

Local furniture upholsterer wins top award, May 2010



Leeds-based company Emily Farncombe Upholstery has been awarded the **Emerging Enterprize** category in the **Leeds 2010 Emerging Artist Awards**. The young business, established by Emily last year, is already booming. Rejuvenating furniture with a mixture of upholstery and renovation, Emily uses original ideas to breathe fresh life into old, worn furniture, stylishly blending contemporary ideas with classic design. Emily specialises in restoration of antique furniture, but uniquely uses fresh fabrics and lines to create a more contemporary feel. A strong supporter of ethical and environmentally friendly working practices, Emily's business helps her clients to work against our throwaway society by helping them to recycle items of furniture which otherwise don't quite suit their lifestyle.

The award provides Emily with a business mentor for a year, as she brings her business acumen up to speed with her creative flair and skills in upholstery. Emily has said about the award *"I'm so pleased to be recognised with this award. This is going to help me develop my business: helping people to create something new and unique from their old furniture, whilst also helping me put my stamp on the arts scene in Leeds."* A name to look out for!

Emily studied upholstery at Burnley College of Construction under tutors Beven Guy (contemporary upholstery and furniture design) and Bob Redman (specialist antique restorer). She has recently expanded her output by designing her own range of fabrics ahead of a much anticipated exhibition of work in Leeds City Centre in April 2011. She also runs weekly classes at Factory4 in Leeds, passing on her enthusiasm for bringing old furniture to life. For further information on these classes see www.fac4.co.uk.



Emily is available for a variety of jobs, from covering stools or chairs to creating one-off bespoke items of designed furniture, or helping with an interior redesign. To see more of her work go to www.emilyfarncombe.co.uk or give her a call on 07769 530373 to discuss any ideas you may have.

For further information on Emily's work and award, please see:

<http://www.leedsguide.co.uk/review/innerspace/chair-brained/12246>

<http://www.creativeboom.co.uk/leeds/2010/04/02/winners-of-the-emerging-artist-awards-2010/>

<http://www.sharingthesuccess.co.uk/page.aspx?id=1510>

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=174490664865>

<http://twitter.com/EmilyUpholstery>

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