## Police donate lost umbrellas to an art project

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Juliana Capes, "Exodus" Cupar Arts Festival 2016

Police Scotland has donated a number of lost umbrellas to an art project which is currently showing at the 119th Annual SSA (Society of Scottish Artists) Exhibition at the National Galleries of Scotland in the Royal Scottish Academy Building in Princes Street. ( 31 October to 24 November 2016)

This exhibition features a line up of work by established artists based in Scotland and internationally and new artists.

The umbrellas were recovered from Fettes Police Station and went on to be used in an art exhibition at the Cupar Arts Festival in June.

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Police Scotland has an ongoing commitment to clearing out its archives of lost and confiscated property. Several items have been donated to projects from across Scotland, including a donation of bikes.

Artist Juliana Capes, who created the exhibition, said: "Working with the lost property department has been very inspiring for me as an artist interested in the poignancy of lost objects.

"I am very grateful to Police Scotland for supporting my installation at the National Galleries."

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Superintendent Andrew Allan from Police Scotland's Criminal Justice Unit said: "This was a great use of lost property and we are thrilled that the project has done so well.

"Police Scotland is committed to the disposing of lost and confiscated items in a sustainable and cost effective way.

"I look forward to seeing the exhibit at the National Galleries."