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Plastic Fantastic – or is it?

Public lecture:

University of Gloucestershire:

Co Creator Dr Michelle Williams

30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Details: Trudie Ballantyne; Course Leader for Photography – Editorial and Advertising and Dr Michelle Williams, Course Leader for Project Design, University of Gloucestershire. UK.

Since the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags the number being used has fallen by 85%. Micro beads are to be banned by end of 2017. Petitions for bans of plastic straws and tampon applicators are active. This is a positive start but there is a long way to go. We have now been officially classified as to be living in the geological Anthropocene epoch (started 1950), by 2050 there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish, geologists of the future will discover sedimentary layers of plastic and other markers of our industrial and consumerist society. Ballantyne & Williams will discuss the environmental disaster relating to plastics; sustainable viable alternatives and the circular economy model, they will feature artists, organizations and designers who are bringing about social change and innovation with regard to plastic and how its waste is being regarded as being a valuable commodity.

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Join us tomorrow night for Plastic Fantastic...or is it? with @TrudieBtyne and Michelle Williams. Book your free place [bit.ly/2fuv5wK](http://bit.ly/2fuv5wK)



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Photograph taken during the lecture. On screen 'Tampon Applicators' by Ballantyne





Photograph taken of opening Image of the lecture. Audience of academics, UG & PG students and general public (Approx 90)

