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I-Spy Camden Town – a new perspective from Middlesex University Illustrators

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Over 100 paintings, prints and drawings of Camden Town, produced by students and staff of Middlesex University's Illustration Department go on show in partnership with Kingsgate Gallery, Kingsgate Workshops Trust, 110 –116 Kingsgate Road, London NW6 2JG, from 25 - 29 November.

The exhibition focuses on the route between Camden Town and Chalk Farm tube stations. The works will aim to capture the lively cosmopolitan character of the area, showing familiar sights from a new perspective, including street scenes, market stalls, shopfronts, and some of Camden's iconic buildings, both old and new. Camden Town was chosen as a theme because of the great variety of scenes it offers in a fairly compact area. This is the second year that the Illustration Department have organised an exhibition with Kingsgate Workshops Trust, hosted at Kingsgate Gallery – in 2007, the exhibition focused on buildings and scenes in and around Kilburn.

Martin Ursell, Senior Lecturer in Illustration, said, "We're delighted to be showing 'I-Spy Camden Town' at the Kingsgate Gallery following last year's highly successful show. It's a great opportunity for the public to see some of the excellent and original talent at Middlesex, reflecting their local area in a new light. It's also a great chance for our students to gain more experience of working towards a public exhibition – as well as producing their own artworks, students are also involved in deciding which exhibits will be displayed at the final show. The works are all framed and will be available to buy, with prices generally between £40-£50, so it's also a great chance to choose a really original gift for a special occasion or Christmas!"

'I-Spy Camden Town' is open to the public between 12-6pm, Tuesday 25 – Saturday 29 November at Kingsgate Gallery, Kingsgate Workshops Trust 110-116 Kingsgate Road, London NW6 2JG.

NOTES:

- 1) A Private View of 'I-Spy Camden Town' takes place on Tuesday 25th November from 6.30pm at Kingsgate Gallery. Journalists and photographers who wish to attend should contact Lucy Jones, Press Office, Middlesex University, on tel: 020 8411 5093 or email: L.E.Jones@mdx.ac.uk
- 2) Kingsgate Gallery, Kingsgate Workshops Trust is located at 110-116 Kingsgate Road, London NW6 2JG. Nearest tube: West Hampstead or Kilburn; buses: 139, 189, 328.
- 3) Middlesex's Illustration Department is part of the University's Art & Design Faculty, based at Cat Hill, near Southgate. The Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture is also located at Cat Hill - www.moda.mdx.ac.uk.

Illustration is one of over 20 art-related degree courses which the faculty offers. Each year, around 35 students enrol on the BA Honours Illustration course, which is taught by professional illustrators, printmakers and designers. The Art and Design Faculty has one of the best-equipped printmaking workshops in the UK and has state of the art digital, animation and audio-visual facilities – in addition, every student has their own work space. In a 2006 National Student Survey, Middlesex was voted 'Best Art & Design facilities in London'. For more information, see www.mdx.ac.uk/schools/arts

- 4) Kingsgate Gallery is Kingsgate Workshops Trust in-house gallery showcasing 10 exhibitions a year of contemporary artists and crafts people.
- 6) Kingsgate Workshops Trust is an artists studios and a registered charity (No.1082112), dedicated to promoting education in the arts and crafts for public benefit. Key sponsors of KWT include Camden Council and Arts Council England.
- 7) For further information on Kingsgate Gallery and Kingsgate Workshops Trust please call Adam Holmes-Davies, Manager (Education and Development) or Nick Weeks, Manager (Operations) at the KWT office (tel: 020 7328 7878) or visit our website: www.kingsgateworkshops.org.uk