

# The Gallery @ Idea Store Whitechapel



## In.Vi.Te.

6 September - 6 October 2013



The Gallery @ Idea Store Whitechapel presents In.Vi.Te, a changing exhibition and series of events, including guest talks from design professionals and industry leaders.

In.Vi.Te.© is the design event partnership created by Munirah Olton and Laurence Kanza. The name refers to Interior, Visual & Textile accessories, art & designs created for contemporary interior settings.

### The programme is as follows:

#### • In.Vi.Te. : Unspoken Language

A fusion of African, Caribbean and Western design and cultural influences, the 'Unspoken Language' exhibition showcases colours and unique designs of wax print cloth. Through a series of colour themed interior displays, the exhibition highlights the versatility of wax print cloth and its use in contemporary interior settings.

6th September – 6th October.

#### • In.Vi.Te. Connect: An evening with...

A series of weekly talks celebrating design professionals and industry leaders. Hear from the initiators of design concepts how they developed their completed product or event, as In.Vi.Te. connects you with the people who make it happen.

Thursday 19th & Wednesday 25th September, 6 – 8:30pm

#### • In.Vi.Te. Connect: Taster Tuesdays

(In association with Idea Store & Idea Store Learning, Art & Creative Industries)

Showcasing a selection of the extensive range of creative courses available at Ideas Stores throughout the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Test a selection of the courses on offer: Fashion Design, Visual Merchandising, Photography, Printmaking, Interior Design, Painting and Drawing.

Tuesday 10th September and Tuesday 17th September, 11 -12pm, 2.-3pm and 6 – 7pm

#### • In.Vi.Te. Connect: Digital

Join us as In.Vi.Te goes online once a week in our global digital conversation with artists, designers and creatives, who will be sharing their thoughts and experiences on design-related topics.

Tuesday 17th & Tuesday 24th September, 6:30 – 8:30pm GMT

• **Open House London Weekend: 'Celebrating Architecture, People and Place'**

In.Vi.Te. and Open House London 2013 look at the architectural innovations of Idea Store Whitechapel, designed by David Adjaye. Charting the Store's milestones from concept to creation, using archive animation footage, sketches, drawings, plans and images, the weekend will explore the role of the architect in translating a design brief into a unique, fully-functioning and vibrant physical space. With its vibrant selection of wax print fabrics, the ongoing 'Unspoken Language' exhibition echoes the signature colours and tones of Idea Store Whitechapel.

Saturday 21st September, 10am – 4pm

Sunday 22nd September, 12 – 4pm

• **'The Congo in Numbers - Part 1' African Heritage / Black History Month**

The first in an annual series of exhibitions showcasing The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and The Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville). In.Vi.Te will explore the region's natural beauty, abundant resources and place in world history, through a themed display highlighting key people and events.

1st – 6th October

**Notes to editors**

**Munirah Olton: Salongo Arts**

Munirah Olton founded Salongo Arts to create original, contemporary art and designs centred on a fusion of African, Caribbean and European, craft, design and cultural influences.

The exclusive, handmade range of 2D and 3D sculptural ceramics, wax print textile panels and framed images, are a declaration of a richly innovative and shared ancestry.

Her work was shown as part of 'Great British Business Embassy' at Lancaster House for the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and has featured in various magazines, including Origins and Livingetc.

For more details, visit: <http://www.salongoarts.co.uk>

**Laurence Kanza: La Petite Congolaise**

Laurence Kanza founded La Petite Congolaise (translated as 'The Little Congolese Girl') out of a love for fashion, interiors and wax prints. The interiors accessories brand draws its inspiration from the craftsmanship and details characteristic of Congolese style and design. Laurence's range of handmade limited edition pieces offers a contemporary twist on accent colours for the home.

Her work has been featured in various magazines and newspapers, including Red, Harper's Bazaar, House and The Independent, and was shown as part of 'Africa Utopia' at the Southbank Centre during the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

For more details, visit: <http://www.LaPetiteCongolaise.com/press.html>

For updated listings on all In.Vi.Te events please visit [www.invite-uk.com](http://www.invite-uk.com)

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