

# TEXTILE + DESIGN LAB

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### Professor Sandy Black in residence at the TDL

Renowned knit designer, author and researcher, Professor Sandy Black, is currently on a 2 month residency with the Textile and Design Lab, where she is developing prototypes of several experimental knitwear design ideas whilst working with Senior Technician, Gordon Fraser. Sandy's visit to AUT, which has been funded by the Leverhulme Trust, has enabled her to apply her ideas through experimentation using seamless knitting techniques, an area that still holds vast scope for further development work. Sandy, who is Professor of Fashion and Textile Design and Technology at the London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London, will be in New Zealand until 20 March.



### Digital printing prices more affordable



*The lab's Mutoh digital textile printer*

Prices for digital textile printing for the lab's commercial partners have been reduced significantly thanks to improved efficiencies and lower dye prices for its recently commissioned Mutoh roll to roll inkjet printer. The lab encourages industry partners to engage with it to develop new print design prototypes, sampling and small scale production. The TDL specialises in the printing of natural fibre materials and carries a range of pre-treated fabrics including cottons, linens, silks, merino wools and viscose that are printed with water soluble reactive dyes. For enquiries, please email [tdl@aut.ac.nz](mailto:tdl@aut.ac.nz)

### 2015 short course programme

The Textile and Design Lab's 2015 short course programme gets underway in April. Each of the 2 day courses will be run twice during the year. The full schedule is as follows:

**Photoshop Basics for Textile Design:** 9-10 July and 3-4 December

**Illustrator Basics for Textile Design:** 9-10 April and 3-4 December

**Digital Textile Design (Intermediate Level) – Repeating Patterns:** 16-17 April and 10-11 December

**Knitwear Design:** 15-16 August and 5-6 December

**Knitting Basics:** 16-17 July and 10-11 December

**Introduction to Textiles:** 18-19 June and 3-4 December

Please email [tdl@aut.ac.nz](mailto:tdl@aut.ac.nz) for course information sheets and registration forms.

**Sparklab: Fashion + Future evening 25 February**

AUT's Textile and Design Lab and Colab will be presenting some of their latest research and development work in textile design and innovation at the Sparklab Fashion and Future evening scheduled for Wednesday evening, 25 February from 6–8 pm. Much of the current R&D being undertaken by the labs involves multi-disciplinary approaches that combine textiles and technology in novel ways. The event will be held at Spark Lab, Level 4, 52 Tyler Street, Britomart, Auckland. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. [Read more](#)

### **Felting workshops**

The Textile and Design Lab will be hosting a series of 1 day felting workshops on 14, 15 and 16 April. Lanette Freitag, President of feltLOOM Inc in the US will be presenting the workshops, which will be open to all interested parties. Lanette's company was established in 2003 having recognised the need for the development of a needle felting machine for the fibre artist and crafter market. For more information about the workshops, please email [tdl@aut.ac.nz](mailto:tdl@aut.ac.nz)



*The lab's new Feltloom*