



## \* POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 1 // MAY 2020 \*

Hello, Kate from POP here.

I hope you are all well, keeping safe and managing to stay creative during this tricky time!



**We're obviously not able to open POP's doors at the moment; but I hope this newsletter helps to contribute towards keeping Renfrewshire's creative makers and visual artists connected, supported and inspired.**

I've included a round-up of links to opportunities and up to date resources offering support - as well as some links to sites, blogs and articles to nourish your creative soul. Please send in feedback and ideas for things to include in future bulletins. I'd also like this newsletter to showcase and promote you and your work, please get in touch if you would like a feature in the next issue.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you need any extra support or advice; email [kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or phone **07483 360714** (weekdays from 9am – 5pm) and I will endeavour to help and support as best I can.

## \*\* FUNDING & FINANCIAL SUPPORT \*\*

### Creative Scotland Resource Directory

#### COVID-19 FUNDING AND RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Creative Scotland have put together an **A-Z of funding and resources** available to those in the creative community, who have been affected by Coronavirus (Covid-19).

<https://www.creativescotland.com/resources/professional-resources/covid-19-directory>

### Craft Scotland Financial Support Tool Kit



Craft Scotland have a regularly updated **Maker's Guide to Coronavirus (COVID-19)** on their site as well as a comprehensive overview of the current financial support available to individuals and organisations that can be downloaded as a PDF.

<https://www.craftscotland.org/journal/article/maker-guide-to-coronavirus>

### Culture Counts



The Culture Counts website shares details of the Scottish Government's announcement of £100m in additional **funding for self-employed, micro and SME businesses** impacted by Covid-19.

<https://culturecounts.scot/news/2020/4/24/creative-tourism-hospitality-enterprises-hardship-fund>



## Emergency Art Workers Support Fund

**Visual Arts Scotland** has initiated the Emergency Art Workers Support Fund (EAWSF), a temporary relief fund that aims to support creative practitioners who have been impacted by COVID-19. The aim is to ensure fixed micro grants of £250 go to individuals facing an immediate loss of income from their creative freelance work:  
<https://www.visualartsscotland.org/blog-article/emergency-art-workers-support-fund---round-two>



## Independent Arts Projects

There is also a great list of resources, support, help, info and advice collated by Independent Arts Projects - including **links to financial advice and emergency funding** here: <http://www.independentartsprojects.com/covid-19-impact-on-arts-workers/>

## \*\* NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS \*\*

There are a number of membership organisations that it might be worth thinking about joining, some are free – for others there is a fee. There are lots of benefits of joining up with other creatives to share experiences and to support each other, especially during these times where we can't physically meet up, chat and share experiences...



**Sign up to Creative Renfrewshire's Gathering Voices project.** Creative Renfrewshire are making an online directory of Renfrewshire's creative individuals, organisations, groups and businesses - to increase visibility and enable more creative connections. Fill in their online survey here:

<https://creativerenfrewshire.com/tc-events/gathering-voices/>



If you can join up to **SCAN (Scottish Contemporary Art Network)** then they are currently hosting weekly Zoom meetings at 11am every Thursday – open to all members. Each week there is a theme, with guest speakers, announced on the Tuesday beforehand the Thursday event.

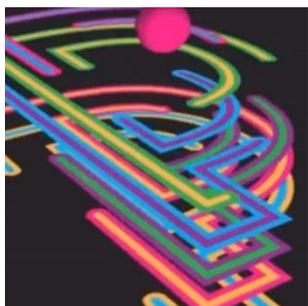
Find out more about the network here: <https://sca-net.org/>



**Glasgow CAN** supports artists and organisations whose practice engages people across communities, and champions Participatory Arts.

Joining G-CAN is free; their work does focus on Glasgow – but, it is worth emailing to see whether you can join up ... seeing as Renfrewshire isn't a million miles away! They are offering 1-1 sign ups for advice sessions: <https://glasgowcan.org/>

## \*\* OPPORTUNITIES \*\*



### CALL FOR ENTRIES

This a network AND an opportunity! The **Paisley Art Institute** is a membership organisation open to visual artists & art lovers.

This year, due to the COVID-19 lockdown their amazing annual exhibition (the 132nd no less) will be an online presentation. They will showcase work by members and non-members alike; online registration is open now, and you can find details of how to enter your work here:

<http://www.paisleyartinstitute.org/exhibitions/entry-2020/>

## \*\* CREATIVE INSPIRATION \*\*

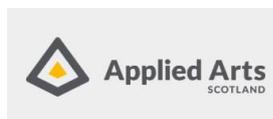


While browsing through my Instagram feed I came across this!

Paisley-based artist, Caroline Gormley has hit the national newspaper headlines with her brilliant toilet paper painting project; an oil painting on a leaf of toilet roll per day, depicting current events.

One of the best creative responses to the Covid-19 pandemic that I've seen so far. Read more here:

<https://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/artists-incredible-toilet-paper-art-18164323>



**Voices of Makers** blog is a space created by Applied Arts Scotland (AAS) for makers to share experiences, information and ideas to support and inspire each other. AAS is a membership organisation **run by makers for makers.**

<https://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/category/voices-of-makers/>



And lastly, here's a link to **The Double Negative's** Isolation Culture Special : <http://www.thedoublenegative.co.uk/2020/03/self-isolation-culture-special-free-film-music-art-essays-books-and-more/>

A quick hitlist of (non-mainstream) culture to dive straight into; including film, music, art, essays, books and more – which has definitely been keeping me sane over the past few weeks...

## \*\* SIGN UP & STAY IN TOUCH \*\*

I hope you've enjoyed reading this newsletter; perhaps discovered some useful advice, been cheered up by Caroline's toilet roll paintings or inspired to enter the PAI annual exhibition!

I'd really like to keep Renfrewshire's creative community connected, and find ways to support artists, makers and creative freelancers in the area through this time and into the future. Please sign up, join in and stay in touch - but most importantly... **Stay safe and well!** Best wishes, Kate

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