



# Tara Collette: Gentrification is Class War

Sat 21 Jan – Sun 2 Apr 2023. Granada Foundation Galleries 1 & 2.

Artist Tara Collette presents a brand-new solo exhibition that explores the impact of gentrification and the lack of affordable housing in our city which has seen many local communities priced out of the city centre and neighbouring areas alongside a series of photographs taken five years apart on 35 mm film. Tara's work urges us to question the difference between gentrification and regeneration and reflect on the impact it is having on communities.

The exhibition brings together a series of politically charged banners alongside a series of photographs taken five years apart on 35mm film that highlight the rapid developments in our city. Tara satirically uses familiar advertising slogans such as 'luxury city centre living' that we have become accustomed to seeing in city centres. The central banner is juxtaposed with direct provocations relating to the housing crisis, further acknowledging the absence of affordable housing and the urgent need for social housing and public green spaces.

Tara's work focuses on themes of social consciousness that urge us to reflect on the critical issues that face our communities and our society. Taking inspiration from the anti-gentrification protests in 1980s New York, Tara's new body of work highlights the relevance of the 'gentrification is class war' slogan and what it means today in a contemporary context.

These new artworks are a direct provocation to the housing crisis and the need to address the social and environmental issues that have arisen as a result of the growing privatisation and commercialisation of our city centres.

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## Artist Bio

Tara Collette is an artist based in Salford who works predominantly with textiles and glass. She has specialised in banner making for the past six years; some featuring bold, provocative commentary on social issues, others which are free from tact and purely for personal amusement.

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## Works Available For Sale

All artwork in the exhibition is for sale, if you are interested in purchasing artwork from this exhibition, please contact [visualart@homemcr.org](mailto:visualart@homemcr.org).

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## PUSH Festival 2023

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