

## **Professor Alison Honour MA PFHEA NTF FRSA**

Professor Alison Honour is a UK National Teaching Fellow and Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Professor Honour originally trained as a fine artist teaching a broad range of art and design subjects including sculpture, painting and drawing, performance art, 3D Design and Architecture. As her academic career developed, her practised based research focused on public art and community engagement with diverse groups and often challenging environments.

Professor Honour is also an Aurora national role model for Women in Higher Education Leadership for the Leadership Foundation, UK. She previously spent 10 years at Oxford Brookes University, rising to the position of Associate Dean Student Experience, before becoming Pro-Vice Chancellor of De Montfort's Faculty of Arts, Design and Humanities and then joining Birmingham City University as Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Faculty of Arts, Design & Media in 2018 with four large Schools including the Queens Anniversary award winning School of Jewellery and the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Professor Honour's action based research in developing experimental pedagogy for entrepreneurship and innovation as graduate attributes and to enhance employability has been recognised nationally and internationally. She developed the Oxford Brookes Social Entrepreneurship Award (OBSEA) programme which was an award winning programme, securing funding awards and selected by Higher Education Funding Council England as a best case study for embedding Social Entrepreneurship in HE curriculum and shortlisted and runner up for the Guardian Higher Education Awards. Alison's introduction of Social Innovation within the OBSEA was successful in its aim to engage the most disadvantaged students with all gaining highly skilled employment. OBSEA grew into the Oxfordshire Social Enterprise Partnership (OSEP) in collaboration with the University of Oxford and led to Oxfordshire being named the first 'place of social enterprise' in the UK. Professor Honour has been invited to run workshops and speak at conferences on creative interdisciplinary pedagogy at Oxford University and universities in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand, USA and Canada.

Last year Professor Honour spoke at and attended conferences in the state of Punjab, Mumbai and Kerala and with the support of the Indian Consulate General in Birmingham will open a new Centre for Indian Arts and Culture at Birmingham City University in Autumn 2020. Recent projects include promoting Indian Film in Birmingham in partnership with Yash Raj Films and developing a new Birmingham City University and Munjal School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship with a STEAM approach (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) in the state of Punjab.