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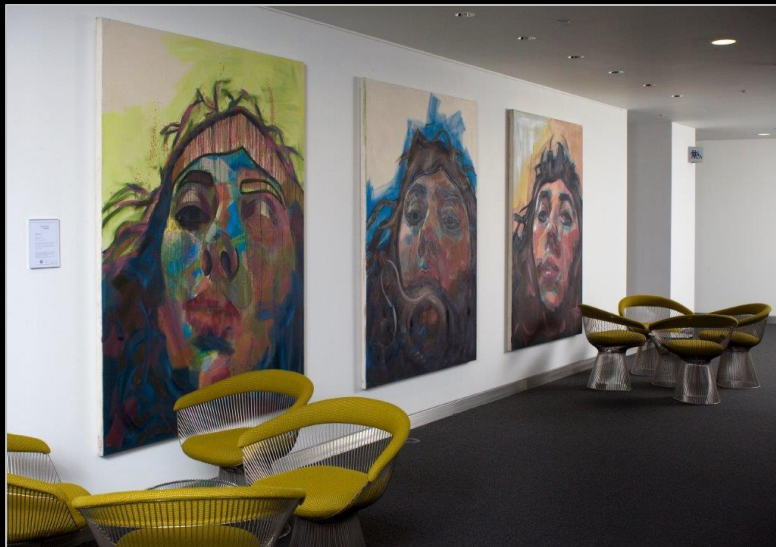


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For emerging artists, the transition from art school to the commercial world can be a daunting process. Clyde & Co, a global law firm, created the Clyde & Co Art Award when it moved into its new London headquarters. Now in its sixth year, this Art Award nurtures and encourages emerging talent in the visual arts by supporting art graduates in their professional development and paying them fairly to show their work – both vital elements to enable them to sustain their practice. This annual Award offers a £5,000 prize selected by a panel of professional judges, as well as a £2000 staff vote prize. Additionally, the scheme provides free legal advice and business mentoring from Clyde & Co staff and other art professionals and the assistance in the sale of their work through an online auction. The second aspect of the Clyde & Co Art Award is a national commission competition known as “The Blank Canvas”. A highly visible 18m wall, with enormous creative potential, is made available for a site-specific commission each year. The commission is open to all final year Fine Arts undergraduate students across the UK. Since the launch of this Art Award in London, it has been established in other Clyde & Co offices around the world.