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dot-art's Pop Up Art Shop at Metquarter

Metquarter is joining forces with dot-art to launch an exclusive Pop-Up Art Shop for just three days from 5th-7th May and again on 2nd-4th June 2011.

Shoppers will be able to buy original work created by artists from across the region.

The aim of the Pop-Up Art Shop is to showcase local talent and allow people access to quality, interesting, affordable art for their homes and offices, in a friendly, non-gallery environment.

Lucy Byrne from dot-art said, ***"We have always tried to encourage people to regard art as part of everyday life and make it accessible, relevant and enjoyable to all. By locating this project in a retail environment, we hope that people will feel comfortable coming in to take a look, have a chat, and perhaps take their first step into the world of art buying."***

A wide range of pieces will be on display, from traditional still life to modern abstracts and the collection has been designed to appeal to both seasoned collectors and first time buyers.

Some of the highlights on show include the street scenes of Gary Beach, whose distinctive work addresses issues of anonymity and isolation as well as capturing the endless motion of urban centres. Also included are stylised Wirral scenes by John Kneen, vibrant interpretations of the North Wales landscape by current Fine Art Masters student David Brightmore, and joyful explorations of colour and light by recent LJMU graduate Sue LeMasurier.

Jennina O'Neill Metquarter Centre Manager added, ***"This is the first time we have been home to a Pop-Up Art Shop and everyone is really excited about it. Lucy and the team at dot-art have put together an imaginative and compelling collection and we think it will go down a storm with Metquarter visitors."***



The Pop-Up Art Shop is situated on the upper level of the Metquarter, opposite Cafe Rouge and will be opening on the following:-

- Thursday 5th May 4-7pm, Friday 6th May 11-6pm and Saturday 7th May 11-4pm.
- Thursday 2nd June 4-7pm, Friday 3rd June 11-6pm and Saturday 4th June 11-4pm.

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Notes to editors.

- **dot-art Ltd** is an art gallery and consultancy based in Liverpool city centre, specialising in affordable, high quality, locally sourced art, on a sale, commission and rental basis, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing.
- **dot-art Services CIC** is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and activities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work. A Social Enterprise with artists at its heart, dot-art Services CIC functions in a unique fashion, operating a membership system which gives artists a range of benefits including their own web page, access to exhibition, career development and promotional opportunities, as well as help and advice, networking events and discounts on art supplies and framing. For more information, see www.dot-art.com
- **Metquarter** houses 33 national and international brands and attracts customers from all over the North West. Please see website for full list of brands www.metquarter.com

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