

PRESS RELEASE

*Reverting to type 2020:  
an exhibition of contemporary  
letterpress protest posters*

New North Press are holding an exhibition of artwork with something to say – posters sounding a warning signal about the **GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS**, railing against **FAKE NEWS** and **SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM**, calling out **RACISM**, **SEXISM** and fighting for **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES** and, of course, reacting to the **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**.

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Reverting to Type 2020: Protest Poster exhibition 4 December – 31 January 2021 <i>Private view 3 December</i>	Standpoint Gallery 45 Coronet Street, London N1 6HD United Kingdom	Contact: Graham & Richard +44 (0)20 7729 3161 mail@new-north-press.co.uk
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Featuring the work of 100 letterpress artists from 16 countries, including mæstros Alan Kitching, Erik Spiekermann and Anthony Burrill, the exhibition will be a visual riot, giving voice to all that is worth protesting in 2020.

New North Press have also produced collaborative posters with others known for their activism, such as photomontage artist Peter Kennard, graphic designer Malcolm Garrett, Turner Prize-nominee Mark Titchner, fashion designer Katherine Hamnett, comedian Stewart Lee and Extinction Rebellion Art Group. These prints will be displayed alongside those of asylum-seekers, adults with learning disabilities and young people with downgraded exam results, also invited to make posters with us.

Accompanying the physical exhibition (and to make sure its content is accessible during Covid-19 restrictions) will be a website showcasing the artworks and allowing visitors to share posters of the causes important to them on social media.

*Background*

Letterpress has long been a medium of dissent. Printing technology may have surpassed it in terms of speed but at the core of this centuries-old practice the ingredients to communicate ideas and give power to thoughts remains strong.

Curated by Richard Ardagh and Graham Bignell of New North Press to mark 10 years since their seminal *Reverting to Type* exhibition, 2020's show will include progressive work from letterpress studios globally, with prints from established artists alongside that specially-invited collaborators.

Established in 1986, New North Press is an artisan letterpress print studio known for its combination of traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design ideas.

▶ [new-north-press.co.uk](http://new-north-press.co.uk)

Standpoint Gallery is situated in Shoreditch, East London and has exhibited innovative work by emerging artists for more than two decades.

▶ [standpointlondon.co.uk](http://standpointlondon.co.uk)

Exhibition website (launching 4 Dec)

▶ [revertingTOTYPE.com](http://revertingTOTYPE.com)

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