gallery St Martins in the Field. Oct 2012.            Exhibition: Solo exhibition in Ismail Khayat Gallery, Iraq. Jun 12            Display: "Peace for Luton" painted mountain performance and sculpture, Iraq. Jun 12.            Exhibition: "Iraq - The Forgotten Story" Blaenau Gwent, Wales. Mar - May 12            Exhibition: The Re Show, Out of the Darkness Showroom. 11th - 25th Nov 11            Exhibition: "New Day" The Studio, Norfolk Showground Aug 11            Exhibition: "Iraq - The Next Step" The Hat Factory July 11            Exhibition: "Iraq - Amna Suraka" UCMK Gallery. March 11            Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" University of Bedfordshire Corridor Gallery Sep -Nov 10            Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" High Town Art for All Sep -Nov 10            Exhibition: "Newday" The Studio, Norfolk Showground.Aug 10            Exhibition: "Light in the Darkness" The hat factory gallery, July 2010            Permanent Display: "Luton Our Story &amp; Lutopia" ABC Cinema Luton. May10 +            Exhibition: "Luton Hoo Exhibition" - Luton Hoo</p>	<p>walled Garden Estate May 10            Exhibition: "Guerilla Galleries" - The Arndale Shopping Centre, The Market Hall &amp; The Uni of Beds. April -May 10            Exhibition: "Guerilla Galleries" House gallery group exhibition. April10            Exhibition: "Luton Art 09" Wardown Park Museum &amp; Art Gallery Nov 09 - Jan 10            Exhibition: Luton Arts Festival Market Hall Gallery Oct 09 -Jan 10            Permanent Display: "Lutopia (Airport)" London Luton International Airport. Oct 09 +            Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" Dimensions            Exhibition: "Iraq- The Forgotten Story" Museum of St Albans Sept 09 - Jan 10            Exhibition: "New Day" The Studio, Norfolk Showground. Aug 09            Exhibition: "Amna Suraka" University of Bedfordshire. Jun 09            Exhibition: "B:Unit" The Mall, Arndale Shopping Centre Luton May - Jun 09            Exhibition: "Gallery Event" Summer at High Wycombe. Artist Led Initiative. Jun 09            Exhibition: "Iraq- The Forgotten Story" The Hat Factory May - Jun 09            Permanent Display: "Lutonian Life" Luton Central Library &amp; Theatre. April 08 +            Exhibition: "Iraq - A New Face" The Greenhouse Gallery April - May 09            Exhibition: "Gallery Event" Winter at High Wycombe. Artist Led Initiative. Dec 08            Exhibition: "My Backyard 4" London Photographic Association. London Gallery Nov</p>	<p>08 -Jan 09            Exhibition: "Lutopia (Airport)" London Luton International Airport. Nov -Jan 08            Exhibition: BYC "SnapShot 60" The Houses of Parliament Nov-Dec 08            Permanent Display: "Gardens" Couture Cafe, SDC Jul 08            Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" The Gallery, Luton Central Library &amp; Theatre. Jul - Nov 08            Permanent Display: "Life's Journey" Stockwood Discovery Centre. Jul 08 +            Exhibition: "Fake Modern" The Hat Factory. May 08            Exhibition: "Lutopia (Town)" The Hat Factory. May 08            Exhibition: "Multi-cultural" Wardown Park Museum. Nov 07            Exhibition: "Shoot Nations" - Photo Fusion, London. 13-17th Nov 07            Display: "About Here" University of Bedfordshire. Nov 07            Permanent Display: "Reminiscing" United Nations Headquarters NY. Aug 07 +            Display: Wardown Park Museum. Jul 07            Exhibition: "Images of Luton" - Direct Art Ltd. Jun 07            Permanent Display: The Bridge Community Building. May 06            Permanent Display: Cricklade Library. July 05            Exhibition: "Huge" - Cricklade College. June 05            Exhibition: "Private View" - Cricklade College. Jun 04            Exhibition: "Art for Mercy" - The Bridge Community Building. Nov. 03</p>

Skills	<p>Image creation Curation and exhibition installation Graphic, interactive &amp; web design Project management Art direction Photography and digital imaging Film making, production &amp; direction Lecturing and workshops Leadership and training</p>	<p>Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Adobe Indesign Mac OSX/Windows 7+ Some CSS, HTML Squarespace/Wordpress Expression engine + other CMS Social media SEO and digital marketing</p>	<p>DSLR and digital imaging Analogue camera systems Medium format photography Darkroom development Microsoft Office Apple iWorks Prezi/Powerpoint/Keynote Final Cut Pro/Premier Pro Aperture/Lightroom/iPhoto</p>
Related Experience	<p>I am one of the producers for a full feature musical film for Century Films, entirely shot in Luton. I am helping to run a creative co-working space called A Thin Place. I was one of the lead creatives on the project High Town Art for All. The project won a Luton's Best award 2010 in the culture category. I have volunteered for Luton Voices, a local oral history project. I have taken photos, video and helped put together displays and exhibitions.</p>	<p>Digital Assistant and Photographic officer for Museums Luton. Responsible for images of artefacts, exhibitions, displays and PR events. Since 2008 I was the exhibitions co-ordinator for Luton Arts Festival. I am the creative director of a social regeneration project: The Creative Quarter. I was an associate producer on Michael Smith's new film called Mystery River for Departure Lounge, Up projects and The Floating Cinema.</p>	<p>I have collaborated with another artist with art therapy classes for primary school children. Art Box was a way for children in year 6 to find enjoyment and support through creative practices and workshops. The programme was specifically aimed at individuals who were starting to disconnect with academic subjects and it hopefully promoted a desire for them to carry on and pursue more creative educational routes.</p>
Publications	<p>"Limelight" Interview March 2013 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2012 "Digital Photographer" Issue 110 2011 - 6 page spreads, interview and my current work. DLIFLC - Technology Integration Division, field support manuals for Iraq. Aug 2009. Internaute Magazine - The rise and fall of Saddam Hussain. This online magazine reaches 15 million readers per month (Nielsen – Netratings, Jan 2009).</p>	<p>Annual report - Community Engagement, London Luton International Airport. 2008 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2009 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. January 2009 "LPA" London Photographic Association Website and Magazine. Interview and example work. November 2008 "Achieve More" Magazine April 2008</p>	<p>"Digital Photographer" Issue 67 (page 66 &amp; 67) March 2008 - Two page spread, interview and my current work. "The Photographer" (page 3) December 2007 "Life" University of Bedfordshire Magazine. Front Cover Ben has been published numerous times in The Herald &amp; Post, Luton News, Luton On Sunday, Dunstable Gazette, The Andover Advertiser, and The Advertiser Midweek.</p>
Lectures & Workshops	<p>General subjects; Art events, digital imaging, Adobe creative suite, photoshop, indesign, illustrator, bridge, creative business, social media, event management, portfolio creations, social enterprise, gaining business &amp; networking, professional practice &amp; career options. Specifics; Cross cultural photography, Art &amp; the redemption of society, Introduction to web design, Creative business practice, Video editing,</p>	<p>Example Clients: Commissions East, London Luton Airport, BSK Lakufol GmbH, Luton Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Unicef, ACJ Retailing Ltd, Arup, Henry Gross Ltd, GG-Live/GG-Net GmbH, Go Montgenevre Ltd, GTG Europe Ltd, Luton Culture, Century Films Ltd, Luton Museum Services, Museums Luton, The Irish Post, Tesco Direct, The University of Bedfordshire.</p>	<p>Associations: A Thin Place -Artists Collective AN artists network air+ British Institute of Professional Photography Royal Photographic Association London Photographic Association Artists Network Bedfordshire High Town Art For All IGVP International Guild of Visual Peace Makers The Creative Quarter</p>
Interviews	<p>I have given both live and recorded interviews to a number of TV and Radio shows including for a BBC 3 documentary "Lutopia" and BBC 3 counties radio about my current work and group exhibition that I was taking part in.</p>	<p>In November 08 I took part in Portable Radio, a touring local podcasting project hosting dialogues about UK visual cultures from May 08 to May 09. In each location they go to they choose 3 artists/arts practitioners/gallery curators, In Luton I was selected to be involved.</p>	