

Create an exhibition - anytime, anywhere

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A Sheffield Hallam University project is creating an interactive online archive - which will allow people anywhere in the world to download objects to create their own exhibition.

Art and design researchers have been given a grant from Arts Council England to develop the initiative, which is entitled Gravity.

The team has been awarded £14,950 to develop a pilot project that uses rapid-prototyping technology to produce a series of downloadable items of all kinds.

Fine art academics Penny McCarthy, Becky Shaw and Andrew Sneddon, of Sheffield Hallam's Art and Design Research Centre, first came up with the Gravity programme of exhibitions and events in 2010. Penny said: "The idea is that people will be able to download a series of objects, and make an exhibition anywhere, in any space around the world.

"This project will explore the concept of pleasure, and our guest speakers will explore objects that have significance for them. Each object will then be added to our online inventory, and can be downloaded."

Gravity was launched as a way of stimulating discussion of fine art among students, academics and practitioners.