

Positive Emotion

First and foremost, our workshops are fun. They are a chance to learn a new skill, meet new people, use your hands and play. The creative process is a chance to make mistakes and laugh at them.

Engagement

Our workshops provide a valuable change of pace. Different parts of our brains are engaged when working with physical materials, colour, texture and shape. Doing something different and creative is a valuable way to recharge and reconnect with what we love.

Relationships

Students are also encouraged to help one another explore the possibilities of the craft, form or nurture friendships, and laugh together during the creative process.

Meaning

Hats are shown to have meaning beyond their face value, as objects of personal expression and pride.

Accomplishment

Students complete the workshops with a sense of accomplishment at having learned something of the trade of millinery, and with a physical reward - a beautifully-finished designer headpiece - as a lasting reminder of their experience and the skills they have gained.