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Hello all! Thank you for signing up.

This issue is jam-packed with opportunities of all types; with almost two thirds of the edition taken up with various call-outs, commissions, residency and workshop delivery opportunities. On the last page, there are a couple of pointers to festive gift-buying initiatives that will support individual artists and makers as well as donating profits to local charities - helping you to spend your festive pennies wisely!

The next edition will come out on **Mon 14 Dec** - then I will be taking a wee winter break and will bring out a new year issue on **Mon 11 Jan**. Please get in touch if you have any opportunities or news that you'd like me to include: artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk
In the meantime, stay safe and creative - and look after yourselves.

// DECEMBER 2020 //

// OPPORTUNITIES //



CREATIVE LEARNING WORKSHOPS - RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE

Renfrewshire Leisure Arts Team are delighted to invite proposals for Creative Learning Workshops from freelance arts practitioners, inspired by the theme 'Open A Window'. These workshops should offer participants a break from the current news - a breath of fresh air. The theme is open to wide interpretation.

Each workshop should be no longer than 45mins and we assume will mainly be delivered online from the practitioner's studio/home. However, we are open to other forms of delivery - as long as it does not involve face to face contact. Workshop participants should require minimum, if any, resources to take part - so Practitioners should bear in mind that any resources required should be easily found in the vast majority of homes.

Fee is all inclusive - £175 per workshop. More info: carla.almeida@renfrewshire.gov.uk (Carla Marina Almeida)

DEADLINE: Sun 06 Dec, 2020

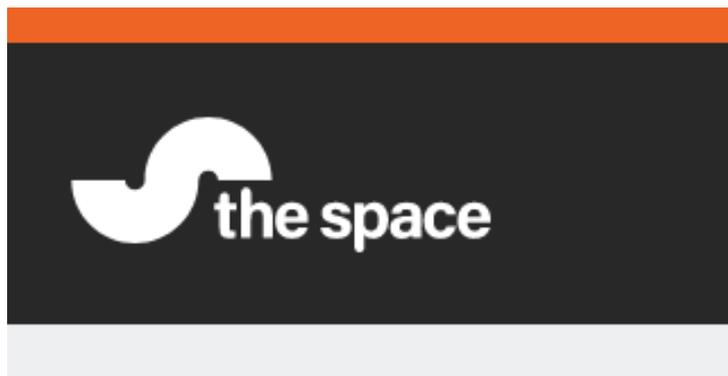


MOMENTUM 2020 LITERATURE MICRO-GRANTS OPEN CALL

Festivals Edinburgh is offering micro-grants of £800 each to 2 writers based in Scotland. Momentum is the Edinburgh Festivals International Delegate Programme. This year, Momentum is partnering up with former Momentum delegate and Jalada Africa Managing Editor, Wanjeri Gakuru, to offer 2 writers based in Scotland a chance to be featured in their new anthology on the theme of Nostalgia. The two successful applicants will be awarded a micro-grant of £800 each towards their writing time. For more info, visit:

www.edinburghfestivalcity.com/about/jobs

DEADLINE: Tues 08 Dec, 2020 - 17:00



BBC ARTS CULTURE IN QUARANTINE - NEW COMMISSIONING STRAND TO SUPPORT DISABLED ARTISTS

In Anniversary Year Of Disability Discrimination Act Creative Scotland are partnering with [@bbcarts](https://twitter.com/bbcarts) on their new commissioning programme, which will bring the work of talented D/deaf, neurodivergent and disabled artists onto our screens.

#CultureInQuarantine

There are 10 commissions available. D/deaf, neurodivergent and disabled professional artists will be invited to apply to produce new video or audio works. The fund aims to commission ten new works, with support from digital production specialists.

For further information, contact cultureinquarantine@thespace.org (The Space) or visit www.thespace.org/commissioning

DEADLINE: Wed 12 Jan, 2021



ARTROOTS FUND - SUSTRANS

ArtRoots is a community fund for artistic and aesthetic improvements to traffic-free paths along the National Cycle Network in Scotland. The fund is for constituted community groups based in Scotland with standard grant for ArtRoots projects of around £2,500 (with some higher awards of up to £5,000). Funding rounds typically run every two months. Community groups are encouraged to submit an expression of interest at any point in the year.

For more info, visit: www.sustrans.org.uk and search for 'Artrroots'

DEADLINE: 01 May 2021 at 13:00

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Image Credit: Katherina Radeva

ARTIST CALL OUT | TIME TO RESPOND - DANCE BASE SCOTLAND

Dance Base Scotland are delighted to be working with Two Destination Language to curate a week of commissioned creative activity to be held in February 2021. They are looking for bold, innovative, experimental, low-fi, DIY, playful ideas which engage with the theme of **response**. Selected ideas will receive a budget of £600 - £1,500. For further information, contact:

alister@twodestinationlanguage.com or visit

www.dancebase.co.uk/news/artist-callout-time-to-respond-1799

DEADLINE: Wed 16 Dec, 2020 - 17:00

OPEN CALL: SSW X COUNTERFLOWS CAREGIVERS RESIDENCY



THE SSW X COUNTERFLOWS CAREGIVERS RESIDENCY is shaped to support artists who undertake care work and is set up to provide a nourishing, open and flexible residency structure to serve their diverse needs. In recognition of how difficult it is for artists with caring responsibilities to grasp time, energy, resources and focus for their practice, particularly when support networks are disrupted and funding diverted through the C-19 pandemic - this residency offers funding, flexibility, respite and space for self-care, to focus on the artists own needs and support continued learning and development.

To support residency activity, the selected artist will receive: £1500 artist fee, £300 travel budget & £300 materials budget. A four week residency at Scottish Sculpture Workshop with use of studio, workshops and technical support. For details of how to apply:

www.ssw.org.uk/open-call-ssw-x-counterflows-caregivers-residency

DEADLINE: Mon 14 Dec, 2020 - 12 noon



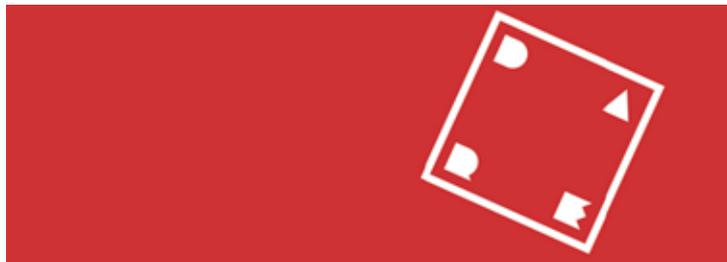
CUMNOCK MEMORIES GARDEN PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

The Green Action Trust are looking to commission an experienced artist and enabler to work with people with dementia to create a piece of public art for Cumnock's Memories Garden, a dementia friendly garden in the town. For further information, please contact:

gillian.barrie@greenactiontrust.org.uk or call 07715 051963

<https://greenactiontrust.org/>

Deadline: Fri 11 Dec, 2020 - 17:00



FOR THEATRE-MAKERS & COMPANIES: @upstarttheatre are offering 6x seed commissions of £1k each plus mentoring & more, to support development of a new 30min work-in-progress as part of DARE Festival at @ShoreditchTH in Feb

<http://upstart-theatre.co.uk/dare-festival-5-callout>

DEADLINE: Wed 02 Dec, 2020



PROGRAMME ASSISTANT - EDINBURGH ART FESTIVAL are currently looking for an enthusiastic, driven and talented individual to undertake a 12-month paid internship with the festival. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to experience the full programming cycle, from development through to delivery, and will play a key role in contributing to the success of the 2021 festival.

The Art Festival is delivered by a small and friendly team of passionate and committed individuals, who are working to become a more inclusive and diverse organisation - they welcome applications from those who are currently under-represented within the organisation, and within the visual arts. Fee: £19,000. Find out more and apply:

www.edinburghartfestival.com/get-involved/vacancies

DEADLINE: Sun 6 Dec, 2020



Image: Margaret Tait, Blue Black Permanent, 1992.

Courtesy of the artist and BFI.

LUX SCOTLAND MARGARET TAIT AWARD 2021 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Margaret Tait Award is Scotland's most prestigious moving image prize for artists. Inspired by the pioneering Orcadian filmmaker and poet Margaret Tait (1918-99), the award recognises experimental and innovative artists working with the moving image, offering a unique avenue of commissioning and production support and providing a high-profile platform to exhibit newly commissioned work.

This year's selection panel is comprised of Alberta Whittle (2018 Margaret Tait Award recipient); Kim McAleese (Programme Director, Grand Union, Birmingham); Tina Fiske (Director, CAMPLE LINE, Dumfriesshire); Thomas Abercromby (artist and curator); Sean Greenhorn (Screen Scotland); and Kitty Anderson (Director, LUX Scotland, panel chair).

Visit the Lux website for more details : <https://luxscotland.org.uk/>

The deadline for nominations is Monday 7 December, 5pm

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EARLY CAREER DANCE ARTIST - THE WORK ROOM & TRAMWAY

The Work Room & Tramway are seeking a dance artist at an early stage of their career, to join us. This new, one-year post is part of the **Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries** programme which is seeking to make the arts a fairer and more inclusive place to work. For this reason, this post is designed to support the career progression of someone from a lower socio-economic background.

The Early Career Dance Artist will work across The Work Room and Tramway, and be supported by us to: develop their own choreographic skills and creative practice and work as part of The Work Room & Tramway teams to develop understanding and experience in dance management, producing and programming;

Please contact sara@theworkroom.org.uk with questions about the role.

For more info, visit: <https://theworkroom.org.uk/opportunities>

DEADLINE: Mon 07 Dec, 2020

ALCHEMY
FILM AND
MOVING IMAGE
FESTIVAL 2021
29 APRIL - 3 MAY

SUBMISSIONS OPEN

DEADLINE 4 DECEMBER 2020



ALCHEMY FILM AND MOVING IMAGE FESTIVAL

The eleventh edition of Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival will take place 29 April - 3 May 2021.

Alchemy Film & Arts champions the highest quality in experimental film and artists' moving image. This annual festival platforms short and feature-length work in the form of cinema screenings, multi-channel installations and live audiovisual performances. For submission details, visit:

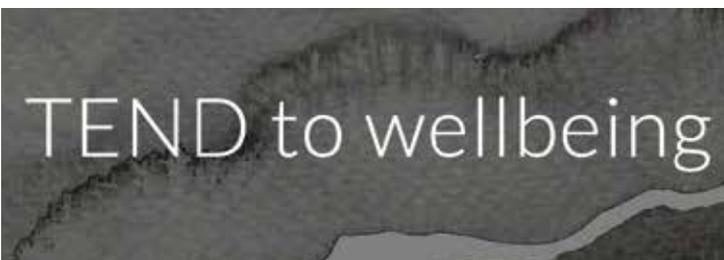
<https://alchemyfilmmandarts.org.uk/festival-2021-entries/>

DEADLINE: Fri 4th Dec, 2020

// NETWORKS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT //



FOR MUSICIANS & SONGWRITERS: Sign up for FREE online masterclasses with [@RawMusicMedia](https://rawmusicmedia.co.uk), including a branding session with brilliant Amelia Ideh [@putmeonit](https://putmeonit.com). Later sessions explore self-releasing, artist/manager relationships & more! <https://rawmusicmedia.co.uk/masterclass-series>
EVENTS: 11/25 NOV, 6 DEC



TEND TO WELLBEING - TWO DESTINATION LANGUAGE

In these difficult times, this is an offer of CPD for freelance creative leaders in Scotland, which aims to not only support their own wellbeing but also develop wellbeing practices and skills that can be integrated into their future creative practice.

You'll be part of a small group of six participants which will meet across four 90-minute weekly sessions, to learn and share experiences which develop your wellbeing toolkit for self-care and for supporting those you work with. For more information, visit:

[www.twodestinationlanguage.com/curation/tend-to-wellbeing](https://twodestinationlanguage.com/curation/tend-to-wellbeing)

DEADLINE: Thurs 10 Dec, 2020 - 17:00



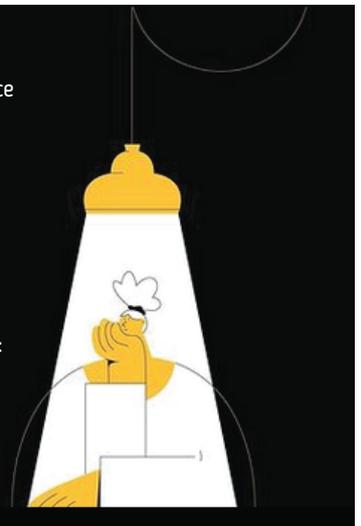
APPLIED ARTS SCOTLAND - VIDEO RESOURCES FOR CRAFT ARTISTS

Applied Arts Scotland is a membership organisation run by makers for makers giving an authentic, collective and professional voice for the sector and delivering tangible benefits. They aim to nurture the creative heart and soul of making practice by: *connecting the craft community; engaging the community through events, projects and discussions; building skills through access to peer experience and skills swap at a professional level; influencing, lobbying and ensuring the voice of makers is heard; encouraging self sufficiency & confidence in the sector.* Their evolving strategy, **'Making Sustainable Livelihoods'** builds on a wealth of project-based experience over the last 10+ years. Visit the resource archive: www.appliedartsscotland.org.uk/resources

MANIPULATE Festival #14 features lots of opportunities to develop practice and sharpen skills through a series of workshops delivered for the first time entirely online. Spanning puppetry, object theatre and animation, our carefully programmed workshops are packed full of useful information.

Find out more about these workshops:
www.manipulatefestival.org/

The festival runs:
Jan 21 - Feb 21, 2021





#FeatureThursdays is a weekly takeover of Paisley Arts Centre's social media where we give the spotlight to local creatives. We are looking for entries from Renfrewshire-based artists, creative practitioners, arts organisations, with a range of interests, skills and backgrounds.
Email artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk to get involved.



JOIN REMODE ON THURS 3 DEC AT 7PM ON FACEBOOK for a look at their new zine "Clout" - Creative Director Gillian Steel will be in conversation with curator Indie McCue & the creative contributors. They'll be taking you through the new zine - discussing the ideas behind each contribution - the images, collages and poems - all brought together by the core theme of sustainable fashion. Indie will also be looking ahead to the next issue - tune in to find out how you can get involved!
Order your copy here: <https://remodeyouth.org/product/clout-issue-1>

Christmas isn't cancelled!



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Shop with over 160 Scottish Independent Brands all from the comfort of your own home. 'Walk around' and browse the individual stalls across 10 categories, fill your basket, and then get it posted to your door for free. Paisley-based makers, Charlene Leske and Eileen Pottle, can be found in the 'Jewellery Room'. It's really easy to browse around, and all your purchases from individual rooms go into one 'basket' - making it a super simple shopping experience. Highly recommended for a great place to find interesting and unique gifts while also supporting independent makers and designers after what has been a very tricky year. Happy shopping! www.supermarketevents.com/

Open from now until 13th Dec!

[#supermarketvirtual2020](#) [#supermarketvirtual](#)



PESTER & ROSSI / PAISLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL T SHIRTS FOR SALE - WITH PROFITS DONATED TO SOUTH RENFREWSHIRE WOMEN'S AID

As part of *Renfrewshire Leisure's Artists & Residents* programme - artists Ruby Pester & Nadia Rossi worked with a group of S4 pupils at Paisley Grammar School to produce a series of artworks based on advice from senior school students to new pupils starting high school using an alphabet generated by the artists with the pupils. The artists have created T-shirts using some of the work made as part of this project.

The T-shirts are available in S / M / L and are available to buy now for £20 plus p&p - with all profits being donated to *South Renfrewshire Women's Aid*. DM the artists for more info: www.instagram.com/pesterandrossi/ or email them: pesterandrossi@gmail.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.