



# // POP NEWSLETTER // ISSUE 6 //

Hello everyone!

Welcome to Issue 6 of the POP newsletter. This week we are pleased to introduce our five Arts Team Producers and also to invite you along to our new 'Artist Meet Up' events. Please sign up to one (or more) of these!

As ever, we also aim to share information about creative call outs, opportunities, news and inspiration; and to provide 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: [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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VISUAL ARTS / MUSIC FILM / THEATRE /  
CRAFT MAKERS DIGITAL ARTS DANCE

ARTIST  
MEETUPS 

## FANCY MEETING UP?

Are you an artist or creative practitioner living or working in or near Renfrewshire? Are you interested in meeting other artists to collaborate, share practice and nurture talent? If so, we would love you to come along to our meet ups. Kate, Louise, Marie, Muriel Ann and Richard are looking to form regular meet ups with artists / creative practitioners who have an interest in or work within:

Music

Film / Digital Arts

Theatre / Dance

Visual Arts / Crafts Making

The first meet ups will be held online in early September.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please follow the link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/tYcwcaAPNLZXSEgu7>

Join our *Meet the Producers Webinar* on August 26th at 16.00 where you can find out more about the meet ups and get to know the team over a cup of tea.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!

## MUSIC PRODUCER: MARIE COLLINS | [marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

Marie is a musician, writer, creative producer and one quarter of Paisley-based band The Vegan Leather. The Vegan Leather have attracted wide critical acclaim and enthusiastic support from the likes of Franz Ferdinand's Alex Kapranos and Radio One's Jack Saunders. Shortly after their album release and appearance at BBC Radio 1's Maida Vale studios in October 2019, The Vegan Leather won Best Live Act at the Scottish Alternative Music Awards and were named by The List magazine among the year's Hot 100 most influential cultural figures in Scotland. [www.theveganleather.co.uk](http://www.theveganleather.co.uk)

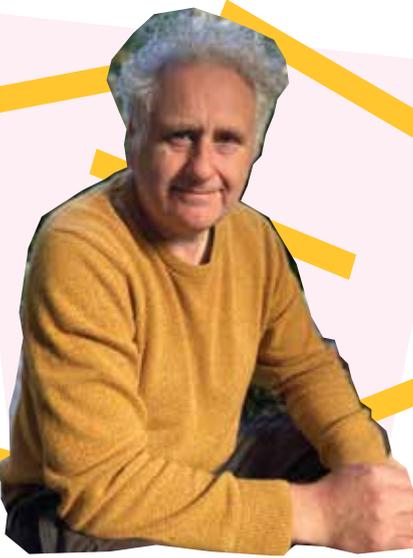
As well as 10+ years' experience as a working musician, Marie has developed her creative practise in to a community arts development setting. After graduating from the University of Glasgow in English Literature and Creative writing, Marie has built up years of experience in curating local and national arts festivals, creative workshops and programmes, and is passionate about being part of Renfrewshire's thriving cultural scene!

## PROJECTS WITH RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE

Art Boss - a young producer's group for Care Experienced Young People & Young Carers  
Artists and Residents Programme in Foxbar  
Sma'sh Hits: A New Paisley Music Festival  
Paisley Town Hall Clock & Chime Project  
CHEF/CODF  
Music Forum



**FILM PRODUCER: RICHARD WEEKS** | [richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



Richard is a community film maker and has been an arts worker in Renfrewshire for over 12 years. Specialising in film, Richard has made lots of corporate film as well as encouraging the wider community to get involved in film and creativity. Richard is now part of the Arts Team as Film Project Producer.

At the moment Richard is working on *In the Frame* - a showcase of local film talent airing on RenTV. One of Richard's highlights has been running the *Paisley Camcorder Club* which celebrated its 10th anniversary last year. Working with local creatives Richard has amassed a fabulous archive of local film which he has showcased at many local care homes, church halls and community groups.

**PROJECTS WITH RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE**

In the Frame, local film showcase  
Artists and Residents Programme in Seedhill  
Paisley Camcorder Club  
CHEF/CODF  
Film / Screen Forum

**PERFORMANCE PRODUCER: LOUISE OLIVER** | [louise.oliver@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:louise.oliver@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



Louise is an actor, writer, activist and creative producer with over a decade of experience working in theatre and festivals, both in Scotland and internationally. She trained in acting for theatre, film and television at the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts and got her master's degree in Theatre Studies from the University of Glasgow. In addition to being the Performance Producer in the Renfrewshire Leisure Arts Team, Louise is the co-founder / producer of the *Persistent and Nasty initiative* and Associate Producer for live art production house *Civil Disobedience*. During her time living and working in New York, Louise worked with companies such as The Wooster Group and The Tank Theater, as well as co-founding, with some fellow NYCDA alumni, her own theatre company; the Blockheads Collective. Her practise and resume are varied and unique; from appearing in TV's *Outlander* to making ensemble driven feminist theatre in the highlands.

You can find out more by visiting her website: [www.mslouiseoliver.com/](http://www.mslouiseoliver.com/)

**PROJECTS WITH RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE**

Paisley Book Festival  
Underwood Lane by John Byrne (a co-production with the Tron Theatre)  
Artists and Residents Programme for Glenburn  
Paisley Radicals (a co-production with Renfrewshire Council's Events and Regeneration teams)  
CHEF / CODF  
Theatre and Dance Forum

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**VISUAL ARTS PRODUCER: KATE DRUMMOND** | [kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



Kate is an artist, designer and creative producer with an inventive creative vision and long track record of delivering high quality artistic programmes and creative community events with in-depth experience of collaborative working with artists and communities.

Kate graduated from Glasgow School of Art in 1994; then went on to study a Masters in Design for Interactive Media and began her creative career in Brighton's emergent digital arts scene working for the BBC developing interactive online commissions. Kate moved to Morecambe to shift the emphasis of her creative work; becoming deeply involved in the life of the town - producing a series of high profile public artworks and initiating successful creative arts festivals and organisations. Kate is interested in producing cultural projects that tap into a place's unique character - helping to reshape public perception, support local economies, break down stereotypes and build community connections. Places and people are full of possibilities. Artists can bring fresh perspectives and creative ideas - looking at places in a new light; imagining what could be, what could make a difference and what could look and feel incredible for the people who live there, and those who visit. Find out more: [www.kate-and.co](http://www.kate-and.co)

**PROJECTS WITH RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE**

POP Community Arts & Events Space (and this newsletter!)  
Tiny Revolutions Renfrewshire  
Women's Unpaid Work Creative Programme  
Artists and Residents Programme for Gallowhill  
Renfrewshire VACMA (Visual Artists & Craft Makers Awards)  
CHEF / CODF  
Visual Arts / Craft Makers Forum



## CREATIVE SCOTLAND - PLACE PARTNERSHIP PRODUCER: MURIEL ANN MACLEOD

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Muriel Ann Macleod has been commissioning, producing, directing and acting in theatre and film production for the past 20 years. Her work with Rural Nations in the Western Isles has focussed on developing projects in collaboration with local communities to reveal their unique stories and culture. A specialist in outdoor and site specific performance her work has a strong comedy base and often uses contemporary design, film projection and puppetry. A graduate of Glasgow University and Bristol Old Vic Muriel Ann also worked as a development producer for over 8 years for the Highlands and Islands Theatre Network in Inverness where she developed the Northern Connections skills development exchange project with artists in rural Sweden. Muriel Ann is an environmentalist and champions green arts initiatives, she is also an established film Programmer, curating the programme for the Hebrides International Film Festival which presents current global cinema on environmental issues and remote communities. For more information on past projects see: [www.ruralnations.com](http://www.ruralnations.com)

Now based in Paisley Muriel Ann is building partnerships with artists and local/national organisations to develop innovative Place Partnership projects which promote and celebrate the unique cultures, people and environments of Renfrewshire.

### PROJECTS WITH RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE

Annual Cycle Arts Festival for Renfrewshire & Outdoor Arts Commissions  
Paisley Film and Media Space & projection mapping projects.  
Late Shows Paisley (Creative Community Showcase)  
Johnstone Textile Space | Renfrew Arts Workspace | Supporting Erskine Arts Centre  
Supporting Creative Renfrewshire  
Green Arts Promotion  
Film and Digital Media Forum / Theatre and Dance Forum

## // OPPORTUNITIES //



### PAISLEY BOOK FESTIVAL 2021 - CALL FOR EVENT PROPOSALS

In 2021, the Paisley Book Festival will continue to focus on grassroots rebellion, revolution and activism, taking account of the ways that the world has changed radically in the last 12 months. We are asking contributors to consider how, as writers and readers, we create Radical New Futures, as every aspect of our personal, social and economic lives is overturned and reinvented in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Paisley Book Festival seeks to showcase local groups and contributors as a substantial part of its programme, providing opportunities to develop local creative talent and utilise local venues. Here are some ways you could get involved:

**BE A GROUP HOST / CONTRIBUTOR** : Are you a local community and/or cultural organisation, project or initiative that has an idea for an event to be part of the Paisley Book Festival programme?

**BE A PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTOR** : Are you a Scottish artist / creative / organisation with an idea or current strand of activity that fits the remit of the Paisley Book Festival?

For a full outline of the call out, visit: [www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/)  
DEADLINE: 24 Aug, 2020 - 5pm

### CALL FOR ART: OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND

People who have personal lived experience of mental health issues are invited to submit artworks to *Out of Sight Out of Mind* exhibition. Artworks can be submitted as an individual or as a group. This year one work per person can be submitted. Artworks can be proposed/submitted in any media and be any size. You are welcome to respond to this year's *Scottish Mental Health Art Festival* theme which is 'perspectives', however this is not a requirement at all.

The exhibition is planned for Summerhall in Edinburgh during October 2020. The current situation may lead to changes such as its location, date or the exhibition being moved online. If you make a submission, we will let you know about any changes.

For the full guidance and to download a submission form, visit:

[www.mhfestival.com/news/631-call-for-art-out-of-sight-out-of-mind](http://www.mhfestival.com/news/631-call-for-art-out-of-sight-out-of-mind)

DEADLINE: 31 July, 2020





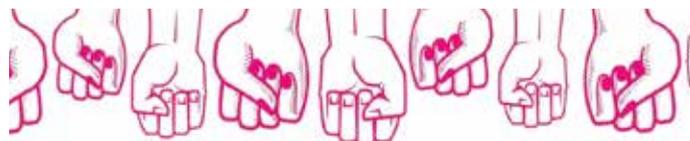
## THE POSTER ASSOCIATES & MANDIMIXUP

The Poster Associates have partnered up with the brilliant, Paisley-based artist, [@mandimixupart](#) to showcase her COVID Collection; "The collection is made up of my take on five of my favourite famous portraits redone in today's times of the COVID-19 outbreak and the impact it's had on people's lives."

Mandi's work is now on display all over Glasgow!

To find out more, link in to the Poster Associates twitter feed here:

[https://twitter.com/TPA\\_UK\\_NET](https://twitter.com/TPA_UK_NET)



## PAISLEY RADICALS



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As part of the Paisley Radicals project, Civil Disobedience and Renfrewshire Council are running a series of free, creative online workshops over the next few months. The workshops are open to anyone 14+ with a Renfrewshire postcode and will cover Heritage, Creative writing, Acting, Music, Design. If you'd like more information please email [barry@wearecivildisobedience.com](mailto:barry@wearecivildisobedience.com)

Additional information can be found here:

<https://wearecivildisobedience.com/portfolio/paisley-radicals/>



## THE 132ND PAISLEY ART INSTITUTE ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION

25 July - 6 September 2020

[www.paisleyartinstitute.org](http://www.paisleyartinstitute.org)

This year, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the much-anticipated Paisley Art Institute Open Annual Exhibition, the 132nd edition no less, will take the form of an online presentation for the first time in their history.

*The 132nd PAI Annual Online* went live on Saturday 25 July and continues online until Saturday 6 September 2020.

The exhibition is really worth a virtual visit - it is a true pleasure to view all the artworks on display within a set of well curated 'gallery rooms' on the beautifully designed bespoke website.

The site also hosts an online shop, where much of the artwork on display is available to purchase during the duration of the exhibition.

<https://paisleyartinstitute.co.uk/exhibitions/pai-132-online/>



### GROUNDED CERAMICS

We're pleased to share the great news that skilled and experienced ceramic artist Teena Gould, based in Kilbarchan, is being supported to undertake a bold, inventive new project by Creative Scotland.

Teena is reinventing her ceramics and collaborative practice by inviting groups and organisations to celebrate the weeds growing at their feet. Using remote working, they will be supported to identify and collect materials, which Teena will use to develop a range of ceramic tiles. Working in her studio, the leaves will form the basis for hand crafted individual tiles using an inventive range of ceramic processes.

*Grounded Ceramics* is a creative response to the current and future Corona virus pandemic, in both its restrictions and a marking of nature that is flourishing in our environment.

If you're interested in taking part, or to find out more, visit:

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

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

Keeping Renfrewshire's creative community connected, and supporting artists, makers and creative freelancers in the area through this time and into the future.

Please sign up, join in and stay in touch.



Future Paisley is radical and wide ranging programme of events, activities and investments using the town's unique and internationally significant cultural stories to transform its future.