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Mission:

The Department of Visual Education at the Faculty of Pre-school and Primary Education of Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) prepares future educators to teach visual arts at the pre-school, primary and secondary school levels. We believe that the objective of visual arts education is to develop the personalities of young children while fostering their competences. We view art as a tool, rather than an outcome; the purpose of our artistic work at the department is to develop the personalities of our students, rather than to train future artists.

Research:

At the Department of Visual Education, we train students to become pre-school educators, future primary school teachers, or visual arts teachers for secondary-level elementary students. Within the department, Dr Gabriella Pataky established the "3612+ Visual Skills Lab" for primarily research purposes. This workshop fills a double function at the university: in addition to acting as a research centre, it is also a creative hub where the experiences gained via arts education are shared in the spirit of Huba

Bálványos, our department's founder. The projects conducted at this workshop focus on creating a structure for analysing visual skills while additionally examining aspects connected to the development of these competence elements. The related research areas include design education from the perspective of construction skills; education regarding the built environment (as first in the Hungarian primary teacher training scene); and the development of plastic art skills.