

Battered Barbie displayed as a domestic abuse exhibit

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Student artist Sam Humphrey has projected Barbie as a victim of domestic abuse by painting the iconic doll with black eyes, bruises and blood onto the faces. Her project, It's A Matter Of Trust, has the tagline 'We shouldn't be taught that life is perfect.' The 41 year old who is a student of Contemporary Art and Design at the Writtle School of Design in Chelmsford, Essex used various dolls for her project, few bruised, few sick and others being beaten to death. Three have been selected for a display at Leicester University called Speaking Out which looks at depictions of violence against women in art. She aims at telling children the importance of respecting women from an early age and to let them know the dark realities of life.