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**Fingerprint for unity - Westminster gets involved with nationwide interactive artwork, SPOTtimespotTime.**

In a time of great division, Bristol-based artist Elaine Robinson’s ambitious project is connecting people across the UK, asking them to leave their fingerprints and talk about identity. How do we react when we are asked for our fingerprint? What constitutes our uniqueness and what gives us our collective voice?

On Monday, 14th January 2019, at 3.30pm, Bristol MP Thangam Debbonaire will introduce this powerful collective fingerprint of the nation in Parliament. MPs will be asked to leave their fingerprints alongside those of the people they represent.

Thangam Debbonaire said “Our society is deeply divided, with stark inequalities and political divisions between people. This is driving a national crisis, where we no longer trust one another or listen to one another. This artwork highlights the fact that we are all different, yet all have so much in common. I am leaving my own fingerprint alongside those of others from Parliament, and across the UK”

Artist Elaine Robinson says: “Given the current political climate I am particularly pleased to be doing something so levelling. A fingerprint does not show difference, only how similar we all are.”

Later in 2019, SPOTtimespotTIME will tour the remaining cities on the tour including London, Birmingham, Belfast, Cardiff and Edinburgh. *(For full tour dates visit* [*http://www.elainerobinson.co.uk/spottimespottimetour/*](http://www.elainerobinson.co.uk/spottimespottimetour/)*)*

Conceived in Bristol in 2016, Robinson walks all day to gather fingerprints from all sections and areas of society. The finished artwork will include 12 panels of fingerprints held in clear resin, each collected from all the cities visited across the UK as well as Parliament representation and those people who do not have homes and live on our streets. The work will be a nationwide-

 ‘Fingerprint for Unity’

For images of the artwork please see attached -

Or contact Elaine directly on 07764894428

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***Notes for Editors:***

**About the Artist:**

**Elaine Robinson’s art explores connection, ancestry, nature, time and space.**

Born in the north of England and gaining an art and music degree, Elaine worked in business and social work before becoming a professional artist. Elaine has developed an approach to art and expression by working instinctively in what she terms the ‘moving moment’.

Installation and sculpture is an area where she is able to explore more fully aspects of nature, evolution and our concepts of time. She is fascinated by how humans have become less trusting of these ancient and proven realities.

Elaine documents these new social landscapes by challenging social barriers and encouraging public opinion, aspiring to create a document of previously unseen social comment. Elaine’s work asks us to reflect and consider all of our sensory perceptions of ourselves and of each other.

Exploring aspects of time in relation to the person, Elaine’s paintings have a personal message on the back which is written at the time of ownership. These are unique original paintings, no prints are made.

Elaine is based in Bristol UK.

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