



# // POP NEWSLETTER / ISSUE 10 //

Thank you for signing up and welcome to POP News Issue 10!

We're really pleased to be able to announce a new funding stream - an adaptation of the *Culture Heritage and Events Fund* - here in Renfrewshire, with the aim of supporting local cultural organisations and artists impacted by the pandemic. As ever, we are also sharing links and information about national and local funding, support, networks, advocacy, creative call outs, opportunities and inspiration while also providing a place to showcase the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives and organisations.

The next edition will come out on Mon 5 Oct - if you have something you'd like to be included then please get in touch - [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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## // FUNDING NEWS //



### RENFREWSHIRE'S CULTURAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

Proposals to repurpose existing funds to support Renfrewshire's culture sector recovery from the impacts of Covid-19 have been approved by councillors. The proposals, which were presented at the Council's Leadership Board on Wed 16 Sept, recommended that £200,000 previously allocated to *Renfrewshire's Culture Heritage and Events Fund* be adapted to become *Renfrewshire's Cultural Recovery and Renewal Fund* to support local cultural organisations and artists impacted by the pandemic. The fund will be split across three strands; Cultural Organisations Support - grants for cultural and creative not-for-profit organisations facing significant threat which are ineligible for the Business Support Fund; Arts Development Grant - aimed at freelance artists living and working in Renfrewshire to help develop new work and Town Centre & Neighbourhood Creative Installations - supporting artistic interventions across Renfrewshire that add value to public and civic outdoor spaces.

Please check RC and RL websites and social media channels for more updated information. Read the full announcement here:

[www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/10663/](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/10663/)



### FEDERATION OF SCOTTISH THEATRE BURSARIES

The FST currently administers three types of bursaries: Assistant Director, Assistant Choreographer & Assistant Movement Director Bursaries | Producer Placement Bursary | Graduate Bursary

Both Assistant Director and Producer Placement Bursaries were established in 2007 and are supported by funding from Creative Scotland. They help Scotland-based artists build up their experience by financially supporting their attachment to an established performing arts company.

For enquiries regarding FST Bursaries, please contact:

[fiona.mccurdy@scottishtheatre.org](mailto:fiona.mccurdy@scottishtheatre.org)

For more information: [www.scottishtheatre.org/sector-support/bursaries/](http://www.scottishtheatre.org/sector-support/bursaries/)  
UPCOMING DEADLINE 25 Sept

## // OPPORTUNITIES //



Sonica Ludotecnia  
Credit: Neil Jarvie

### SONICA GLASGOW 2022 OPEN CALL

Cryptic is inviting Scottish based artists to submit existing sound installations and/or live music performances with visuals to be shown at Sonica Glasgow which returns for its sixth edition in 2022.

They are looking for existing innovative and creatively ambitious sound installations and live music performances with visuals which require no further development as this is something that they are unable to fund. All Scottish based professional artists, regardless of age or stage in their career, are welcome to apply. You can submit written, video or audio applications which must all be sent through their online application form:

[www.cryptic.org.uk/work-with-us/](http://www.cryptic.org.uk/work-with-us/)

DEADLINE: 12noon - Thurs 26 Nov



### FOR CREATIVE VISIONARIES:

@GoodChanceCal are looking for a Co-Artistic Director! Reimagine the future of the company & create pioneering projects with communities & artists from refugee & migrant backgrounds. 3 days p/w, £40k pa (pro rata)

<https://goodchance.org.uk/work-with-us>

DEADLINE: 30 SEP



FOR NORTHERN WRITERS: Submit a script to the Alfred Bradley Bursary Award for a £5,000 writing bursary, with the chance of a @BBCRadio4 drama commission. @bbcwritersroom

<https://bbc.co.uk/writersroom/opportunities/alfred-bradley-bursary-award>

DEADLINE: 6 NOV

## // OPPORTUNITIES Cont. //

# GRAEae

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### FOR DEAF & DISABLED FREELANCERS:

Amazing package of support from @graeae including access support for zoom calls, tech purchase/loan, Beyond programme for Northern & Midlands artists, support with funding, & hardship grant of up to £1k.

<https://graeae.org/free-support-for-deaf-disabled-freelancers/>

DEADLINE: ROLLING



### FOR WRITERS:

@bbcstudios is looking for the next generation of series creators! Take part in the Writers' Workshop to get financial & editorial support to develop an original drama series, & pitch it for development.

<https://bbc.co.uk/writersroom/opportunities/scriptworks-writers-workshop>

DEADLINE: 25 SEP



### CUMBERNAULD THEATRE TRUST LTD SEEKS TRUSTEES

Cumbernauld Theatre Trust Ltd is looking for trustees to join their Board at a very exciting time in the history of the organisation, as they plan and prepare to move into a brand-new state-of-the-art performing arts venue in Cumbernauld in 2021.

[www.scottishtheatre.org/jobs/trustees-cumbernauld-theatre-trust-ltd](http://www.scottishtheatre.org/jobs/trustees-cumbernauld-theatre-trust-ltd)

DEADLINE: 9 OCT

# TRON THEATRE

### SUITCASE STORIES: FREELANCE OPPORTUNITY - LEAD ARTIST (x3)

Tron Participation are seeking three committed and enthusiastic Scotland-based Theatre Artists to work on a new strand of community work. *Suitcase Stories* will see three teams create professional mini street theatre experiences to be performed from a suitcase as a pop-up event in locations across the city from December through to March.

Find out more: <https://www.tron.co.uk/education/suitcase-stories/>

DEADLINE: Mon 28 Sept

## // NEWS / INSPIRATION / WHAT'S ON! //

# REN TV



Image credit 'Peter Degnan'

### WATCH THE BIRDIE - ON REN TV

Fri 25 Sept - 7pm

Renfrewshire Leisure's online 'Ren TV' channel screens community film-maker Paul Russell's latest film "Watch the Birdie".

The film takes us back to August 1977 when Renfrew Golf Club ran a celebrity golf tournament in benefit of the Variety Club of Great Britain and stars such as Sean Connery, Henry Cooper, James Hunt, Bruce Forsyth and Jimmy Tarbuck golfed at Renfrew!



### PAISLEY RADICALS - CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

In this year of the 200th anniversary of the Radical Rising 1820, a relatively untold period of strikes and unrest, we commemorate Paisley's radical past and explore what it means to be a modern-day radical with an exciting new creative project, '*Paisley Radicals - Catalysts for Change.*' Led by arts company Civil Disobedience, supported by Paisley TH.CARS2 programme, Renfrewshire Council events team and Renfrewshire Leisure in partnership with University of West of Scotland, Star Project, The 1820 Society and University of the Third Age.

Participate in this creative writing workshop from Civil Disobedience, which asks you to explore your own radical behaviours past and present.

Featuring interviews from New York writer Peter Michael Marino, Civil Disobedience producer Martin MacLennan and researcher Duncan MacIntosh from the University of the Third Age, participants are asked to develop a creative response to the brief: **What Is Your Radical Behaviour?** Short story, monologue, poem, essay or rap... it's entirely up to you.

All we're asking is that you send the finished result by October 2nd to:

[barry@wearecivildisobedience.com](mailto:barry@wearecivildisobedience.com)

Find out more:

<https://paisley.is/discover/creative-writing-workshop/>



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH RENFREWSHIRE OUR CULTURE - OUR FUTURE

*Black History Month; Our Culture, Our Future* is an new and exciting online cultural programme that has been co-curated by; Renfrewshire Leisure, Engage Renfrewshire, Jambo Radio, Pachedu, University West of Scotland, Action for Culture and Ethics and the School of African Culture.

The programme will be delivered via online platforms and on Jambo! Radio. The vibrant programme is comprised of; 'Museum of Me' an Online Exhibition curated by children from the African School of Culture and a Future Paisley Podcast hearing from the children discussing the core theme of identity within the 'Museum of Me' project, exploring what it means to be African and Scottish living in Renfrewshire in 2020. There will also be online and digital performances throughout October from an eclectic mix of artists, including; Musician & Poet Joshua Idehen; Matt Hickman, lead singer of Brownbear; Storyteller Mara Menzies; and Storyteller Michael Kerins.

Black History Month will culminate on the 28 Oct with a webinar on the representation of black, Asian, minority ethnic talent in the arts in Scotland and Renfrewshire. Speakers will include Milica Milosevic - Creative Scotland, musician Matt Hickman and Dr Christian Harrison, UWS. They will offer insights for cultural practitioners, students and decision-makers into why black, Asian, minority ethnic representation is vital to our arts sector.

Black History Month, Renfrewshire is funded by Renfrewshire Council and delivered in partnership with Renfrewshire Leisure as part of Future Paisley. The cultural programme will be running throughout the month of October; full details are available here:

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/black-history-month/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/black-history-month/)



**THE VOICES OF OUR TOWN - ONLINE CREATIVE WORKSHOP SERIES**  
*In Motion Theatre* are offering a series of online workshops in creative writing, dance and music, to the residents of Ferguslie, Paisley and wider Renfrewshire. No previous experience necessary!

To take part please contact: [lisa@inmotiontc.co.uk](mailto:lisa@inmotiontc.co.uk)

### Writing Workshops & Performance

These workshops offer a set of short online writing sessions and live zoom workshops to create a short five minute monologue to be performed by professional actors. To take part in this opportunity please email [lisa@inmotiontc.co.uk](mailto:lisa@inmotiontc.co.uk) by Monday 28th September with a bit about you and a short idea that we can build on - however small it is- and we can take it from there! The workshops will start on 1st Oct on digital platforms.

### Dance Workshops

These workshops offer a set of recorded online Swing Dance sessions and live zoom workshops to build together a short dance routine to keep energy and spirit going. The workshops will start Tuesday 13th October online once a week with both recorded and live sessions and the last session will be on Tuesday 1st of December.

### Song Writing Workshops

These workshops offer a set of short recorded online song writing sessions and live zoom workshops to create and write songs. Sessions will start Wednesday 7th of October and will finish on 25th November.

Find out more:

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/the-voices-of-our-town/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/the-voices-of-our-town/)



So good to see that classes are back on at the wonderful *Made In Paisley!* Everyone looks like they are having a lot of fun - and that they are very pleased to be back at their easels once again! Well done to all the team - it looks like you've got the social distancing and all safety measures well under control, and it is great to see the space open and being so well used once more.



Keep an eye out for Made In Paisley's Caroline Gormley's upcoming interview with the BBC... Visit the FB page to find out when it will air:  
[www.facebook.com/MadeInPaisley/](https://www.facebook.com/MadeInPaisley/)

### \*\*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.