

# K35 GALLERY

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## Press Release

### ***BUBBLE***

28 September – 4 October 2013

**Opening reception: 28th September, 16-18:30**

Gallery K35 is pleased to present its first exhibition 'BUBBLE', a group exhibition organized by Gateshead based artist Jonathan West. As North East England suffers from significant cuts in its culture budget West decided to start a gallery that has no institutional backing and is non-commercial. Located in a disused office-block K35 operates outside of art competitions and closed off commercial/institutional systems, which means it is one of the few places where critically engaged works of art can be displayed in the North East by, as yet, unknown artists.

Inspiration for 'BUBBLE' came from the difficult situation faced by artists looking to gain a foothold in the art world. Only two things were requested of the artists – that their works were representative of their practices and fit into the gallery space. Nine young artists who had previously never exhibited in the North East responded by providing a wide range of works including sculpture, installation, painting and drawing, as well as video and photography. Presented works playfully engage with themes of materiality, critical attitudes towards art, gestural approaches to painting and organic methods of making automatic art.

The 9 Artists included in this exhibition are:

**Vanessa Bradley** was born in 1990 in Cheltenham and lives and works in London. She received a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Arts.

**Hazel Johnson** was born in 1989 in Exeter and lives and works there. She received a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Arts. Recent exhibitions include The Forth Wall, Northcott Theatre, Exeter (2013/2012), PARTAKE – The Truman Brewery, London (2011), Pass Present and Future, Phoenix, Exeter (2011).

**Dolly Kershaw** was born in 1991 and lives and works in London. She received a BA in Photography from Camberwell College of Arts. Her most recent exhibition is 'Camberwell Degree Show', London (2013).

**Anya Kovalieva** was born in 1986 in Belarus, currently living and working in Gateshead. She received a BA in Fine art Photography from Valand Academy of Art, Gothenburg, Sweden. Recent exhibitions include Gothenburg Biennial, Sweden (2013) and Red Sky AT Morning, Red Stone Gallery, Gothenburg, Sweden (2012).

**Angus Morton** was born in 1989 in North Yorkshire and lives and works in London. He received a BA in Fine Art from Camberwell College of Arts. Recent Exhibitions include 'Vapour' (Solo), Public House Projects, London (2012) and 'South East Art Feast', Utophia Project Space, London (2012).

**Jack Lovell** was born in 1991 in Kent and lives and works in London. He is currently studying at Camberwell College of Art. Recent exhibitions include 'Blueprint', Grey Space, London (2013) and 'Vault', Shoreditch Town Hall, London (2013).

**Matt Nokes** lives and works in London. He received a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Art.

**James Rooney** was born in Newcastle–Upon–Tyne in 1989 and lives and works in London. He received a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Arts. His most recent exhibition is 'Camberwell Degree Show', London (2013).

**Jonathan West** was born in Middlesbrough in 1990 and lives and works in Gateshead. He received a BA in Painting from Camberwell College of Arts. Recent exhibitions include Gothenburg Biennial, Sweden (2013), 'South East Art Feast', Utophia Project Space, London (2012).