



# // POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 5 //

Hello, all!

Thanks for signing up to our POP newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading our fifth issue; bringing together news, updates, opportunities, information and inspiration from across the creative spectrum.

Since our last issue - there have been two significant funding announcements; both aimed at supporting the cultural and creative sectors. On Friday 3rd July, the Scottish Government announced a £10m **Performing Arts Venues Relief Fund**, and on 5th July the UK Government released news of its £1.57bn support package for the arts, of which £97m is earmarked for Scotland. Both these announcements are definitely welcome news!

To ensure that this support trickles down to freelance artists, makers and smaller cultural organisations - please try to give your opinions and lend your voice to current advocacy work being undertaken by organisations such as SCAN - <https://sca-net.org>, The Federation of Scottish Theatre - [www.scottishtheatre.org](http://www.scottishtheatre.org), the Scottish Artists Union - [www.artistsunion.scot](http://www.artistsunion.scot) and Applied Arts Scotland - [www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk](http://www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk)

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Sharing information about funding support, networks, creative call outs & opportunities; and providing a platform for the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives.

Please get in touch if you have any news, recommendations or ideas that you would like us to include in the next issue.

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## // COMMISSIONS, FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES //



### OUTDOOR ARTS & MIXED MEDIA COMMISSIONS 2020/21

CYCLE ARTS RENFREWSHIRE | Renfrewshire Leisure wish to commission a series of innovative Pop Up Outdoor Arts and Mixed Media installations to be explored from the cycle paths of Renfrewshire between Paisley and Lochwinnoch under Social Distancing guidelines during Autumn 2020/Spring 2021.

Funding between £1000 to £5000 is available for artists or organisations submitting innovative visual / mixed media proposals which meet the commission brief.

Deadline: 5pm - Fri 17 July

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



### 2021 DRAMA WRITERS PROGRAMME

For writers: Submit a script to [@bbcwritersroom](https://twitter.com/bbcwritersroom)

Successful writers will be commissioned and paid a fee as agreed by the WGGB/PMA and the BBC on a favoured nations basis.

(Currently £13,320 for 60mins)

<https://bbc.co.uk/writersroom/opportunities/tv-drama-writers-programme>

DEADLINE: 20 JUL



### NEW CREATIVES

For creatives aged 16-30: New Creatives are offering commissioning opportunities to make new (paid) work in film, interactive media & audio!

Midlands: <https://ruralmedia.co.uk/NewCreatives>

North: <https://tynesidecinema.co.uk/learn-create/for-artists/new-creatives>

LDN: <https://ica.art/learning/open-call>

SW: <http://callingtheshots.co.uk/newcreatives/>



### THE ROARING GIRLS

[@theroaringgirls](https://theroaringgirls.com) are seeking a collaborator for a new project about periods & menstruation. Take part in a one week R&D (remotely via Zoom). Paid £450. DEADLINE: 15 JUL

<https://theroaringgirls.co.uk/getinvolved>



### SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA MENTORING SCHEME

New Stories will support three women composers to bridge the gap between study and the profession by providing them with mentorship from the SCO's inspirational Associate Composer, Anna Clyne.

Applications open now:

[www.sco.org.uk/creative-learning/current-projects/1899-new-stories](http://www.sco.org.uk/creative-learning/current-projects/1899-new-stories)

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University for the Common Good

### MA TV FICTION WRITING: GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

@CaledonianNews are offering 5 scholarships to study MA TV Fiction Writing for FREE! Including one for a Gaelic speaker, and one that offers a paid placement at @warnerbros

DEADLINE: 30 JUL

[gcu.ac.uk/study/scholarships/postgraduate/matvfictionwritingscholarship](http://gcu.ac.uk/study/scholarships/postgraduate/matvfictionwritingscholarship)

### SCOTTISH MUSIC CENTRE – YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE

The Scottish Music Centre's MusicPlus project is offering independent music makers aged 14-19 opportunities to gain skills, knowledge and confidence, through working with professional music industry mentors and participating in group music activities with peers.

Responding to COVID-19 restrictions, MusicPlus has transferred mentoring and group sessions, as well as its wide range of instrument and DJ technique tuition, and music production tutorials, onto online platforms.

[www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/youth-music-initiative](http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/youth-music-initiative)



### FOR PRODUCERS:

2 x opportunities both paid £200 per day

@LittleCog1 - 15 days work over 4 months on their Staging Our Futures programme: <https://littlecog.co.uk/recruitment.html>

@bdproducinghub - 48 days over around 9 months on their Make Work programme:

<http://artsjobs.org.uk/arts-job/post/creative-producer-on-retainer/>



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

SCOTTISH  
CONTEMPORARY  
ART  
NETWORK

### SCOTTISH CONTEMPORARY ARTS NETWORK

SCAN continue to support and advocate for the contemporary visual arts sector in Scotland. As lockdown eases they would like to hear about what your immediate needs and challenges are so that they can lobby Government and funders around future funding decisions.

They want to ensure the right information is being passed to those with the power to allocate funding in the coming weeks and months. Please fill out their updated survey (July 2020) here:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCANSurvey\\_JulyUpdate](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCANSurvey_JulyUpdate)

The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete. It would be helpful if you are able to let them know who you are, but no details will be disclosed without prior permission and you can remain anonymous if you wish. SCAN aim to ensure they are armed with the best, and most up-to-date information in order to continue their advocacy work.

If you have any questions relating to their survey - you can contact SCAN at [covid@sca-net.org](mailto:covid@sca-net.org)

DIGITAL PIVOT  
SUPPORT

### CREATIVE SCOTLAND : DIGITAL PIVOT SUPPORT

The Digital Pivot Support scheme has re-opened for a second cycle. It is open to artists, makers or organisations based in Scotland; the aim of the scheme is to help people and organisations start thinking strategically about how they can pivot to take advantage of digital and creative technology to develop their businesses and/or creative practice.

Applications for 1-1 support are open until 20 July.

[www.creativescotland.com/explore/read/stories/features/2020/digital-pivot-support](http://www.creativescotland.com/explore/read/stories/features/2020/digital-pivot-support)

WIDEDAYS  
SCOTLAND'S MUSIC CONVENTION  
23-25 July | World Wide Web

### WIDE DAYS: SCOTLAND'S MUSIC CONVENTION – VIRTUAL EDITION

Wide Days brings the full spectrum of music industry professionals together to discuss a range of topics, present new initiatives and highlight some of the most forward-thinking work being carried out across the business.

The convention aims to give a platform to new industry speakers, with a more diverse and balanced line-up than most other conventions. There will be showcases, panels, workshops and networking opportunities.

Wide Days will be hosted online 23rd-25th July.

More info: <https://www.widedays.com/>

## // INSPIRATION //



### WANT TO DEVELOP YOUR PLAYWRITING SKILLS?

Each Wednesday until 2 September 2020 the Traverse Theatre release a free Open Submissions workshop that will support you and fellow aspiring writers to unleash your creativity and take you from idea to draft. Find out more:

[www.traverse.co.uk/get-involved/open-submissions-workshops](http://www.traverse.co.uk/get-involved/open-submissions-workshops)



### IN THE FRAME

'In The Frame' premier's on REN TV on Thursday July 16th at 7pm. Supported by Regional Screen Scotland's 'A Cinema Near You' Fund the show is made up of new work by local filmmaking talent and features three films; Paul Mothersole's Hidden Railways, Paul Russell's film 'Honey I Shrank the Railway', and Alasdair Shaw's 'Captain Lockdown' If you have a film you would like to show at our next outing please contact [richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



### START A PODCAST!

If you've ever fancied talking more about things you love? Why not start your own podcast, or show?

See Colin Gray's wonderful website to get you started:

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



### SMA'SHOT DAY: ART BOSS POEM

Check out brand-new poem 'This Is For The' written by the young people of 'Art Boss'. The poem is a shout-out to everyone who has helped the group throughout lockdown.

Art Boss is a young producers programme for care experienced young people and young carers. The programme offers young people the chance to learn about planning and producing creative projects and events. It is supported by Renfrewshire Leisure and Youth Services.

<https://paisley.is/discover/this-is-for-the-a-poem-from-art-boss/>

## // JOIN IN! //

### 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



### \*\*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!

