

**Caption for photo:**

HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh GCVO, Patron of London College of Fashion (LCF), University of the Arts London (UAL) opens The Portal Centre for Social Impact at Poplar Works in east London on 25 April 2023.

The Centre has been made possible by a major grant of £4 million from The Portal Trust\*, one of the largest gifts in UAL's history, and represents a ten-year investment in LCF's community engagement and social impact initiatives, including the award-winning Making for Change programme, based at Poplar Works\*\* in east London.

The Portal Centre for Social Impact reflects LCF, UAL's drive and ambition to cultivate inclusive, collaborative, innovative spaces and programmes for its communities and engages with women in prison, local communities, creative practitioners and LCF's student population to extend its collaborative ethos to support and nurture current and future creatives.

The work and engagement of The Portal Centre for Social Impact will continue to grow when London College of Fashion opens its new home on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, as part of East Bank, this September 2023.



**Pictured:** Claire Swift, Director of Social Responsibility, London College of Fashion; James Purnell, President and Vice-Chancellor, UAL; Professor Andrew Teverson, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Head of London College of Fashion, UAL; HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh GCVO; Richard Foley, Chief Executive, The Portal Trust; Sophie Fernandes, Chairman, The Portal Trust; Denise Jones, Deputy Chair and Chair of Grants, The Portal Trust.

*\*The Portal Trust enables young people in London, particularly those from disadvantaged or low income backgrounds, to access educational opportunities. The £4 million grant from The Portal Trust will support two key areas of the College's future plans:*

- *A £2m ten-year investment in LCF's community engagement and social impact initiatives, including the award-winning Making for Change programme*
- *A £2m grant towards the development of a new campus for the London College of Fashion in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.*

*Recognised for its exceptional track record in offender rehabilitation, The Portal Trust has been proud to support LCF's social responsibility projects, including Making for Change, and will play a crucial role in the success of new initiatives in Poplar, Stratford and throughout east London.*

*\*\*Poplar Works is a space for fashion, creativity and entrepreneurship in east London. It has been delivered by Poplar HARCA, in partnership with London College of Fashion, UAL and social enterprise The Trampery. The scheme is supported by funding from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund - a landmark regeneration initiative that champions growth and community development in the capital, with support from the London Economic Action Partnership.*