



## // POP NEWS / ISSUE 11 //

Thank you for signing up - we hope you enjoy reading Issue 11 of *POP News*! As ever, we are sharing links and info about national and local funding, support, creative call outs, opportunities and inspiration while also providing a place to showcase the work of Renfrewshire-based creatives and organisations. We are pleased to share a number of networking opportunities in this issue - including three of the Arts Team's new 'Artist Meet-up' sessions, one focussing on Music practitioners, one aimed at supporting artists working in Theatre & Performance and the other supporting local Digital Artists & Film makers.

// OCTOBER 2020 //

The next edition will come out a day later than usual - on **Tues 20 Oct** - in the meantime, please get in touch if you have news of an event, workshop or opportunity you'd like included: [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

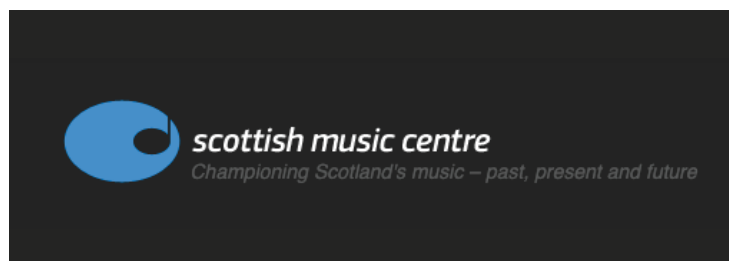
## // FUNDING SUPPORT //

# Creative Debuts

For Black artists: Apply for the Black Artists Grant from [@CreativeDebuts](#) to get £500 for whatever you need - time/space, travel, kit, research, life expenses, etc. £2k goes to selected artists monthly! Current selectors are [@Halcyonmag](#) <https://creativdebuts.co.uk/bag/> DEADLINE: ROLLING



For writers who've had at least one play professionally produced: Apply to Peggy Ramsay for up to £5k to give you time & space to write, e.g. new laptop, money for rent/bills, or to cover what would normally be salary from temping etc. <http://peggyramsayfoundation.org/grant-applications.html> DEADLINE: ROLLING



### YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE - TRAINING & CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The fund aims to support individuals, organisations and networks who work out with school settings to undertake training and continuing professional development that will strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people.

More info: [www.scottishmusiccentre.com/development/](http://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/development/)

For help and advice in completing your application: [ymitraining@scottishmusiccentre.com](mailto:ymitraining@scottishmusiccentre.com) | 0141 552 5222

DEADLINE: ROLLING (until the fund is spent.)



The **COMMUNITY & THIRD SECTOR RECOVERY PROGRAMME** aims to support charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate. The programme is now open and has two strands: **Adapt & Thrive** and **Community Recovery Fund**. In the simplest terms, Adapt & Thrive is capacity building to help organisations adapt, change, and thrive post COVID-19. The Communities Recovery Fund is grant funding to deliver support and services in communities.

<https://scvo.org.uk/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/>

## Renfrewshire

# Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards Bursaries 2020/21

## #VACMAScotland

Renfrewshire Leisure in partnership with Creative Scotland are pleased to announce that our latest round of Visual Artist & Craft Maker Awards (VACMA) funding will open from Wed 7 Oct.

The awards are being offered as bursaries, at two levels - £500 & £750. The VACMA scheme offers bursaries to Renfrewshire based artists/craft makers towards the costs of developing new work. The purpose of the scheme is to encourage innovative professional practice - through research and professional development activity.

From Wed 7 Oct details of the scheme and how to apply will be available here:

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

DEADLINE: Tues 10 Nov



## PAISLEY BOOK FESTIVAL

[www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/paisley-book-festival-writer-in-residence/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/paisley-book-festival-writer-in-residence/)

### PAISLEY BOOK FESTIVAL: WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Paisley Book Festival is inviting submissions from an experienced writer for its Digital Writer-in-Residence (WiR) scheme, to work with local communities and help them reach wider audiences.

FEE: £8000

DEADLINE: 14th October.



Oozing Gloop in GLOOPTOPIA!  
Photo by Kaleido Shoots.  
Commissioned and supported by Unlimited, celebrating the work of disabled artists, with funding from Arts Council England.

**For disabled artists & companies:** Apply for this £60k commission from [@artsadm](#) & [@weareunltd](#) for a large scale artwork, any form, which explores climate justice & takes place in public/green space.  
<https://artsadmin.co.uk/> DEADLINE: 27 OCT



**For emerging directors & theatre-makers:** Apply for a game-changing 18 month paid residency at [@ContactMcr](#) or [@BirminghamRep](#). Develop creative skills, learn how a theatre runs, & have the opportunity to make your own work on their stages. DEADLINE: 12 OCT  
<http://rtyds.co.uk/18-month-theatre-director-residency>



## Glad: Online //

### GLAD ONLINE

The Glad Cafe and The Glad Foundation present Glad Online: a series of three collaborations between sound and visual artists, producing new work to be presented digitally. The aim of the project is to encourage and support innovative ways of working and to engage with audiences in new ways. In this pilot strand Glad Online will co-commission THREE pairs of artists to develop new work. DEADLINE: 09 OCT  
More info: <https://www.musicglue.com/gladonline>



**JOB OP - SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR @ PLATFORM, EASTERHOUSE**  
Platform are looking for someone with solid experience of devising and implementing creative social media campaigns to join their team. Find out more: [www.platform-online.co.uk/latest/article/job-vacancy-social-media-co-ordinator](http://www.platform-online.co.uk/latest/article/job-vacancy-social-media-co-ordinator)  
DEADLINE: 08 OCT



## // OPPORTUNITIES Cont. //



Manipulate Festival 2020  
Twa Pirate Quines by Fiona Oliver-Larkin  
Credit: Elly White

### MANIPULATE FESTIVAL 2021: COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY

Puppet Animation Scotland is excited to offer a new installation design commission opportunity for the MANIPULATE Festival 2021. Artists are invited to propose ideas for one of 6-10 small commissions to create installation pieces which can be enjoyed by audiences during our winter festival no matter what state of lockdown we find ourselves in. Each piece will form part of a storytelling/kinetic sculpture trail which audiences can follow clues or a map to discover.

Note: this commission callout is open to artists from a wide range of disciplines including puppetry, physical theatre, visual arts, design and animation.

Commission Fee: £3k for new work or variable rate for adapted work.

DEADLINE : 22 OCT - 12noon

<https://puppetanimation.org/2020/09/16/artist-installations-commission-opportunity>



For creatives in any discipline based in Scotland: The John Byrne Award is an online exhibition & competition about personal & societal values.

Enter work in any medium: Audio, Video, Writing, Imagery. Monthly winners get £250 & an annual winner gets £7500

<https://johnbyrneaward.org.uk/enter-now/>

DEADLINE: MONTHLY

## // NETWORKS & PEER SUPPORT //

**SMA'SH HITS**

ARE YOU A MUSICIAN IN RENFREWSHIRE?  
COME ALONG TO SMA'SH HITS!  
A NEW MUSIC COLLECTIVE.

- ★ MEET NEW MUSICIANS!
- ★ COLLABORATE!
- ★ NETWORK!
- ★ BUILD A COMMUNITY!
- ★ STRENGTHEN THE SCENE!

**1ST VIRTUAL MEETUP**  
14.10.20  
4PM

**WOW!**

for meeting link, please email:  
[marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

### SMA'SH HITS - MUSIC MEETUPS

Are you a musician based in Renfrewshire? Come along to Sma'sh Hits - a new meetup group! Sma'sh Hits is a creative collective of musicians and music practitioners, in and around Renfrewshire, aimed at providing an opportunity for creative people to come together : to meet : to connect : to discuss: to process ideas : to share knowledge and skills : to collaborate and realise creative ambitions.

First meeting will be **Wed 14 Oct 4-5.30pm** (1hr30m) on Microsoft Teams. Please email [marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:marie.collins@renfrewshire.gov.uk) for the meeting link!

**Artists Meet - Up**  
**Theatre & Performance**  
**Wed 7 Oct**  
**4pm (5.30pm)**

For info / link to join  
[artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

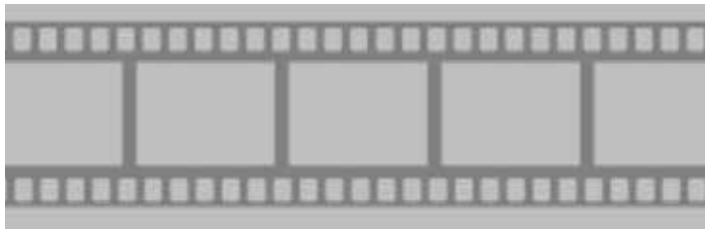
### 1ST ARTIST'S MEET-UP FOR THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE

Wed 7 Oct : 4-5.30pm

This will be the first of what we hope will be regular, discipline specific meet-ups for artists and creative freelancers who work or live in or around Renfrewshire. The goal is network, share resources, collaborate, support each other and cultivate a rich and thriving professional arts scene in the Renfrewshire area.

For more info and to sign-up email [artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

## // NETWORKS & PEER SUPPORT Cont. //



### RENFREWSHIRE FILM AND DIGITAL ARTISTS MEET UP

Tuesday 20th Oct - 4pm on Microsoft Teams

If you are interested in helping influence the direction of local film and digital please email: [richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:richard.weeks@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or [murielannmacleod@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:murielannmacleod@renfrewshire.gov.uk)



### GREEN TEASE ONLINE MEET-UP

This is the sixth in an ongoing series of informal meetups that Creative Carbon Scotland organised following COVID-19 physical distancing measures as a way for ecological and artistic minded people of all kinds to keep in touch. The theme for this session is **'COP26: what is it? what's going on? and what can we do?'** Mon 12 Oct : 7-8.30pm  
[www.creativecarbonscotland.com/event/green-tease-october-meetup/](http://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/event/green-tease-october-meetup/)



### DUMFRIES MUSIC CONFERENCE

Dumfries Music Conference will return for 2020 with our eighth annual conference, and this year we're going digital. The three-day conference will feature film, discussion, workshops, Q&As, live music and exhibition - all hosted on digital platforms. [www.dumfriesmusicconference.com/](http://www.dumfriesmusicconference.com/)



**BAFTA GURU LIVE:** For emerging talent starting careers in Film, TV and Games Each year BAFTA run Guru Live in London, Cardiff and Glasgow - offering inspiration and advice straight from the experts. In 2020 they are going online for the first time and it's all FREE. Guru Live Online Access Pass is now available. The pass gets you a one-to-one meeting with top industry talent and a roundtable event dedicated to your specific craft as well as access to the full programme of events. Find out more here: <http://guru.bafta.org/guru-live>

## // NEWS & INSPIRATION //



### KAIROS CHRONICLE - ISSUE 2 \*\*OUT NOW!\*\*

The Kairos Chronicle is jam-packed with stories, artwork, poetry, photography, articles and self-help tips from our Renfrewshire community! This issue showcases the work of Paisley-based artist Caroline Gormley co-founder of Made in Paisley, including a full interview exploring her life as a woman: *"I thought I'm away to be an artist... I think I always was an artist, it is like if you've got some sort of faith and belief, you don't need to go to church, you don't need to go to a building, that is what you are or who you are."*

It's a brilliant read. Download your copy here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aY6w0BTSI4ikpGr-zzdsF\\_bv14n044jx/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aY6w0BTSI4ikpGr-zzdsF_bv14n044jx/view)  
and please donate towards the Zine in support of Kairos' amazing work here:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/KairosWomensSpace?success=true>

### SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN FOR JANUARY'S ISSUE:

Send in - Artwork | Photography | Poetry | Short stories | Articles & think pieces | Self-help & top tips ideas  
Open to all women and non-binary people in Scotland.  
Written pieces should be no longer than 500 words.  
Email submissions to [katy@activecommunities.co.uk](mailto:katy@activecommunities.co.uk)  
Or call for more info on 01505 321004



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH RENFREWSHIRE OUR CULTURE - OUR FUTURE

**#BHMREN: RENFREWSHIRE'S CULTURAL CELEBRATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH.** An online diverse programme of events is hosted this October across *Ren TV*, *Jambo! Radio* and webinar platforms. Partners from Engage Renfrewshire, Jambo! Radio, UWS, Pachedu, The School of African Culture, Action for Culture and Ethics and Renfrewshire Leisure have cocurated a widely diverse and educational programme of cultural events to celebrate Black History Month in Renfrewshire. We are excited to share full programme details with you  
<http://bit.ly/RLBMonth> #BlackHistoryMonth



### TEENA GOULD - CERAMIC WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

Ceramic artist Teena Gould is reinventing her ceramics and collaborative practice by inviting groups and organisations to celebrate the weeds growing at their feet. Using remote working, participants will be supported to identify and collect materials, which Teena will use to develop a range of ceramic tiles. Email Teena to take part: [teena@teenagould.com](mailto:teena@teenagould.com)

### \*\*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.