

All Smoke and No Fire

Dates of exhibition: 30th May – 2nd June; 10am-7pm

Launch: 29th May, 6-8pm

As part of Free Range 2008, Nottingham-based artist group *Tether* will be producing a five-day collaborative show entitled *All Smoke and No Fire*.

Focusing on the process of artistic compromise and reflecting upon the reality of post-graduate life, the show presents artworks that react to the challenge of creating work as a collective, and attempt to live up to the cavernous grandeur of the Old Truman Brewery. Like the Wizard of Oz -hiding behind a curtain and bombastic effects to disguise his slight appearance- *All Smoke and No Fire* tries to act far grander than it actually is.

Samuel, a member of Tether, says “Working collaboratively, though not without challenges, has allowed each of us to exceed the limitations of our personal situations; working full time and thus unable to completely fulfill artistic ambitions.”

Playing with notions of spectacle and ambition, *All Smoke and No Fire* includes a Trojan horse (with which *Tether* will infiltrate Free Range’s design week) and mobile architectural interventions, amongst other works.

This project is being supported by Nottingham Trent University as part of their One Year Out support scheme for Nottingham-based art graduates.

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Note to editors:

Tether is a Nottingham-based artist collective, started by Nottingham Trent graduates in July 2007, which now incorporates practitioners from various backgrounds. As well as pursuing individual careers within the arts, Tether’s members organise, curate and produce large-scale projects as a group- ventures which have included the Tether Festival; three weeks of events, exhibitions, performances and screenings, which took place in Nottingham in November last year.

Free Range is dedicated to providing a National platform for the very best in UK student talent. Now in its eighth year, Free Range has become a byword for cutting edge, a reputation that last year saw the event attract a record 150,000 visitors.

Nottingham Trent University School of Art and Design is one of the UK's most respected centres of creative excellence, providing a stimulating environment of innovation and diversity within state-of-the-art design facilities. Nottingham’s vibrant, continually developing art scene often attracts graduates to stay after their studies and the School actively encourages links with both established and emerging artists.

Location: The Old Truman Brewery, 91-95 Brick Lane, London, E1 6QL

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