**MASTERCLASS HANDOUT**

**TURNER PRIZE**

Objectives

* Gain a deeper understanding of the Turner Prize; it’s purpose, history and why it’s coming to Hull
* Learn about the current nominees, their artworks and key themes/interests
* Get to know the Turner Prize team and what goes into the making of an exhibition
* Build your confidence in talking about the contemporary art to the public

Introduction to the Exhibition

Established in 1984, the prize, awarded by Tate, aims to grow awareness and interest in contemporary art. And as the UK’s most publicised arts award, it certainly gets people talking.

The Turner Prize is awarded every year to an artist born, living or working in Britain, for an outstanding exhibition or public presentation of their work anywhere in the world in the previous year. The Turner Prize has helped the early careers of many big-named artists, including Damien Hirst, Tracey Emin and Rachel Whiteread.

Four artists are shortlisted for the prize and present an exhibition of work. This year's Turner Prize exhibition will be held at **Ferens Art Gallery, 26 September 2017 – 7 January 2018** and the shortlisted artists are:

* [Hurvin Anderson](http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/hurvin-anderson-12583/turner-prize-2017-biography)
* Andrea Büttner
* [Lubaina Himid](http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/lubaina-himid-2356/turner-prize-2017-biography)
* [Rosalind Nashashibi](http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/rosalind-nashashibi-7347/turner-prize-2017-biography)

The artists were chosen by a Turner Prize 2017 jury, each of whom have their own particular skills and interests;

* Dan Fox, Co-Editor at Frieze (art magazine)
* Martin Herbert, art critic
* Mason Leaver-Yap, Walker Art Center’s Bentson Scholar of Moving Image in Minneapolis, and Associate Curator at KW Institute for Contemporary Art in Berlin
* Emily Pethick, Director of Showroom, London

The jury is chaired by Alex Farquharson, Director of Tate Britain.

The winner of the award will be chosen by the Jury and announced at a special event in Hull on 5th December 2017. The winner gets £25,000 and the event will be covered by the BBC (with a celebrity host!).

Why 2017 is so Important

2017 is only the fourth time the Turner Prize exhibition will be held outside of London. We plan to make the Turner Prize 2017 our own and give it some Hull personality! This prestigious exhibition will bring new audiences and press coverage to Hull, further cementing the city as a place for artistic excellence.

2017 marks a change in rules for the Turner Prize; It is the first year since 1991 that artists over the age of 50 can be nominated for the award. This is an acknowledgement that artists can experience a breakthrough in their work at any age.

Icebreaker Questions

• What are your first impressions of the exhibition?

• What do these four artists seem to be interested in?

• Do they share any common interests and concerns?

• What sorts of materials and processes do they work with?

• Who would you like to see win the Turner Prize this year and why?

Useful Links

<http://www.tate.org.uk/turner-prize/about>

<https://www.hull2017.co.uk/discover/article/turner-prize-2017-meet-jury/>

Hurvin Anderson: <http://www.thomasdanegallery.com/artists/28-hurvin-anderson/works/>

Andrea Büttner: <http://www.andreabuettner.com/>

Lubaina Himid: <http://lubainahimid.uk/>

Rosalind Nashashibi: <http://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/rosalind-nashashibi-7347>

Further Reading

<http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/turner-prize-2017-shortlist-revealed-and-they-re-all-coming-to-hull/story-30309204-detail/story.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-39783661>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/news/turner-prize-nominees-lubaina-himid-hurvin-anderson-rosalind-nashashibi-andrea-buttner-a7714951.html>

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2017/may/03/turner-prize-shortlist-2017-lubaina-himid>