



# // POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 3 //

Hello, Kate from POP here. Thank you for signing up!

We've got a whole new look going on this week; and I am really pleased to be joined by Janis, Louise, Marie, Pamela, MurielAnn & Richard to share news, updates, opportunities, information and inspiration from all across the creative spectrum.

Our aim is to share links and information about funding support, networks, creative call outs and opportunities while also providing a place to showcase the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives and organisations. Please get in touch if you have anything that you would like us to include in upcoming editions.

Also, in these strange and uncertain times - please don't hesitate to reach out should you need any extra support or advice; send an email to [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk) and we will endeavour to help and support as best we can.

## // FUNDING & SUPPORT //



### HELP MUSICIANS CORONAVIRUS HARDSHIP FUND PHASE 2

Help Musicians' second wave of hardship support will help those ineligible for government emergency safety nets or unable to survive on what they receive. Find out more:

[www.helpmusicians.org.uk/news/latest-news/](http://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/news/latest-news/)



SCREEN SCOTLAND is a great place to start finding out about the support available for film across Scotland.

[www.screen.scot/funding-and-support](http://www.screen.scot/funding-and-support)

This website holds a wide range of information; from funding major films to screen education, of particular interest might be the funding for short film section.



### PRS: WOMEN MAKE MUSIC

This fund can support projects by women, trans and non binary songwriters, composers, artists, bands and performers who are writing their own music. You can find out more on the PRS site:

[prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/](http://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/)



CREATIVE EDINBURGH have launched COVID-19 Support Drop-in Sessions with industry professionals.

Despite the name, these sessions are open to creative businesses or freelancers from across Scotland who are looking for support and guidance in any of the following areas: Marketing & Branding, Technical Transformation, Freelancing / Working from home, Finance Management, Project Management & Leadership. To have a chat with one of their Industry Supporters, you can book a drop-in session using the form on the **Covid 19 Drop In Sessions** page on: [www.creative-edinburgh.com/articles/](http://www.creative-edinburgh.com/articles/)



### CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURS CLUB: THEATRE AND FILM MAKERS FORUM

Join Writer and Artistic Director Sandy Thomson for a dedicated group discussion with theatre and film makers. These intimate sessions are an opportunity for anyone generating their own work to bounce ideas and current thoughts around a small group of supportive peers. 15th June:

[creativeentrepreneursclub.co.uk/event/creative-chat-for-theatre-and-film/](http://creativeentrepreneursclub.co.uk/event/creative-chat-for-theatre-and-film/)

## // NETWORKS & PEER SUPPORT //



**Xponorth** Scotland's leading creative industries conference and support network, has been reimagined as an immersive digital edition.

Over 60 speakers will take to the digital stage to discuss key themes emerging across the creative industries, heritage and digital sectors. Tickets are available via

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/xponorth-2020-conference-tickets-90624549467](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/xponorth-2020-conference-tickets-90624549467)



### SCOTTISH WOMEN INVENTING MUSIC

SWIM is a collection of music creators and industry professionals who identify as female. Membership consists of women working in all areas and genres of music, who are committed to achieving a level playing field for women, pushing for gender equality across the music industry.

[www.scottishwomeninventingmusic.com/](http://www.scottishwomeninventingmusic.com/)



### YOUTH THEATRE ARTS SCOTLAND - LOCKDOWN IDEAS SWAP SHOP

YTAS have been hosting online skill share sessions as part of their YT Essentials Online programme. Loads of brilliant practitioners have been sharing their top tips and activity ideas for facilitating workshops online.

[www.ytas.org.uk/resources/all-resources/lockdown-ideas-swap-shop/](http://www.ytas.org.uk/resources/all-resources/lockdown-ideas-swap-shop/)



### INDEPENDENT ARTS PROJECTS ONLINE RESOURCES

Independent Arts Projects are holding online discussions where they connect freelancers and venues, regularly funded companies, and festivals to better understand the industry context we are all in. More:

[www.independentartsprojects.com/what-were-doing/](http://www.independentartsprojects.com/what-were-doing/)

## // OPPORTUNITIES //



### OUT OF PLACE OPEN CALL

Renfrewshire Leisure Arts invite submissions: Cabaret, Comedy, Dance, Music, Poetry, Theatre - adult and/or family audiences. Digital & non digital welcome. COVID19 Scottish Government phase/s compliant please. Info: [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



### OUR LOVE MICRO-COMMISSIONS / DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY ARTS FESTIVAL

Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival have launched eleven micro-commissions in total from £300 - £1000 all for artists based in Scotland working in performing arts. Theme is LOVE.

Closing date is 5th July at midnight. Send your proposals / questions to [programme@dgartsfestival.org.uk](mailto:programme@dgartsfestival.org.uk). For more info visit:

[www.dgartsfestival.org.uk/our-love-micro-commissions/](http://www.dgartsfestival.org.uk/our-love-micro-commissions/)



### SHORT CIRCUIT FILM FESTIVAL SHARP SHORTS

15K development for new short films

Writers, writer/directors or filmmaking teams of writer, director and producer are invited to submit a one-page outline of their film idea. The best 15 ideas will be selected to work with Short Circuit with up to £15K development support. Deadline 15th June:

<https://shortcircuit.scot/sharp-shortts/>



### FREE ONLINE MUSIC COURSES

The Academy of Music and Sound are running short online courses in Sound Production, Synthesis, Rap & hip hop, Working in Live Music and Women's Employability. More:

[www.academyofmusic.ac.uk/short-course-music-scotland-apply/](http://www.academyofmusic.ac.uk/short-course-music-scotland-apply/)

## // OPPORTUNITIES Cont. //



### ARTIST OPPORTUNITY: COLOUR IN RENFREWSHIRE

We are making a colour in book to celebrate Renfrewshire. The book will be available through Renfrewshire Libraries and distributed to care homes. Please submit a description of the drawing you would enter, a short paragraph of no more than 100 words; also include a copy of your current CV and 3 examples of recent artwork. Successful artists will be paid £200 per drawing. For a simple entry form and more info please contact Pam Givan; [pamela.givan@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.givan@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



Paisley Art Centre's popular Frame by Frame open mic film night is back in a new online form - **IN THE FRAME** - which will premier soon on REN TV. If you have a locally produced film you would like to show (preferably under 10 mins long) please contact Richard Weeks, Film Project Producer [richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



### MAKE MUSIC DAY

A global festival of music making for everyone to take part in on 21 June, now DIGITAL. Livestream your own performance or take part in a project and be part of the UK and worldwide celebration. <https://makemusicday.co.uk/get-involved/>



### GET INVOLVED! CONNECTING THREADS

Dance Create Connect and Celebrate Paisley's SmaShot Day 2020 with All Or Nothing's Connecting Threads Project. Learn and create your own movement to a specially commissioned soundtrack, film it, send it to them and they'll use it to help create two short films to be shown as part of Sma' Shot Day 2020. Anyone can take part! No dance or creative experience necessary. [www.aerialdance.co.uk/connecting-threads/](http://www.aerialdance.co.uk/connecting-threads/)

## // INSPIRATION //



### BLACK AND CREATIVE IN SCOTLAND

Writer Tomiwa Folorunso explores the experience of being a black female artist in Scotland in this brilliant radio documentary. Listen: [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000j21y](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000j21y)



### THE PAISLEY SONGWRITER'S GUILD

After hosting a special 10th anniversary lockdown live stream on 30th May, PSG have archived all performances from local Paisley musicians over at their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/the-psg/](http://www.facebook.com/the-psg/)



### FUTURE PAISLEY PODCAST

The 2nd Future Paisley podcast is now live! This week Craig, from EMMS, speaks with writer Alan Bissett and musician Crawford Smith. Based in Lochwinnoch, this episode explores the new roles they have found themselves in, the impact Covid-19 has had on their careers and their village, as well as looking at new ways of platforming their work. <https://soundcloud.com/futurepaisley/>



### SCOTTISH MENTAL HEALTH ARTS FESTIVAL - WEEK 6

The SMHAF continues into its sixth week with a programme of online events; this week includes two film premieres with Q&As, puppetry, poetry and music. Well worth heading over to [www.mhfestival.com/news/637-smhaf-2020-week-six](http://www.mhfestival.com/news/637-smhaf-2020-week-six) to see what's on offer.

## // FEATURES //



### TINY REVOLUTIONS RENFREWSHIRE

Do you enjoy being creative and trying new things; are you looking to simply pass time creatively in lockdown and beyond or perhaps encourage and motivate your friends and family to try new things... then Tiny Revolutions Renfrewshire is just the thing for you! Every Friday Renfrewshire Leisure's Arts Team will post a new Tiny Revolutions Renfrewshire activity card on their website -

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/arts-projects](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/arts-projects)

Join in and get creative in an easy and fun way and share what you make by emailing [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or posting on social media using the hashtag **#TinyRevolutionsRen**

This week's activity shows you how to turn one sheet of A4 paper into a 2 Metre Message for you to share with your family and friends - a tiny revolution of connection in these disconnected times.



### DIGITAL PERFORMANCE PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

is imminent - and it has a distinctively Renfrewshire twist! There's Seashore Art School with Fiona Fishfinger, the Mermaid who lives under the Erskine Bridge - and her pal Lucy who loves to borrow books from Glenburn Library! Episode 1 sees a game of Trash or Treasure - plus Lucy's Mum introduces us to Print-Making. Many readers will be fans of regular visitors to Paisley Arts Centre, Clydebuilt who's Puppet Snippets guide us through making our very own Gingerbread Man puppet show! There'll be a chance to dance our way to the moon with Shaper Caper's Moon Capers - and plenty of time to relax with Storytime with Auntie Mairi, where you can join Auntie Mairi, Mirren Mouse and Buddy Puppet from their secret cottage on Love Street! Keep an eye on Paisley Arts Centre Facebook page and Twitter feed for dates and times!

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

We're looking 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!



### NEW OUTDOOR EXHIBITION - PAISLEY MUSEUM HOARDINGS

New posters will be installed outside Paisley Museum this week featuring work made by pupils at Gallowhill Primary School and Paisley Grammar School as part of Future Paisley's Artists & Residents programme.

The posters showcase a series of stills from Gallowhill All Stars - a film by the P7 class of 2020 at Gallowhill Primary made with animator and artist Hannah Fox and spoken word poet Cat Hepburn; as well as a selection of thoughts and reflections from S1 and S6 pupils at Paisley Grammar School made into artworks using an alphabet of letters created by S4 students with their bodies and objects from the classroom in a series of workshops with artists Ruby Pester & Nadia Rossi.



### TINY CHANGES FUNDRAISER

Tiny Changes is a Scottish mental health charity set up in memory of Scott Hutchison (Frightened Rabbit) with a focus on children and young people. For one weekend only, Tiny Changes and friends will live stream from their own homes via the Tiny Changes Facebook page on 20 & 21 June. The event is a - pay what you can, if you can - fundraiser in aid of Tiny Changes. Featuring performances from The Staves, Bill Ryder Jones, Tim Burgess, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and Paisley-based songwriter Heir of the Cursed: [www.facebook.com/TinyChanges/](http://www.facebook.com/TinyChanges/)