

UCC Staff Profile

Name:

Val Jacobs

Job title/role:

Tutor in fashion Design on
BA Fashion and Printed
Textiles

Subjects taught:

Val teaches garment design elements on all studio-based module.

**Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:**

BA (Hons) Fashion and Textiles, Central Saint Martins

Experience in Education:

Val has taught in Further and Higher Education in Colchester Institute and at University Centre Colchester.

Biography and personal interests:

Prior to her career as a university lecturer, Val has worked extensively in the fashion industry as a stylist, consultant and as an independent designer, selling to Japan and the USA, to stores including; Barneys, Bergdorf Goodman, Selfridges and Liberty. Val has also experienced working with a number of high street brands including River Island, Topshop and M&S. Her work has appeared in magazines in including Vogue and Harpers and Queen.

**Professional practice /
research interests:**

Her professional practice focusses on researching and generating new ideas, sourcing cloth, liaising with sample rooms, factories and buyers to develop fashion collections for various market sectors. Fabric, all forms of pattern cutting, garment construction and the presentation of ideas, continue to be areas of professional artistic practice that connect Val's commercial experience with her teaching.