



## AWARD WINNING ARTIST LAUNCHES SOLO EXHIBITION

Glasgow based award winning artist Nicola Atkinson has launched a solo exhibition, Beautiful Materials, in Linlithgow which extends from the walls of the gallery, including the transformation of a high street bus shelter and people homes.

The striking exhibition in Linlithgow Burgh Halls, presents the vessel as a container for ideas, aims to question how we look at art and its materials.

Nicola said, *"I became interested in how we see things every day as we often view the entire world now in miniature on our phones. As a result, I created a scale model in the gallery where you can imagine you are a giant within the eight Georgette and Velvet floating wall hangings with wee velvet vessel paintings."*

The bus shelter is significantly located across from the Gallery at Linlithgow Cross features twenty four naturally illuminated and transparent colourful Vessels artworks. You can see clearly from the gallery windows, connecting the interior with exterior, and extending the boundaries of the exhibition.

Internationally acclaimed Nicola is known for the recent public artwork The Memory Tree which forms part of the award-winning Aberdeen Union Terrace Gardens and has created one hundred and forty five public art projects, temporary and permanent in villages, towns, cities and museums around the world.

Supported by West Lothian Council, Beautiful Materials solo exhibition puts the visitor front and center in an active role of questioning art, how we digest what is around us, how we take part and then, what does it all mean.

As in the VESSEL ON LOAN event you can borrow one of the exhibition artworks for their home, creating a domestic version of the exhibition.

Nicola adds, *"A recent survey for museums highlighted that a person spends on average 28 seconds looking at a piece of art. This exhibition offers the visitor to have more time with an artwork to understand how the relationship to it can grow or change in the comfort of their own home."*

Beautiful Materials runs until Sunday 21 September and is open daily from 9am until 5pm. Nicola will also be presenting two events VESSEL ON LOAN, 16 July, 7 - 8pm. WEAR ART MUSIC event on Saturday 23 August from 1pm until 3pm in collaboration with Stevie Jackson.

Further details on Beautiful Materials are available from [www.beautifulmaterials.co](http://www.beautifulmaterials.co) and by emailing [beautifulmaterial@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulmaterial@gmail.com).