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Katie is a passionate landscape painter dedicated to capturing the enchanting beauty of the UK's temperate rainforests along the Atlantic coastline. With less than 1% of these precious habitats remaining, Katie aims to raise awareness through vibrant and immersive art that reflects the urgency of their preservation.

Collaborating with The Thousand Year Trust, located on Bodmin Moor, Cornwall, Katie weaves creativity into conservation, aligning with the Trust's mission to inspire and foster sustainable environmental practices. By using art as a tool for dialogue and engagement, Katie strives to connect audiences to the natural world, encouraging a deeper appreciation and commitment to protecting and restoring these endangered ecosystems for generations to come.

# KATIE SIMS | ART TEACHER & ARTIST

## Education

(2022-present) Art and Photography teacher at King's College Taunton.

(2023-2024) Acting Head of Art & Art and Photography teacher at King's College Taunton.

(2021-2022) Art, Design & Technology teacher at Hayle Academy in Cornwall – lead teacher with Year 9 and GCSE Art (Maternity cover).

(2020-2021) Art, Design & Technology teacher at Camborne Science & International Academy in Cornwall.

(2019-2020) Art, Design and Photography teacher at Swindon Academy in Swindon.

(2019) Gallery assistant at artist [Joanna May](#)'s exhibition 'The Hare on the Moon'.

(2018-2019) Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, [North Wiltshire School Centred Initial Teacher Training](#) (NWSCITT & PGCE) for Art & Design Secondary School

[\(2015-2018\) Bath School of Art and Design: Fine Art BA \(Hons\) graduate.](#)

## Experience

[\(2024-Present\) Volunteering & Collaborating with charity The Thousand Year Trust, Cabilla, Cornwall, UK.](#)

[\(2024-Present\) Collaborating with charity Dog Assistance In Disability \(A.I.D\) raising money and awareness](#)

[\(2024\) Abacus Creative Resources interview: Teacher Talks Ep 01: Inspiring Art Education with Katie Sims & Olga Houghton](#)

(2021) [Landscape Artist of the Year](#) Wild Card Artist at Eden Project. Aired on [Sky Arts](#) January 2022.

## Experience (continued)

(2021) Christmas cards designer for '[Prickles & Paws Hedgehog Rescue](#)' charity in Cornwall.

[\(2017-Present\) Artist and designer for company 'Bucket & Spade Cornwall'.](#)

[\(2016-present\) Pet portrait and contemporary commission artist.](#) See my website for more details.

[\(2018\) The Gane Trust Travel Award Presentation – '3rd Year Fine Art student Katie Sims, talk about her experience in Rome'.](#)

(2016-2018) Judged the 'Young People's Art Competition' at Bishops Cannings Church, Wiltshire, England, UK.

[\(2017\) Raised money and awareness for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance charity, by painting their helicopter.](#)

## Exhibitions

[\(2024\) Taunton Library Group Exhibition, Taunton, UK.](#)

[\(2023\) Albatross Gallery Porthleven, Cornwall, UK.](#)

[\(2023\) The Porthleven Harbour Art Prize, Porthleven, Cornwall, UK.](#)

(2022) 'The Poly Members' Summer Exhibition at [The Poly](#), Falmouth, Cornwall, UK.

[\(2022\) 'Prospecting' at Inspire Makers, Falmouth, Cornwall, UK.](#)

[\(2018\) Wiltshire Air Ambulance oil painting: On permanent display at their airbase, Semington, UK.](#)

## Awards

(2019) 'Outstanding' level achieved whilst training to teach

[\(2018\) Creative Bath Awards Finalist](#)

[\(2018\) The Porthleven Prize Winner, Cornwall.](#)

(2018) The Bath Spa Leadership Award.

[\(2017\) The Gane Trust Travel Award Winner, Rome, Italy.](#)

[\(2017\) The Bath Spa Award.](#)

