

### THU HA NGUYEN

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#### **Personal statement:**

I am a visual artist, an art teacher and a Bachelor of Art graduated from the Painting Faculty of The Vietnam Fine Arts University who love working with kids therefore I spent a lot of time teaching and being around them. I have 15 years' experience working with children from various backgrounds including those who have special needs. Working as a sole Art teacher at O'Hana school (Hanoi, Vietnam) and as part-time teacher for several others, I often helped organizing Art events and workshops for children. This task helped me build up important soft skills working with young people and understand their needs.

After moving to UK to settle with my husband, in early 2011, I have enrolled myself on the CACHE award in Childcare study at Beckton Globe training centre and had successfully completed the course. Following that, I have joined London College of Contemporary Arts to study Computer Graphics and Multimedia course which awards Edexcel Higher National Diploma (HND). In this project coursework, I designed and developed few interactive educational games for kids to learn science and English.

I had various experiences organising art events and workshops for preschool, elementary and secondary children around the world. With immense interest and passion in art education combined with working experiences, I strongly believe that I could promote meaningful art activities for diverse communities.

### **Education**

**2012-2014:** Edexcel HND in Computer Graphics and Multimedia, London College of Contemporary Arts.

**2011:** CACHE award in Childcare study at Beckton Globe training centre, London.

- **2006: March-April:** student exchange between The Vietnam Fine Arts University and Umea Fine Arts Academy, Sweden (sponsored by SIDA foundation).
- **2002-2007:** Bachelor of Art, Painting Faculty of The Vietnam Fine Arts University.
- 2001-2002: Teaching Faculty of Hanoi College of Art, Vietnam.

## Work experience

#### 2017-2019:

Working as a program consultant at Tohe(www.tohe.vn), a social department creating Art learning activities for children and specially for autism and disable children, coaching for a group artistic talent children.

**2013-2016:** Working as a freelance writer and editor for Mavens of London about children education and family topic.

#### 2006-2011: Art teacher at:

- O'Hana preschool (http://ohanapreschool.edu.vn) (10/2006-3/2011)
- Wonderland Preschool (www.wonderland.vn) (3/2010-3/2011)
- SolArt Centre (http://sol.edu.vn) (5/2008-9/2009)
- Coxinh Art Centre (http://coxinh.vn) (7/2005-8/2009)
- Morning Star International School, Hanoi, Vietnam (9/2007-5/2008)

#### **Grants & Residences**

- **2011: June-August:** Artist in residence in Beppu, Oita, Japan through JENESYS programme.
- **2009:** Award for logo designing for the celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Sweden and Vietnam.

**Oct-Dec**: Artist in residence, "IASPIS" International Artists' Studio Programme in Umea, Sweden.

# Achievement, participant and organiser:

- 2019: April: Co-organise an exhibition "Vui"/ "Joy" for autism and disable children at Tohe(www.tohe.vn), a social department in Vietnam. Using pupil's draws to create an installation that has many interactable elements.
- **2018: Sept:** Co-organise an exhibition "Sao nữa?"/ "What's next?" for autism and disable children at Tohe(www.tohe.vn), a social department in Vietnam.

- Using pupil's draws to create an installation that has many interactable elements.
- **2013: MAY:** Joint "Creative T-shirt" workshop at London College of Contemporary Arts, UK.
- **2011: April:** Organiser of O'Hana preschool annual pupil's Art exhibition in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- **2009:** Collect pupil's paintings and art works to design the 2010 wall calendar for O'Hana preschool, Vietnam.
- **2008:** Joint seminars and workshop at Open Academy in Hanoi, organized by Dong Son Today foundation.
- **2007: June:** Created an exhibition "My name is..." for the children (from 3 to 6 years old) at O'Hana Preschool, Hanoi, Vietnam. Using pupil's draws to create an installation that has many interactable elements.
- **2006: March:** Joint workshop with artist Lara Almarcequi- Rotterdam, Holland at Umea, Sweden.

**April:** Created a workshop "Colourful snow sculptures" for secondary school Minervaskolan in Umea, Sweden.

#### Art exhibitions

#### Solos:

- **2011: August:** "Steam" solo exhibition at Beppu Eternal Theater, Oita, Japan. Medium: installation.
- **2009: November:** "Shadow" solo exhibition at Verkligheten Gallery, Umea, Sweden. Medium: installation and video art.
- **2008:** "Where do YOU go next?". Medium: installation and video art at different spaces:

**April:** solo at Bookworm - a bookshop, non-profit art space in Hanoi, Vietnam.

**September:** solo at Time Zone 8, Art District, as one of the projects for Zendai MOMA, the Shanghai Zendai Modern Art Museum, China. Public art project (Intrude: Art & Life 366).

## **Groups:**

- **2013: August:** Graduation exhibition at London College of Contemporary Arts. Medium: Animation and Interactive media.
- **2010: September:** Group exhibition "Connect: Art Scene Vietnam" at IFA- Gallery Stuttgart, Germany.
- **2009: December:** Group exhibition "Connect: Art Scene Vietnam" at IFA-Gallery Berlin, Germany.

**October:** presentation & exhibition in Sister Gallery, Lulea, Sweden.

**May:** "pARTy". Medium: art performance at Hanoi Future Art, Vietnam.

- **June:** "Heritage". Medium: installation, as part of the art project "What is Identity?", sponsored by SIDA foundation, Vietnam Fine Arts University.
- **2008: February:** "Where do YOU go next?". Medium: installation and video art, "3 days 3 artists" programme by L'Espace- France Cultural Centre in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- **2007: May:** documentary of video art performance "2 in 1", festival Viet-Italia 1.1 at Lecco province, Lombardy, Italia.
- **2006: November:** "Here come Yet Kieu dude !!!". Medium: interactive art, in-group exhibition within the art project "Who earns the money?", sponsored by SIDA foundation, Vietnam Fine Arts University.

**October:** "2 in 1". Medium: performance, participant of Viet- Italia exhibition at Viet Art gallery, Hanoi, Vietnam.

**August:** "...listen...comprehend...". Medium: video art, in-group exhibition "Multimedia arts 8" at No. 8 Yen Bai street, Hanoi, Vietnam.

**2005:** An artwork in National Fine Arts exhibition, Hanoi, Vietnam.