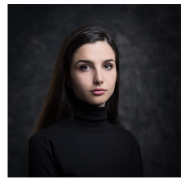


JUNIOR ILLUSTRATOR

Ellie Walsh



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Illustration graduate from the University of Brighton with a portfolio spanning editorial, children's book, and brand illustration. Completed **20+ freelance commissions** alongside studies and worked as an illustration assistant at a packaging design agency. Work published in **Printed Pages** magazine and shortlisted for the **AOI New Talent Award 2025**. Skilled in both digital and traditional media.

EXPERIENCE

Jun 2025 – Oct 2025

Illustration Assistant, Design Bridge & Partners, London

Supported the illustration team on brand and packaging design projects during a 5 month placement.

- Created **50+ illustration assets** for 4 FMCG packaging projects including a Unilever sub-brand refresh
- Developed **3 bespoke icon sets** (totalling 45 icons) for brand identity guidelines
- Prepared **8 client presentation decks** with illustration mockups, contributing to **3 successful pitches**
- Produced final artwork files for print production, working to **CMYK specifications** across **12 packaging formats**

Jan 2024 – Present

Freelance Illustrator, Self-employed, Brighton

Built a freelance illustration practice alongside university, working with editorial and brand clients.

- Completed **20+ commissions** for clients including independent publishers, small businesses, and student organisations
- Published editorial illustrations in **Printed Pages** magazine and **Brighton Source**
- Generated **£4,800 in revenue** over 18 months with a **100% client satisfaction rate**

EDUCATION

Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

BA (Hons) Illustration in Illustration, University of Brighton, Brighton

Graduated with First Class Honours (**75% average**). Final year project was a fully illustrated children's picture book exploring themes of neurodiversity, graded **80%**.

- Relevant modules: Editorial Illustration, Sequential Narrative, Printmaking, Visual Communication, Professional Practice
- Shortlisted for the **AOI New Talent Award 2025** from **600+ entries**

SKILLS

Digital Illustration (Procreate, Photoshop) • Adobe Illustrator • Adobe InDesign • Traditional Drawing & Painting • Screen Printing • Character Design • Editorial Illustration • Packaging Illustration • Print Production Preparation • Client Communication • Visual Storytelling • Colour Theory

CERTIFICATIONS

Sep 2024 – Sep 2025

Association of Illustrators (AOI) Student Member, Association of Illustrators

LANGUAGES

English - Native • Italian - Basic (A2)

PROJECTS

Oct 2024 – May 2025

Different Kinds of Brilliant (Children's Picture Book)

Illustrated and designed a 32 page children's picture book about neurodiversity as a final year project.

- Created **18 full-page illustrations** combining digital painting and hand-drawn textures
- Exhibited at the **University of Brighton Degree Show** and shortlisted for the AOI New Talent Award
- Received interest from **2 independent publishers** following the exhibition

Jun 2024 – Sep 2024

Brighton Independent Shop Portraits

A personal project illustrating the facades of 12 independent shops in Brighton's North Laine area.

- Created **12 screen-printed illustrations**, selling **85 prints** at a local art market and online
- Featured in **Brighton Source** magazine's summer arts roundup

REFERENCES

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Jan 2024 – Jun 2025

Co-founder - Brighton Zine Club

Co-founded a monthly illustration zine collective with fellow students and local artists.

- Published **12 monthly zines** featuring work from **35 different illustrators**
- Sold **400 copies** across Brighton independent bookshops and at **4 zine fairs**