

THE CURRENT SITUATION BY YARA EL-SHERBINI

WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY

1 APRIL TO 27 JUNE 2015

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Contemporary art gets playful at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Wolverhampton Art Gallery is to host a fun and playful contemporary art exhibition by artist Yara El-Sherbini from Wednesday 1 April to Saturday 27 June 2015.

The Current Situation brings together five artworks, diverse in their subjects and presentation, but all connected with a common theme; the here and now. Visitors are invited to consider social and political issues, both global and closer to home.

The desire to create art which is accessible, playful and can be enjoyed by all, sits at the heart of Yara El-Sherbini's practice. For the past 10 years, her artworks have used the recognisable formats of quizzes, game shows and jokes, as well as everyday objects encouraging wider audiences to engage with contemporary art. Included, is a metal map of the world, inspired by the traditional game "shock wire", where the aim is to move a wand from start to finish without touching the wire.

Neus Miro, Fine Art curator at Wolverhampton Art Gallery said "We are delighted to be hosting Yara El-Sherbini's work. Her approach to politics is both unusual and refreshing."

Alongside the exhibition, Yara worked with a local community group to identify local issues in Wolverhampton and the Black Country. What the artist found was a series of assumptions and perceptions. Directly using this, the artist created a wordsearch that asks us to look at how we build perceptions, fed through stereotypes which have developed in society.

As part of the exhibition, there will be a special Pub Quiz at the Hogs Head pub in Wolverhampton on Wednesday 1 April. The quiz will contain playful and entertaining questions with fun prizes. The top prize is £50.

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Notes to the Editors

- The Current Situation by Yara El-Sherbini is a touring exhibition produced by New Art Exchange, Nottingham.

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