THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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2. Challenges for universities, globally and in the United Kingdom
3. The way forward
4. A draft vision

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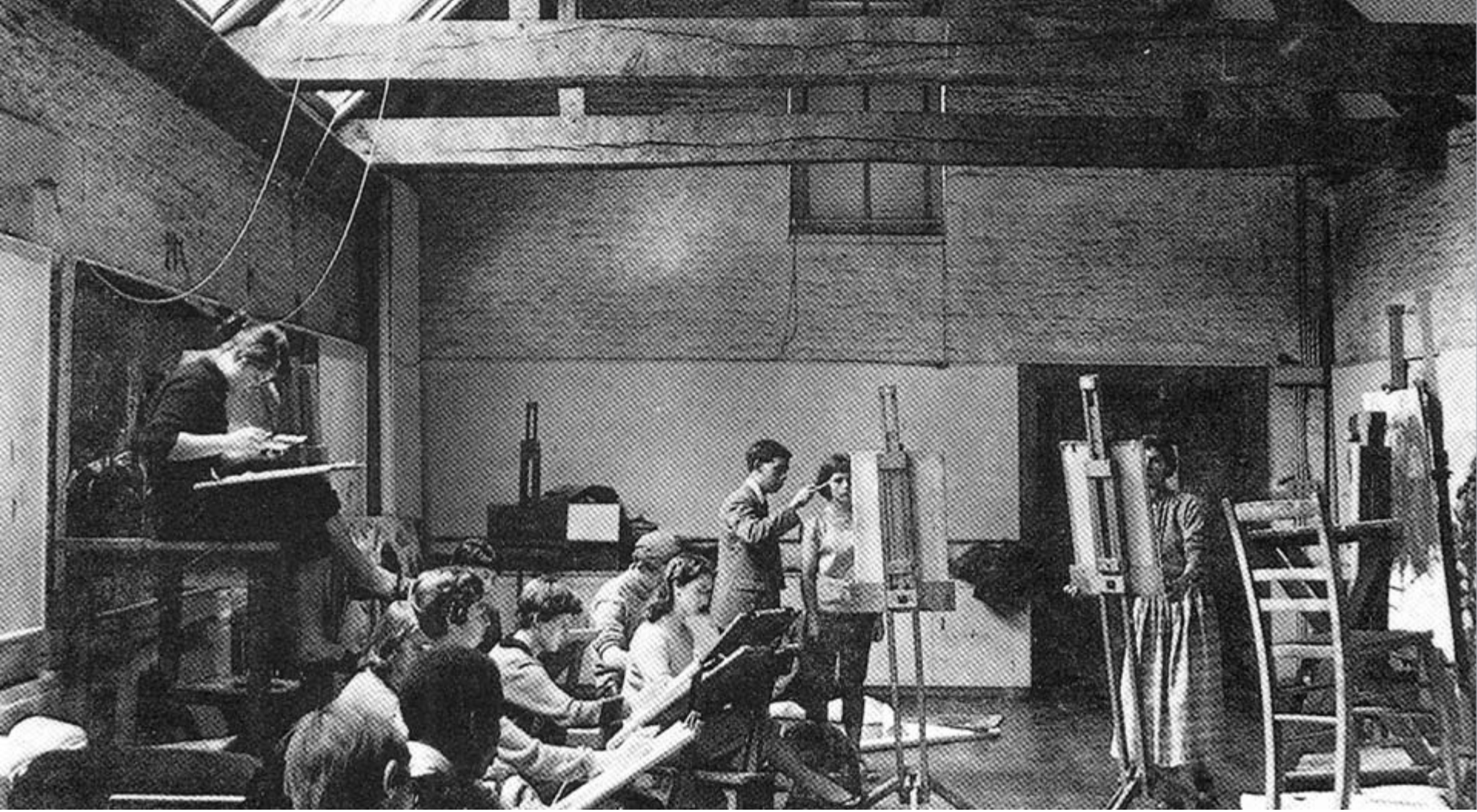

Bath School of Art and Design, c1940

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CREATING A UNIVERSITY

- Bath School of Art 1854
- Newton Park and Sion Hill post war teacher training institutions
- 1992 Degree awarding powers
- 1999 Bath Spa University College
- 2005 Bath Spa University
- 2008 Research Degree awarding powers

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CHALLENGES

- **International/global**
  - New technologies and forms of delivery
  - Global partnerships
- **UK**
  - Policy over the last two decades encouraged a one size fits all of research based generalist university
  - Now policy is encouraging a diversified sector
  - New fee regime and increased scrutiny
  - Importance of research excellence for doctoral students

- Based in Bath, Britain’s only world heritage city and centre of creative industries
- Sites of great historic importance and natural beauty.
- The model of American Liberal Arts Colleges of residential life and high quality education

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International Partnerships

- Liberal Arts Colleges
- Top research based creative writing, art and environment programs
- 2+2 offerings with community colleges
- Postgraduate intensive pathways

Certificate in Global Citizenship

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VISION

Bath Spa University is a leading educational institution in creativity, culture and enterprise. Through innovative teaching and research, the University provides a high quality student experience.

Its international networks ensure graduates are socially engaged global citizens while its location in a world heritage city brings an awareness of history and heritage.

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