



**TAILORED AT THE HUB  
30TH MARCH - JULY 7TH 2024**

### **The Brief**

We are delighted to invite the 62 Group of Textile Artists to develop new work exploring our theme 'Tailored'.

Tailored: from the Latin verb to cut and a word we associate particularly with suits and suiting. The cloth produced at the Mill was most commonly used for suits and although they weren't produced here, Leeds is well known as the birthplace of that great suit producer and supplier, Marks & Spencer.

62 Group members are invited to submit work that responds to the word "tailored" and its meaning to you and your practice. For example, is it the process of making, spinning yarn, designing, weaving, and dyeing cloth or the pattern cutting and sewing of a garment? Does it relate to the fabric of the Mill building or to those people that made it? Or perhaps the cloth's journey after leaving the Mill, to those who used it and wore it?

What relevance does the word "tailored" have now? Does it have connotations of gender? How has its use extended beyond textiles to explain how we adapt and respond to our circumstances? Is its meaning as simple as the word "made"?

The exhibition will take place at the Hub a former grain warehouse a beautiful light and airy space.

Resources:

- Tailor: The Concise Dictionary of Oxford English 5<sup>th</sup> Edn 1964  
*n. 1. Maker of (esp. Men's) garments esp. to order*  
*Tailorbird, kind of small bird sewing leaves together to form nest; tailormade, (esp. of woman's dress) made by---- usu. W. little ornament & w. special attention to exact fit; ... Tailors twist, kind of strong silk thread*  
*2.vb be work as a [ME & AF taillour, = of OF tailleor f. LL taliatorum taliare*
- Concise Oxford English Dictionary 12<sup>th</sup> Edition 2011

Tailor *n. a person whose occupation is making clothes such as suits for individual customers v.1. (of a tailor) a person who makes (clothes) to fit individual customers 2. Make or adapt for a purpose or person*  
-DERIVATIVES *tailoring (noun)*  
- ORIGIN ME: *from anglo saxon fr. Taillour, lit. 'cutter' based on late L taliare "to cut"*

*Tailored – adj – (of clothes) smart, fitted, and well cut*

- [www.sunnybankmills.co.uk](http://www.sunnybankmills.co.uk) – resources include 3D films of the Archive; the former weaving sheds (now Weavers' Green – an outdoor space) and the former finishing rooms. There are also several oral histories
- [www.Leeds2023.co.uk](http://www.Leeds2023.co.uk)
- Tours – you are very welcome to come and visit us – lots to inspire!

Any further questions – please ask [arts@sunnybankmills.co.uk](mailto:arts@sunnybankmills.co.uk)