

# **Saltire Society lists 40 under 40**

**The first 40 under 40 list has been compiled by the Saltire Society made up of 40 talented creative Scots.**

The outstanding talent comes from the areas of Literature and Publishing, Applied Sciences, Languages, Performing Arts and Visual Arts. The Society wants to bring them to public notice during the early to mid stages of their careers. The nominees were judged by a panel of experts with playwrights, singers, poets, climate activists, illustrators, printmakers, actors, musicians and a ground-breaking dentist.



Roseanne Watt



Laura Young – Less Waste Laura

Sarah Mason, Executive Director of The Saltire Society, said

“We had an extraordinary number of talented young people nominated from every corner of Scotland, including Shetland, Orkney and Tiree, through Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and into the borders and Dumfries & Galloway across all five categories. It goes to show the incredible range of creative talent living and working in Scotland today. We are thrilled to reveal our ‘40 Under 40’ and celebrate the very best of the best.”

The panel of experts appointed by the Saltire Society to judge the hundreds of names put forward were Rosemary Ward, Alan Bissett, Steve Parkes, Zoe Strachan and Calum Colvin.

### **Literature & Publishing**

Shehzar Doja (Poet & editor)

Harry Josephine Giles (Poet & novelist)

Pauline McKay (Academic specialising in Scottish literature)

Alicia Pirmohamed (Poet)

Maria Sledmere (Poet, editor, educator & critic)

Stef Smith (Playwright)

Roseanne Watt (Poet, film maker & musician)

Alasdair C Whyte (Gaelic singer, presenter & scholar)

### **Applied Sciences**

Beatriz Goulao (Statistician)

Jack-James Marlow (Space Rocket Engineer)

Mhairi McCann (Founder & CEO of Youth STEM 2030)

Niall McGoldrick (Dentist)

Zahra Rattray (Senior Lecturer in Translational Pharmaceuticals and Interdisciplinary Scientist)

Yasmin Sulaiman (Head of Partnerships, CodeBase)

Talat Yaqoob (Campaigner, Writer & Commentator)

Laura Young (Climate Influencer / Activist)

### **Languages**

Iona Brown (Gaelic teacher & singer)

Iona Fyfe (Singer)

Emma Grae (Author & Journalist)

Alistair Heather (Journalist)  
Linda MacLeod (Gaelic singer & TV Presenter)  
Ellen Pennie (Poet)  
Lana Pheutan (Gaelic singer, writer & actor)  
Ian Smith (Accordion Player & Musician)

### **Visual Arts**

Jennifer Argo (Multi-media artist)  
Flora Collingwood Norris (Textile designer)  
Michael Doherty (Portrait artist)  
Rhona Jack (Multi-disciplinary artist)  
Zephyr Liddell (Textile artist)  
Sekai Machache (Photographer & multi-media artist)  
Lily Macrae (Painter & printmaker)  
Joshua Wilson (Illustrator)

### **Performing Arts**

Kevin P. Gilday (Spoken word artist, theatre maker)  
Emma Hay (Programme manager)  
Kieran Hurley (Writer, performer, theatre Maker)  
Danielle Jam (Actor)  
Reuben Joseph (Actor)  
Isobel McArthur (Theatre maker & actor)  
Rachel Sermanni (Scottish folk & indie musician)  
Robyn Stapleton (Scots singer)





Shehzar Doja