# NIMBLE FINGERS AND GREEN THUMBS

# Portfolio

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#### Noon

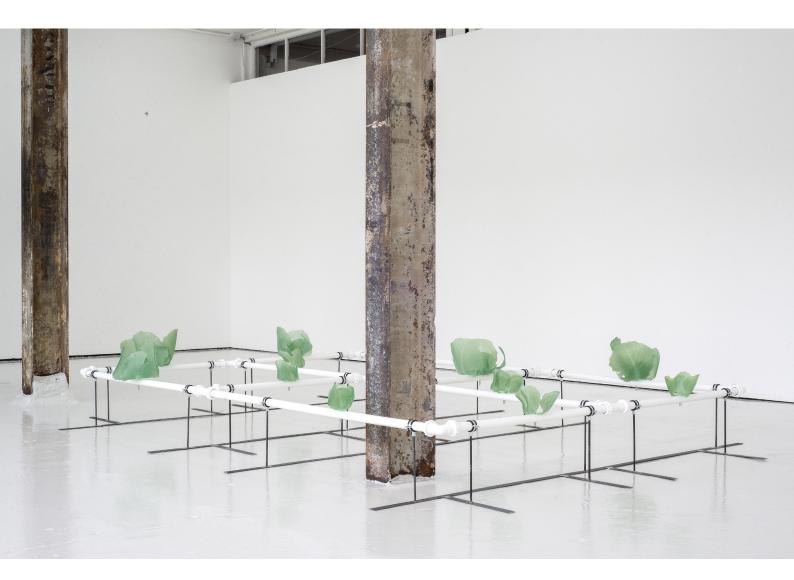
# David Dale Gallery & Studios, Glasgow 15.09 – 20.10.18

Noon reimagines the exhibition space as an office environment and farm, drawing on the history of computer technology. It was exhibited across David Dale's two spaces. The display in the main gallery consisted of four distinct but linked elements: a textile-covered mainframe computer (*Irrational Cabinet* I), a hole-riddled desk (*Infestation*), a series of vinyl moth stickers (*Saboteur*), and a pipe-mounted synthetic cabbage patch (*Ponics*). In the outdoor brick space, two cabbage lamps titled Lowlight were installed. These elements bring the technological, administrative, and horticultural into a single system

Photography: Max Slaven.



*Noon*, 2018 Installation view David Dale Gallery & Studio, Glasgow.



*Ponics*, 2018 Screenprint on acrylic, bolts, plumbing fixings, pipe clamps, steel 45 x 200 x 300 cm approx.



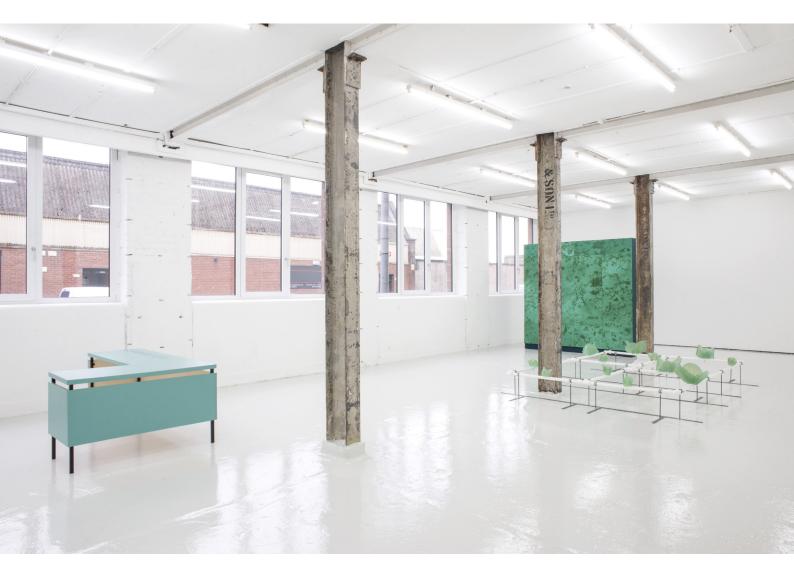
*Ponics,* 2018 Screenprint on acrylic, bolts, plumbing fixings, pipe clamps, steel 45 x 200 x 300 cm approx.



*Ponics*, 2018, (detail) Screenprint on acrylic, bolts, plumbing fixings, pipe clamps, steel 45 x 200 x 300 cm approx.



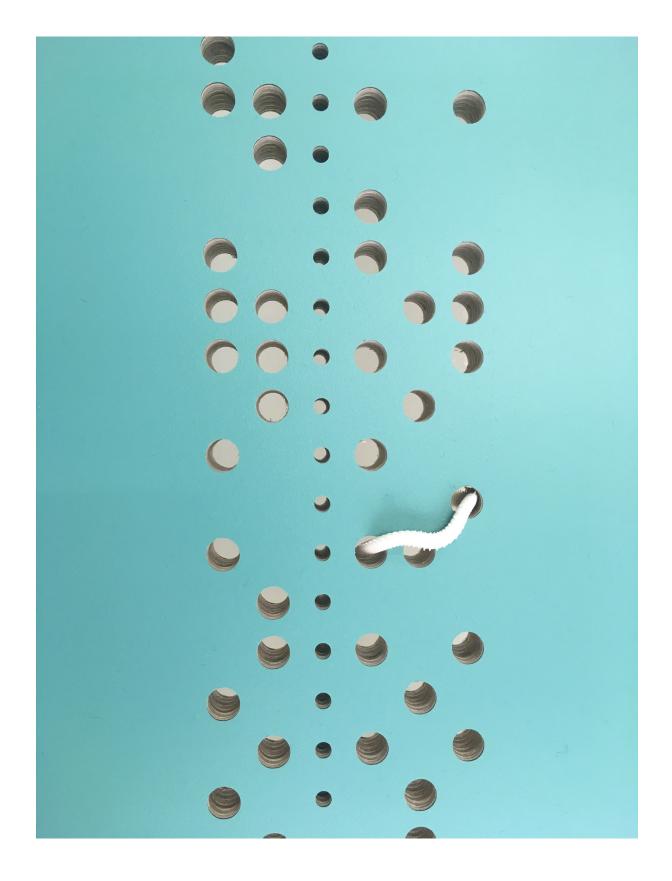
*Ponics*, 2018, (detail) Screenprint on acrylic, bolts, plumbing fixings, pipe clamps, steel, silicon worms. 45 x 200 x 300 cm approx.



*Noon*, 2018 Installation view David Dale Gallery & Studio, Glasgow



Infestation, 2018 Laminate, CNC timber, steel, silicone worms 70 x 170 x 120 cm



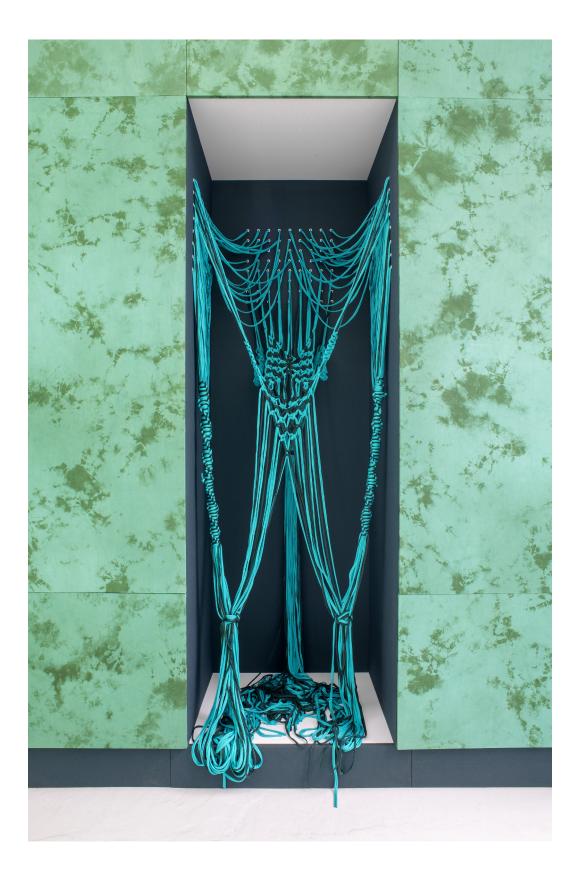
*Infestation,* 2018, (detail) Laminate, CNC timber, steel, silicone worms 70 x 170 x 120 cm



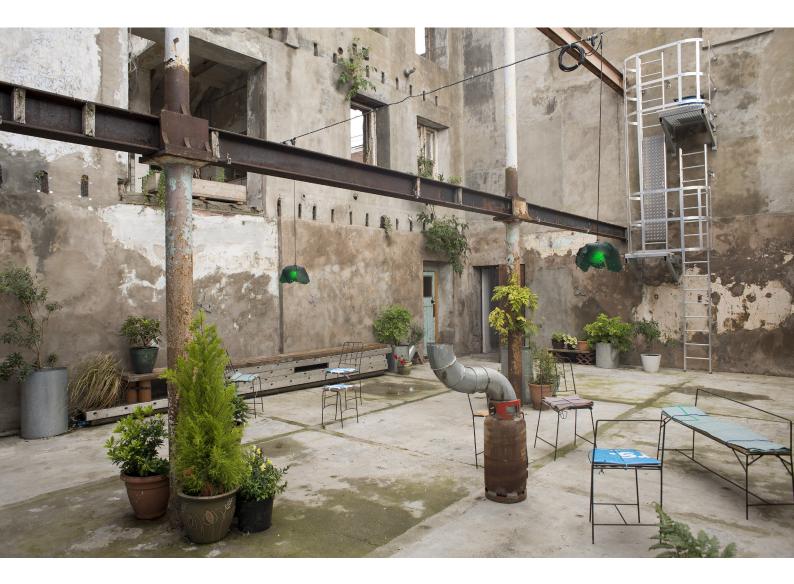
*Irrational Cabinet I* Tie dye, timber, t-shirt yarn, eyelets 220 x 240 x 70 cm



*Noon*, 2018 Installation view David Dale Gallery & Studios, Glasgow



*Irrational Cabinet I,* 2018 Tie dye, timber, t-shirt yarn, laminate, eyelets 220 x 240cm x 70 cm



*Lowlight (outdoor edition),* 2018 Laser cut acrylic, light fixings



*Lowlight (outdoor edition),* 2018 Laser cut acrylic, light fixings



*Lowlight (outdoor edition),* 2018 Laser cut acrylic, light fixings 40 x 40 x 25 cm









*Saboteur,* 2018 Vinyl stickers. Dimensions variable, each moth 4.5 x 4 cm

### Lowlight

Bloc Projects, Sheffield 6.10 – 27.10.18

The companion exhibition to *Noon*, titled *Lowlight*, explores the same themes of ecology and administration while shifting the emphasis to consider digital history and ornamentation. *Lowlight* is a multi-part gallery-based exhibition. It featured a single cabbage lamp displayed in the reception area of Bloc Projects. The main show consists of a series of cabbage lamps (also titled *Lowlight*), two technological artefacts produced using handmade textiles – (*Hidden Hardware* and *Irrational Cabinet II*), and print-based works that refer to the history of women in computing (a framed print titled *My Monster* and a series of moth stickers called *Saboteur*). Together, these works draw on the connections between the history of women's work within botany, computing and the decorative arts.

Photography: James Clarkson



*Lowlight,* 2018 Installation view Bloc Projects, Sheffield



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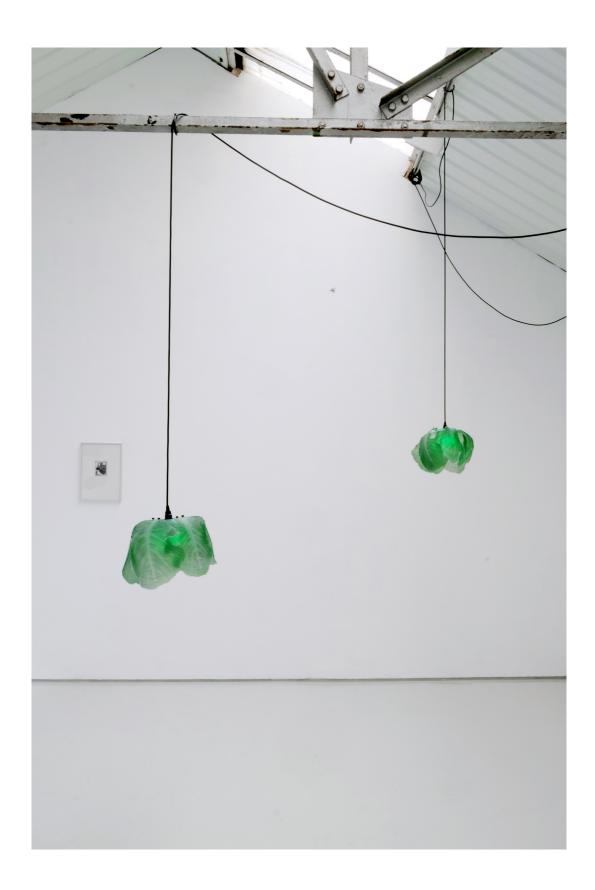
*Irrational Cabinet II,* 2018 Tie-dye, timber 217 x 200 x 60 cm



*Lowlight,* 2018 Screenprint on acrylic, light fixings Dimensions variable



*Lowlight,* 2018 Screenprinted acrylic, light fixings Dimensions variable



*Lowlight,* 2018 Screenprint on acrylic, light fixings Dimensions variable



*My Monster,* 2018 Photo-etching (portrait of Grace Hopper) Framed size 30 x 40 cm



*Hidden Hardware,* 2018 Patchwork screenprinted fabric, acrylic, bolts, timber frame. 7 x 260 x 160 cm approx.



*Hidden Hardware,* 2018 (detail) Patchwork screenprinted fabric, acrylic, bolts, timber frame. 7 x 260 x 160 cm approx.



*Lowlight (pink),* 2018 Screenprinted acrylic, light fixings Dimensions variable

### Hothouse

Hospitalfield, Arbroath 26.4 –30.10.2019

*Hothouse* was an outdoor exhibition situated at Hospitalfield House, Arbroath. Created for a treelined space behind the venue, *Hothouse* consists of three, cuboid structures made with steel tube and clamp system covered in blue and white, digitally printed mesh. Two of these structures could be entered by the audience, while a third contained a series of small sculptures that echoed the regular lines of a gardener's raised bed. Inside one of the larger structures exotic palms sprouted from the metal frame. In the other, synthetic mushrooms appear to grow from stacked wooden branches mimicking the structure of a Japanese mushroom farm. This was a method of creating imagined labour sites within the venue, drawing comparisons between farming and digital work and ecological and digital systems.

Photography: Ruth Clark









*Hothouse*, 2019 Digitally printed mesh, steel tubing, screenprint on acrylic, timber, mulch.



*Hothouse*, 2019 Digitally printed mesh, steel tubing, screenprint on acrylic, timber and mulch.



*Hothouse*, 2019 Digitally printed mesh, steel tubing, screenprint on acrylic, timber and mulch.



*Hothouse*, 2019 (detail) Digitally printed mesh, steel tubing, screenprint on acrylic, timber and mulch.





*Hothouse*, 2019 Digitally printed mesh, steel tubing, acrylic.



*Hothouse*, 2019 Installation view.



*Hothouse*, 2019 Installation view.