



*** POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 2 // JUNE 2020***

Hello, Kate from POP here!

Thank you for signing up to receive this newsletter; I will aim to share links and information about funding



and networking, highlight creative call outs and commission opportunities and provide a place to showcase the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives and organisations.

I'll be sending out a new issue every two weeks. So, please get in touch if you have anything that you would like to include in upcoming editions.

Also, in these strange and uncertain times - please do not hesitate to reach out should you need any extra support or advice; email 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****

OPEN FUND SUSTAINING CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

CREATIVE SCOTLAND OPEN FUND

This fund aims to enable individuals and organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances. Applications for between £1k - £50k are currently being considered, with no deadlines. The fund can support activity for up

to 12 months. The Open Fund for organisations will not be in competition for funding applications for individuals. For more details on how to apply, visit the CS website: <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development>

I am happy to look through and help with any applications to this fund. Just email me!

The Goldsmiths' COVID-19 Fund

THE GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY

Applications for the Goldsmiths' Company COVID-19 crises fund are closed; but they have put together information about government-relief, charity grants and resources to help crafts makers to access the most useful support

available during this time: <https://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk/charity/goldsmiths-covid-19-fund/further-resources/>

NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS



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/>



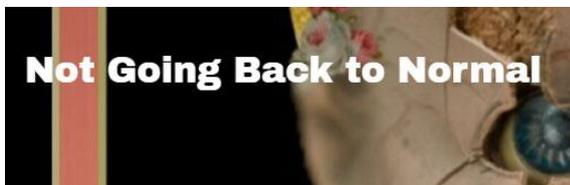
SCOTTISH ARTISTS UNION lobbies on behalf of visual artists and makers working in Scotland, defending their rights, expanding their benefits and fighting to make their professional practice a means to support a better quality of life. You can read about the benefits of joining here: <https://www.artistsunion.scot/about>



RENFREWSHIRE WRITERS' FORUM is a space for Renfrewshire's writers and publishers to come together to nurture local writing and encourage accessibility. Get in touch with info@paisleybookfest.com

for information on joining this new network.

CALL FOR ENTRIES



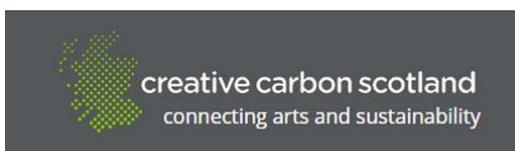
NOT GOING BACK TO NORMAL want your radical art and ideas for remaking the art world **by and for** disabled people. They are making a website and a book, and are paying for short contributions. The deadline for submissions is 29 June 2020. Find out more:

<https://www.notgoingbacktonormal.com/>



CRYPTIC NIGHTS is an **annual open call for emerging, Scottish-based artists** to develop existing music, sound and digital works within a visual context, with support and mentoring from Cryptic. The deadline for applications is 11 June 2020 at 12:00. For more info head over to:

<https://www.cryptic.org.uk/cryptic-nights/>



CREATIVE CARBON SCOTLAND are seeking artists and environmentalists with ideas for creative online events connecting the arts and environmentalism to be run during physical distancing as part of the Green Tease

programme. The deadline for ideas is 01 July 2020 – and you can find out more here: <https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/project/green-tease/>

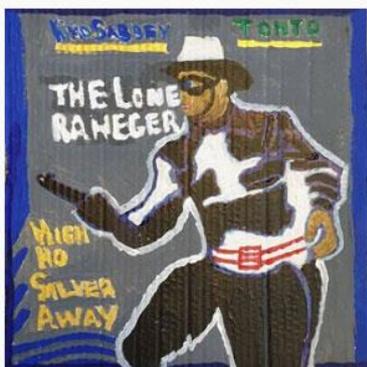
CREATIVE INSPIRATION



FUTURE PAISLEY PODCAST Tune in to this brilliant first episode - featuring Sharon McAulay (Star Project) and Alan McNiven (Engage Renfrewshire). Their conversation explores the role culture plays during lockdown and the rise of new digital barriers that they are both working to overcome.

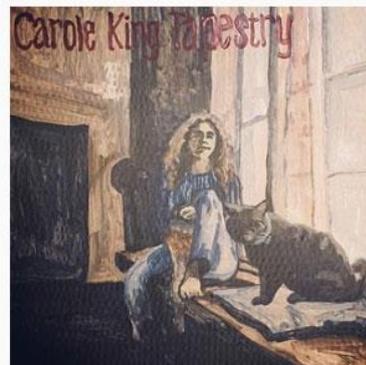
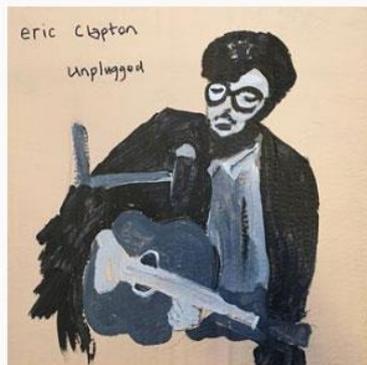
<https://soundcloud.com/futurepaisley/the-future-paisley-podcast-1-cultural-conversations>

TAKE PART



One event due to have featured in POP throughout May 2020 was Renfrewshire Mental Health Arts Festival's Perspectives exhibition featuring a wonderful display of record sleeves painted by inpatient art groups at Dykebar and Leverndale Hospital and the Sunshine Recovery cafe, Paisley.

Sarah Grant, NHS Arts Co-ordinator explains, "*The theme of the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival 2020 was Perspectives and here in Renfrewshire we embraced the idea of seeing our life through the perspective of music and recognising all the ways it shapes our life and brings so much meaning. Reflecting on the 'desert island disks' idea we invited all our art groups to recreate their favourite album cover on a simple 12-inch piece of cardboard.*"



The results have been amazing, and are currently being shared online in the RMHAF virtual Instagram gallery, https://www.instagram.com/smhaf_ren/

It's well worth popping over there to have a look! The project continues to grow, and if you would like to take part by painting your own favourite record cover, RMHAF are inviting everyone to join in. Email Sarah.Grant2@ggc.scot.nhs.uk to find out more, or join the Mindspace Open Gallery group on Facebook – and add your painting there: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2405146043110055/>

I am looking forward to exhibiting this huge album art collection in POP, once restrictions have lifted, and celebrating the shared experience of enjoying music in our lives!



**** CREATIVE COLLABORATION ****

INVITATION TO COLLABORATE WITH BEAUTIFUL WILD TEXTILES

Renfrewshire-based textile designer - Beautiful Wild Textiles – is looking for people to send in photographs from their lockdown experiences to contribute towards the development of a new fabric collection.

"My project is based on light, how we perceive it and how it can completely alter the way we see things. I'm taking photos of night lights, shadows, reflections, opacity, luminescence and working with phosphorus pigment and colours to create art using black lighting. I'm looking for contributions of photographs that people have taken from their period in lockdown, either through their windows or out on walks.

I will use the images in an abstract form to create textile art. Any photos I use will be fully credited and exhibited with the work created at some point in the hopefully not too distant future." Send your contributions to: beautifulwildtextiles@gmail.com

****SIGN UP & STAY IN TOUCH****

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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