

Domestic abuse Barbie: Iconic doll given black eyes, split lips and bruises for new exhibition

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Sam Humphreys painted black eyes, bruises and blood onto iconic dolls

Three now on display at Leicester University exhibition, Speaking Out

Show looks at depictions of violence against women in art

Here's Barbie as you've never seen her before: as a victim of domestic abuse.

Three have been selected for a display at Leicester University called Speaking Out which looks at depictions of violence against women in art.

This exhibition explores how survivors can overcome their traumatic experiences and promote a positive view of women's forms of resistance and empowerment through art.

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Sam Humphreys: 'Using Barbie is a nice way of using a toy that everyone recognises as an imagine of perfection and undercutting that

Sam Humphreys: 'The dolls are part of a project demonstrating how reality actually is and that life isn't perfect.'

Sam Humphreys: the only way domestic violence can be stamped out is by teaching children about respect from an early age.

Sam Humphreys: she wanted to show the difference between how children view the world and its much darker realities

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