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MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON FASHION STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR WORK AT “SOUTH OF THE RIVER”

Date: 4 July 2019

Time: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Morley College London, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HT

2019 marks the graduation of Morley College London’s first cohort of Higher National Diploma students, and the College is excited to announce that the HND Fashion graduates will celebrate their work at this year’s catwalk show, “South of the River”, on Thursday 4 July 2019.

The College’s home turf, South London, has been chosen as the overall catwalk theme to express the vibrancy, diversity, and individuality of the local area, something which is reflected in the student body at Morley. The College has a truly international body of students, and the Fashion HND alone has students from Austria, France, Sierra Leone, and Ghana, as well as the UK. Our students are proud of their cultural diversity, which brings a distinctive, international sense of creativity and positivity to their work.

The nine Fashion HND students have collectively planned, staged, produced and fundraised the final catwalk show, in which they will present their diverse, conceptually-based collections. The multiplicity of designs ranges from ideas based on the human condition, with collections entitled “Beauty Myth”, “Catharsis”, and “Hidden Concealment”; to inspirations taken from nature and our attempts to counteract our carbon footprint, through garments translated as “zero waste”. Symbolism has been explored through collections entitled “Stained Bliss” and “Uniform”, while themes of gender equality and freedom of choice have been explored through “Gender Undone” and “Facing Freedom”.

In addition to the graduates’ collections, the runway will also feature the work of students from the first-year HND cohort, the Access to HE programme, and the Jewellery Certificate courses at Morley.

Tickets for “South of the River” can be reserved by emailing catwalk@morleycollege.ac.uk, or by phone on 020 7450 1934/1872.

NOTES TO EDITORS

ABOUT MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON

Morley College London is one of the UK’s largest and oldest specialist providers of adult education. Founded by Emma Cons in 1889 to address the learning needs of the working class people of Waterloo and Lambeth, Morley was the first institution of its kind to admit both men and women on an equal footing, and aimed to make education accessible to people who were less fortunate socially and

financially. This sense of mission and spirit of inclusion towards the most disadvantaged in society has been a guiding principle in everything Morley has done throughout its history, and its original philanthropic, charitable foundation continues to be a distinguishing feature of the College to the present day.

Today the College offers nearly three thousand courses at all levels, from part-time personal development courses to Access to Higher Education diplomas and HNDs, with arts subjects being particularly well-represented. The College recently took over the management of the Stockwell Community Centre to extend its educational reach in Lambeth even further.

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ABOUT HND FASHION AT MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON

The HND programme in Fashion at Morley College London offers a skill-based approach to fashion, including design, pattern cutting, construction, computer-aided design, and textile manipulation, which is strongly supported by business and entrepreneurial practices. This gives the students the freedom to choose between many career opportunities, including going into employment within the fashion industry, or setting up a small, independent creative enterprise.

The Fashion team at Morley is active in forging industry contacts both in this country and abroad, most recently in Rome and Paris. Recent British collaborators include acclaimed young designers Phoebe English, who staged an exhibition in the Morley Gallery, and Jenna Young of "This Is The Uniform", who has been teaching the HND students. The College also has active partnerships with Birkbeck, Goldsmiths, the London College of Fashion, and Middlesex University London.