

## Here East signs Italian fine arts academy for first site abroad

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Here East from the air with the former Olympic Park in the background. (Delancey)

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Italy’s largest Academy of Fine Arts will offer degrees at the [Here East](#) campus in East London in its first site outside Italy.

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NABA, recognised by QS World University Rankings as the best Academy of Fine Arts in Italy and among the top 100 universities globally for art and design, will join five universities already on site, the V&A East Storehouse, and dance company Studio Wayne McGregor.

Originally the International Broadcast Centre for the 2012 Olympic Games, Here East has been successfully regenerated into a cultural and education quarter

From the start of the 2026-27 academic year, NABA will offer three BAs in Design, Fashion Design, and Fashion Marketing Management, as well as a Foundation Course. Students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, including design, fashion, textile and knitwear labs, along with comprehensive student services, including career support, visa



assistance and counselling. Participants who complete the three-year courses will obtain a BA (Hons) Degree accredited by Regent's University London.

According to independent analysis by Oxford Economics, Here East supports over 10,000 jobs across the UK, with 5,000 of these in the surrounding East London boroughs.

Jamie Ritblat, executive chairman and founder of Delancey, said: "The arrival of NABA further demonstrates Delancey's strategic focus on building high-value spaces for creative, cultural and tech institutions to grow. This reinforces Here East's role as a primary driver of London's creative economy and a blueprint for successful, large-scale urban regeneration."

Gavin Poole, chief executive of Here East, said: "London has long been a global point of reference for fashion design, artistic and creative education, and East London, as a centre for design, culture and innovation, is a key driver of the sector's growth. The arrival of NABA is further validation of this and of the Here East model. By delivering highly specialised infrastructure that meets the requirements of a global design academy of NABA's stature, we are creating a unique environment that provides the talent and innovation required for the next generation of global creative businesses."

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