



## // POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 4 //

Hello, all!

Thank you for signing up to the POP newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading our fourth issue; that once again brings together news, updates, opportunities, information and inspiration from all across the creative spectrum.

Our aim is to share up-to-date information about funding support, networks, creative call outs and opportunities; and also to provide a platform to showcase the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives and organisations. Please get in touch if you have any news, ideas or suggestions that you would like us to include in the next edition.

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.

## // COMMISSIONS, FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES //



### EDWIN MORGAN TRUST - ARTIST GRANT SCHEME

The Trust is delighted to announce an artist grant scheme for #EdwinMorgan100. The *Second Life* (the title taken from Morgan's breakthrough 1968 collection), supported by Creative Scotland and the Saltire Society will provide funding for creative practitioners across art forms to respond to Morgan's work, giving it a 'second life'.

The scheme provides 8 x £1,500 and 8 x £750 grants, funded by Creative Scotland, and 1 x £2,500 grant funded by the Saltire Society's 'Inspiring Scotland' scheme, to Scottish community groups, writing collectives, artists, curators, writers, actors, playwrights, musicians and collaborators who propose to give Morgan's work a 'second life'.

Open Call for the 8 x £750 grants is now open | Deadline - July 20

<https://edwinmorgantrust.com/the-second-life/>



### THE CULTURE OF SOLIDARITY FUND

The Culture of Solidarity Fund supports cultural initiatives, that in the midst of the global pandemic crisis reinforce European solidarity and the idea of Europe as a shared public space.

Awards of €5 - £50k available | Deadline for Round 2 - July 14

<https://culturalfoundation.eu/culture-of-solidarity>



### DADAFEST INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

D/deaf or disabled artists & disabled-led companies: apply for one of 4 festival commissions of up to £2,500 each to create new digital artworks to be presented as part of @DaDaFest International Festival in November 2020

Deadline - July 20

<https://dadafest.co.uk/artist-call-out/festival-commissions/>



For writers & performance makers:

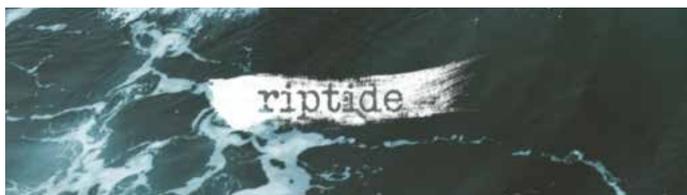
Applications for @broccoli\_arts seed commissions are now open! Broccoli focuses on presenting and nurturing work by/for/about lesbian, bisexual and queer women (LBQW)\* across stage and page and our commissioning priorities will be in keeping with this focus.

Apply for £2500 plus mentoring for new pieces of writing or performance that can stand alone, or that might be further developed after Aug-Sept  
Deadline - July 3

[https://twitter.com/broccoli\\_arts](https://twitter.com/broccoli_arts)

*\*this is a trans inclusive definition, meaning trans womxn & non-binary femmes would come under this umbrella*

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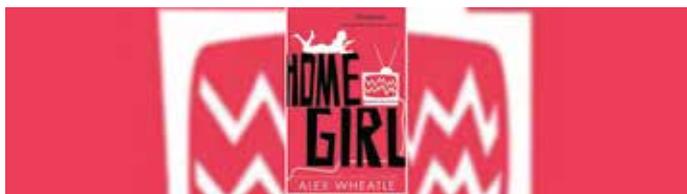


For early-career directors based in the North:

@riptide\_uk are looking for Assistant Directors to work with them on upcoming digital projects: Project Intimacy and The Lucky Ones.

£1k fee for approx 10 days work.

<http://theriptide.co.uk/projects#/assistant-director/>



For writers:

@DerbyTheatre is commissioning an adaptation of Alex Wheatle's Home Girl for young theatre-makers. Ideally writers with a lived experience of the Care system, who were born, raised or are based in the Midlands.

£3,992.23 fee | Deadline - July 6

<https://derbytheatre.co.uk/news/>



### ART TECHNICIAN EMERGENCY FUND

a-n is pleased to announce that it will distribute over £27k from the Art Technician Emergency Fund, which was set up to support UK art technicians who have lost their livelihoods due to Covid-19.

<https://t.co/OU2gD1pzbd>



### CORONA VIRUS MICRO COMMISSIONS

Magnetic North have launched a round of Micro-Commissions for individual artists based in Scotland. There will be a total of seven £1000 commissions to support artists to undertake any work that is connected to their practice: for example, developing a new idea, reflecting on a past project, or spending time writing, drawing, moving or whatever it is that they do.

You can apply now and the closing date is 3rd July at 5pm.

[www.magneticnorth.org.uk/artist-development/support-2](http://www.magneticnorth.org.uk/artist-development/support-2)

## // NETWORKS, ADVOCACY & PEER SUPPORT //

Culture &  
Creative Industries  
Infrastructure  
Fund Proposal

CULTURE COUNTS have written to Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary Economy, Fair Work and Culture. Their letter provides an outline of their ideas and proposals for the Scottish Government to successfully support Scotland's cultural sector, industry and wider society through the Covid-19 crisis and beyond. To avoid mass unemployment, a talent drain and a widespread loss of infrastructure across the cultural and creative sector, they propose that the Scottish Government invest in a Culture and Creative Industries Infrastructure Fund.

To read more, and to complete their Covid-19 impact survey, visit:

<https://culturecounts.scot/coronavirus>



Scottish Music Centre - Advice & Resources for the Scottish Music Sector SMC's Covid-19 website has advice and guidance for musicians, music businesses and freelancers.

They have gathered an extensive list of resources with the aim of providing support to those working in the Scottish Music Industry.

<https://www.smc-covid19.com/>

### UK Music Survey

UK Music unveils 2020

Workforce Diversity Survey in fight to bring about 'major change' in the music industry,

Fill out the survey to shape and influence a more diverse UK music scene:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UKMDS2020>



@Utopia\_Theatre have launched Creative Hub, 6 months of FREE courses & workshops with world-leading African artists.

Directing, stage management, writing, dance, drumming, acting, storytelling, voice, movement, improv & devising.

More here: <https://utopiathatre.co.uk/thecreativehub>

## // #ARTIST SUPPORT PLEDGE //

# HOW TO

## #artistsupportpledge

Stay connected @artistsupportpledge

Founded by @matthewburrowsstudio

### WHAT IT IS - AND HOW TO TAKE PART

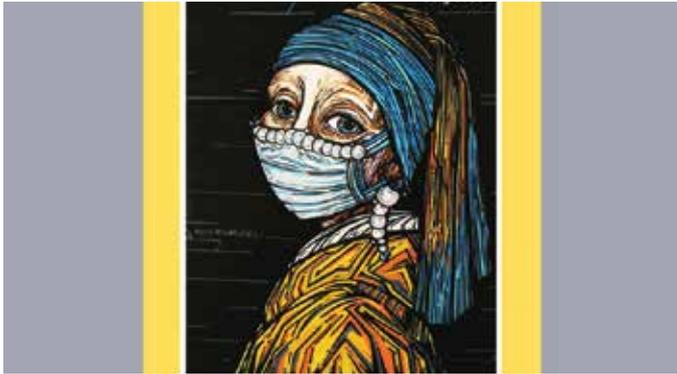
Thank you to Laura Proven (a.k.a. Paisley Pins) for reminding me about this initiative, and for suggesting that I include it in this week's issue.

**ARTIST SUPPORT PLEDGE** is an initiative to support of artists and makers established and led by artist Matthew Burrows on 16th March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Artists and makers post images onto their own Instagram timeline using the hashtag **#artistsupportpledge** - giving details of the work and price (no more than £200). If people are interested in buying, they message (DM) the artist.

*Every time an artist reaches £1,000 of sales, they commit to buy £200 of work from other artist(s) via the pledge.*

Anyone, anywhere, in any medium can take part. **#artistsupportpledge** is a system based on trust where everyone, at every level can contribute in supporting artists and makers. It's an act of generosity to take part, and there is no enforcement beyond trust and the **#artistsupportpledge** community on Instagram (which is massive and growing!) To find out more visit: <https://artistsupportpledge.com/about/>

## // INSPIRATION //



### KAIROS ZINE

Kairos Women's Space presents... the Kairos Chronicle, a community Zine made by women & non-binary people in Renfrewshire. Jam-packed with stories, artwork, poetry and creative ideas.

Sign up to get your FREE issue (Lockdown Special):

[www.bit.ly/Kairos\\_Chronicle](http://www.bit.ly/Kairos_Chronicle)



### RENFREWSHIRE CARERS CHOIR SINGALONG

Join the carers choir for an online singalong every Thursday! Clair the choir teacher will guide you through fun warmups and help you learn some favourite choir songs. More info on their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/renfrewshirecarerscentrechoir/>



### TELT PODCAST: MUSICIAN'S UNION EPISODE

Telt is a Scottish Music Podcast that highlights important issues facing the Scottish music scene. This episode discusses: What the Musician's Union is - why you should join/how it can help you. Issues facing musicians as a result of Covid-19.

Representation of women and BAME groups

[telpodcast.com/podcast](http://telpodcast.com/podcast)



### VOTE FOR PAISLEY YMCA/MAKERSPACE

A group of young people from Paisley's YMCA Makerspace are in the finals of the @nesta\_uk Longitude Explorer Challenge - hoping to win £5k for their Urban Micro Farm project idea. The competition is open for voting until 23:59 on Fri 3 July 2020.

VOTE HERE: <https://t.co/uv7armUYRz>

# // SMA' SHOT DAY //

Paisley's annual Sma' Shot Day event is a bit different this year!

For the first time, the full programme of events and activities to celebrate this historical date in our town's calendar will be online. Visit [https://paisley.is/featured\\_event/sma-shot-day/](https://paisley.is/featured_event/sma-shot-day/) to find out what's on...

## Mill Girls & Thread Queens, The Machinery of Making and Paisley in Stitches

Three new films exploring Paisley's textile heritage and its social impacts, brought to you especially for Sma' Shot Day.



### MILL GIRLS, THREAD QUEENS & THE MACHINERY OF MAKING

Two short films about Paisley's textile heritage will premiere at 3pm on Sat 4th July for this year's digital Sma' Shot Day.

Local filmmakers Kevin Cameron and Gillian Steel have been collaborating with senior pupils from Mary Russell School on a documentary *Mill Girls & Thread Queens* which tells the story of Paisley's Mill Girl culture. As research, students interviewed former Mill Girls, undertook a fact-finding trip to Dalgarven Mill and explored Paisley Thread Mill Museum's archive.

Made by members of Renfrewshire Leisure's Camcorder Club in collaboration with Create Media, a second documentary *The Machinery of Making* tells a parallel story. With contributions from Sma' Shot Cottages, the Paisley Thread Mill Museum, and interviews with former machine operators, this film considers the role mechanisation has had in shaping Paisley.

To find out more visit: <https://paisley.is/discover/mill-girls-thread-queens-the-machinery-of-making-and-paisley-in-stitches/>  
Part of the Paisley TH.CARS2 project funded by NLHF, HES and Renfrewshire Council



### SMA'SH HITS: SMA'SHOT DAY SPECIAL

Date: Saturday 4 July

Time: 8pm - 10pm

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/rentv/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/rentv/)

A unique digital edition of this new music festival that celebrates and discovers local talent.

This is a special partnership for Sma' Shot Day between Renfrewshire Leisure and The Bungalow - they've both lined up some fantastic acts for your musical entertainment.

Find out more:

<https://paisley.is/discover/sma-shot-smash-hits/>

### \*\*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!

