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FASHANNE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2026 will mark a decade since the launch of Fashanne and we are incredibly proud to have been supporting the very best in emerging British fashion talent since then.

As the only major, not for profit, design programme and live awards show outside the capital, we bring together the talent in our universities and showcase it, under one roof, to industry, solidifying our reputation as a launchpad for the industry's next generation of designers.

Our tenth anniversary live awards show will take place on Thursday 25th June 2026 at St Mary's Church in Nottingham where we will showcase the emerging young design talent from across our universities, champion new voices in

fashion, and create opportunities for future talent to thrive...and we would love for you to be a part of that!

Whether you're a brand, mentor, sponsor, or educator, there are many ways to support the next generation of designers. Our new sponsorship packages are now available on our website and if you need even more reasons to join this premier fashion design programme and live awards show, then have a look at the video below to find out more.



FASHANNE 2025 LIVE SHOW

"From the fantastical to the exquisite – the talent on show was there for all to see!" said one of the VIP guests who attended our live 2025 show. And it was...as joyful finalists applauded the winners, universities cheered on their entrants, judges and VIPs marvelled at the creations and the beautiful St Mary's Church rocked to the sound of an explosion of design talent in the heart of the historic Lace Market.

This year's live show featured a powerful theme of *"Designing for a Changing World,"* highlighting the role of sustainability, adaptive design, and digital innovation reflecting the values driving the future of fashion. From bold gender-fluid collections to garments integrating wearable tech and eco-conscious materials, the finalists delivered fresh perspectives and remarkable craftsmanship.

Head Judge, Patrick Grant praised the finalists' talent, vision, and bravery; *"Every year, the standard goes up — and this year was no exception."*

What stood out most was the sheer bravery of these young designers: they are pushing boundaries, challenging norms, and designing with conscience as well as creativity. The industry needs this energy and vision more than ever."

Anne Davies, our founder and host of Fashanne, added: *"Fashanne was born out of a desire to bridge the gap between education and the fashion industry – and this year proved that the future is not only in safe hands but brilliantly imaginative ones. These students are not just designers of clothes – they are designers of change. I'm endlessly proud of what we've created with Fashanne – it's more than an award, it's a movement."*

We were thrilled that so many of you were able to join us at the show but in case you missed it or just want to relive the moment, please check out our 2025 show reel below. Our socials have lots of best bits and behind the scenes too so please make sure you have a look.

It goes without saying that our annual programme and live show wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our fantastic sponsors: NEXT, Paul Smith's Foundation, Pentland Brands, ITL- Intelligent Label Solutions, ASBCI, Waring Brooke, East Midlands Chamber, Canterbury, Print 4, Leicester College and Daniel Hanson. Thank you also goes to this year's participating universities: Nottingham Trent University, De Montfort University and Birmingham City University.

And finally a big thank you to Patrick Grant for being our lead judge and co-host for the evening and our category judges: Rachel Varela, Sophie Etches, Hayley Solomon, Giuliano Martello, Katie Greenyer, Jonathan Pedley, Dr Julie King, Samantha Brooke, Garry Knox, Zeph Logan and Nicholas Hanson for their efforts and expertise, we know they had a very hard job choosing the winners.

A full list of winners and show highlights are available on our website along with some of our highlights below...




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