



Dundee Contemporary Arts

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Introduction to Laser Cutting

Location: Print Studio, beside Jute Café Bar on Lower ground level of DCA

Date: Sun 15 March

Time: 11:00 – 18:00

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will be covered?

This is a general introduction to laser cutting which will cover how to prepare and output laser files from the laser software and how to cut them on a variety of materials, including paper, Perspex, wood, canvas and card. We will work from line drawings, photographs and text as a starting point. The emphasis will be on experimenting with a variety of approaches and materials, rather than creating one finished piece. All the materials we will work on are provided and will be A5 (21 x 15 cm). It may be possible to take a print from one or more of your samples on a separate occasion, but there will not be time to do this during this course.

What should I bring?

- A memory stick (if possible)
- A simple line drawing on it (i.e. high contrast black and white, rather than subtle tones. If possible scanned at 150 dpi and A5 size.
- A photograph in JPEG format with a good range of tones approx 150 dpi and A5 size.
- A quote/ poem/phrase, this can be in any format as you will type it onto the screen.
- A notepad and pen

What should I wear? There are no special requirements but we'd recommend wearing comfortable shoes as you'll be standing for a portion of the day. Also, please note that open-toed footwear and sandals are not allowed in the Print Studio.

What Should I Expect? A hands on introduction to what a laser cutter can do and how to achieve a number of different results with it.

No previous art experience is needed, and having booked your place, you can simply turn up on the day

11:00 - The class will begin with an introduction and welcome session (10 minutes).

13:00 - When everyone has completed the first stages there will be an hour's lunch break

14:00 - The class will resume.

15:30 - There will be a short break

18:00 - Finish

There will be a short session at the end of the day for feedback and discussion.

At the end of the course you will be offered the opportunity to give written feedback.