



# // POP NEWS / ISSUE 16 //

Welcome to the festive edition of **POP News!** When I set this newsletter up, I imagined that we'd bring out a few editions - and then would soon get back into our space in the Piazza and be able to meet up, host workshops and hold events face-to-face. Unfortunately not! But, I do hope that over the year this bulletin of information and inspiration has been a helpful and interesting resource.

At the start of the first lockdown, I read an article with this quote from Tennessee Williams that struck a chord; *"Everything that is tearing us down today will become a memory, and this memory will be shared as an anecdote or a story or a poem or a play or a warning. It will be shared with another human being, who will then understand that he is not alone in his sadness."* It has been a really strange year and I hope that the upcoming winter holidays give you the chance to rest and also bring you a bit of light and happiness. I'm going to have a little break myself, so the next edition of **POP News!** will come out on **Mon 11 Jan, 2021**.

Please get in touch if you have any opportunities or news that you'd like me to include:  
[artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

In the meantime, stay safe and creative, and look after yourselves.  
With best festive wishes, Kate & all the Arts Team at Renfrewshire Leisure

## // FESTIVE EDITION DECEMBER 2020 //

## // FUNDING //

### Renfrewshire's Cultural Organisations Support Grants

#### CULTURAL ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT - RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

The *Cultural Organisational Support Grant* programme is for not-for-profit cultural organisations ineligible to apply for the Renfrewshire Coronavirus Business Support Fund and facing significant threat. The grant programme will prioritise organisations that have to make adaptations to protect income and to ensure their sustainability.

The grant will support organisations facing a significant threat of closure, redundancies or loss of assets, and will support organisations to make the necessary adaptations to secure their future in the next financial year.

Activity supported could include development work to reshape the organisation, essential posts in danger due to the impact of the pandemic, shortfalls in salaries and operating costs and start-up costs for new income generating activity.

The fund is reserved for Renfrewshire-based organisations that have a cultural or creative purpose. Applications will be considered for awards up to a maximum of £20,000.

For more information, visit: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/COS](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/COS)

**DEADLINE: Thurs 14 Jan, 2021**



For young creatives & entrepreneurs: £10k for your start-up, or apply to DARE2DREAM fund for cash/support for your ideas, including photography exhibition, film fest, published story/illustration/poem, logo design, or pro recording session!

<http://theleff.org/creative-entrepreneurship.html>

**DEADLINE: Sun 14 Feb, 2021**

### TOURING FUND FOR THEATRE AND DANCE

#### CREATIVE SCOTLAND : TOURING FUND FOR THEATRE AND DANCE

The Touring Fund for Theatre and Dance is now open to applications for outdoor and non-conventionally staged work that complies with COVID-19 restrictions, and is looking to tour between Apr-Dec 2021

This round of the Touring Fund - for outdoor and non-conventionally staged work - is specifically designed to respond to the limitations in place within the dance, theatre and touring landscape, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and associated restrictions. This round of the fund therefore seeks to support venues, theatres, artists, companies and producers to present shows that will allow them to re-engage with their audiences in innovative ways while still complying with ongoing restrictions during 2021.

For more information, visit:

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

**DEADLINE: Fri 05 Feb, 2021**



For artists: Apply to **@ARTCRY1** if you have an urgent idea that is political and time-critical. Fast turnaround funding of up to £5k!

(You can also donate to the fund if you've got some spare pennies)

<https://artcry.co.uk/apply>

**DEADLINE: ROLLING**

# // OPPORTUNITIES //



## CRAFT SCOTLAND / JORUM - CRAFT AWARD 2021

Round 2 of the Jorum Craft Award (£500) is now open for applications. This award provides funding to assist with development of a maker's creative practice, including but not limited to research and development of a new piece of work, project or collection. The Jorum Craft Award is supported by Jorum Studio, in association with Craft Scotland. For more info:

[www.craftscotland.org/community/opportunity/jorum-craft-award-2021-round-2](http://www.craftscotland.org/community/opportunity/jorum-craft-award-2021-round-2)

If you have any questions about the Jorum Craft Award get in touch with the Craft Scotland team: [hello@craftscotland.org](mailto:hello@craftscotland.org)

**DEADLINE: Tues 19 Jan, 2021**



## FOR WRITERS: GENERATOR PROJECTS - CALL + RESPONSE

Generator Projects are looking for Scotland-based emerging artists/writers to submit writings with the theme of 'extension' to their 'call+response' project. They welcome a fluid set of genres or styles of text, whether critical or creative, personal or poetic, mimetic or exegetic, sci-fi, lo-fi, embodied, disembodied, entertainment-only or experimentally obscure.

2 or 3 responses will be selected for commission and will be published on their website. Successful applicants will receive a fee of £150.

[www.generatorprojects.co.uk/writing](http://www.generatorprojects.co.uk/writing)

**DEADLINE: Weds 06 Jan, 2021**



For sound designers, artists & companies: Digital Democracies are seeking proposals for new immersive or location-based audio work, designed to be experienced in outdoor spaces.

£6k budget (to include fees & materials etc) @[TS\\_studios](https://twitter.com/TS_studios)

<http://thresholdstudios.tv/digital-democracies-call-out-for-immersive-audio-artworks>

**DEADLINE: Fri 08 Jan, 2021**



Image Credit: Liam at Morsecode Management

## JOB OPP >> NETWORK PRODUCER

### CREATIVE RENFREWSHIRE & RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE

Creative Renfrewshire & Renfrewshire Leisure are seeking an inspirational and passionate Network Producer who will promote and expand the Creative Renfrewshire Network. Working within a partnership between Renfrewshire Leisure & Creative Renfrewshire, the Network Producer will deliver development support and innovative approaches to advancing the career pathways and sustainability of the diverse range of artists and creative businesses who are part of the Creative Renfrewshire Network.

This post is supported by Renfrewshire Leisure's Place Partnership with Funding from Creative Scotland & Renfrewshire Council with the intention of building the resilience of the Creative Industries sector in the region.

For more info, visit: <https://creativerenfrewshire.com/about/opportunities/>

**DEADLINE: Fri 08 Jan, 2021**



For freelancers who've lost opps to gain experience as producers due to Covid:

Join @YourOldChina's FREE Optimists programme to take part in sessions with industry professionals, including practical support with budgets & fundraising.

<https://chinaplatetheatre.com/opportunities/>

**DEADLINE: Mon 11 Jan, 2021**



For poets, writers, musicians, storytellers & sound artists: Green Croft Arts are looking to commission 8 artists to have a creative response in poetry, song, story or sound that explores the commonality between historical or archeological conflict and issues that affect contemporary rural communities today. £1-2k per commission

<http://artsjobs.org.uk/arts-job/post/open-call-for-artists-collision-conflict/>

**DEADLINE: Thurs 17 Dec, 2020**

#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](mailto:artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk) to get involved.

## // OPPORTUNITIES Cont... //



### NATURE CURE – A SPODE ROSE GARDEN RESIDENCY

For artists: @AirSpaceGallery are offering an artist residency at Spode Rose Garden, to explore public green space & the role of plants in mental & physical well-being. £3200 fee, £1600 materials budget & extra paid workshop delivery days. <http://artsjobs.org.uk/arts-job/post/residency-11>

**DEADLINE: Mon 04 Jan, 2021**



For producers: If you love ambitious, bold, experimental international work look no further than @LIFTfestival & @Transform\_Leeds, both recruiting right now.

**LIFT:** <https://liftfestival.com/join-the-team-2020/> (15 DEC)

**Transform:**

<https://transformfestival.org/opportunity/producer-recruitment> (18 DEC)

## // NETWORKS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT //



### HELP SCAN & SAU SHARE HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED YOU.

Please take 10 -15 minutes to contribute to the visual art workforce survey to help SCAN and SAU share your needs with politicians in the run up to the 2021 Scottish Elections.

SCAN have teamed up with Scottish Artists Union to gather vital information from the visual arts workforce on Covid-19 and its impacts.

SCAN will be presenting evidence to the Scottish Parliament Culture Committee on the 28th January, and the information provided in this survey will allow them to present the fullest picture. They want to know how you and your livelihood have been affected this year:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VisArtsSectorSurvey>

The survey is open until **Thurs 07 Jan, 2021**



### ANTIRACISM IN THE SCOTTISH ARTS SECTOR: WEBINAR COURSE

Racism impacts the Scottish Arts sector as much as any other, and it is all our responsibilities to change this. Tramway is offering an online course which aims to support cultural practitioners to embed antiracism in their practice.

Over a course of six webinar style sessions, participants will be able to explore antiracist values, antiracist practice and their own roles within systemic racism and white supremacy. These live 2-hour sessions will take place on **Tuesdays from 2 February - 9 March 2021, 12-2pm**

Freelancer's fee - £30 for 6 sessions

Organisation fee - £80 for 6 sessions

To find out more and register your interest visit: [www.tramway.org](http://www.tramway.org)

Image: Installation shot of Nick Cave: *Until* (Tramway, 2019). With thanks to the artist.



### PRODUCER'S POOL SCOTLAND

Following their inaugural discussions/meeting on 17th November Producer's Pool are delighted to begin monthly gatherings for Scotland based producers across all live artforms; **Tues 15 Dec from 6-8pm** Producers' Pool has grown in 5 years from a small meet in a London pub to a cloud-based network of 550 independent and building based producers of theatre and the performing arts. They welcome people in training and those who have been there and got the scars. They have contributors from around 15 countries who work with or in the UK scene. In this strange pandemic cloud-based world it seems the perfect time to consider creating PP (Scotland).

[www.ticketsignite.com/event/3650/producers--pool--scotland--201215](http://www.ticketsignite.com/event/3650/producers--pool--scotland--201215)



### SUSTAINABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY WITHIN CREATIVE PROJECTS

Information session on Fri, 22 Jan, 2021 from 13:30 - 14:30 on Sustainability and Accessibility within Creative Projects.

The session is open to creative practitioners and organisations based in Renfrewshire. Here is the joining link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainability-and-accessibility-within-artistic-projects-tickets-132081265621>



**Feel Good Gallowhill present a Children's Festive Art Trail**

Fri 18 Dec - Fri 8 Jan - along the Gallowhill 5k Walking Route

This winter the streets of Gallowhill will be transformed into a Festive Art trail with bright and joyous drawings and paintings created by the pupils at St Catherine's Primary School and Gallowhill Primary School lining the lamp posts along the Active Communities 5k walking route in the area.

The idea was dreamt up by the newly formed local community group - *Feel Good Gallowhill* to bring some festive cheer to the area. As well as brightening up the streets, the group hopes that the Festive Art Trail encourages people to get out and about over the winter holiday, to take a walk and enjoy discovering all the wonderful artworks.



**MY OWN PRIVATE AUDIO** is a new sonic artwork produced and conceived by Feral (Jill Smith and Kathryn Boyle). Containing a playlist of 8 intimate audio installations designed to be experienced by the listener at home during specific moments or situations in their day. Artists have been invited to create new audio works spanning movement scores, sound art and spoken word offering a portal to discover the extraordinary in the everyday.

My Own Private Audio creates a place for the listener to immerse themselves sonically in artistic responses that range from the meditative and poetic to the irreverent, surreal and otherworldly. Featuring contributions from artists including Katy Dye, Leyla Josephine, Alicia Matthews, Mac McGregor, Peter McMaster, David A Pollock, Gudrun Soley Sigurdardottir and Paula Varjack. With specially commissioned illustrations by visual artist Bruno Gallagher and sound design by Robbie Gunn. Listen Here! [www.renfrewshireleisure.com/out-of-place/](http://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/out-of-place/)



**RENFREWSHIRE ANTI STIGMA ALLIANCE**

**WALK A MILE**  
(VIRTUAL STYLE)

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Renfrewshire Anti Stigma Alliance (RASA) are raising awareness of **mental health stigma** by Walking a Mile (virtual style) in our own areas.

Please share a photo of something that makes you smile when you are out walking to ....

#RenAntiStigma

TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE  
AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT ....

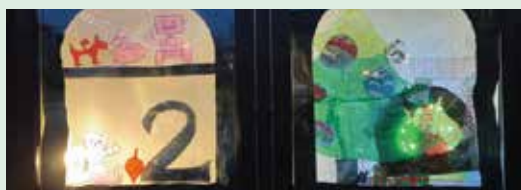
Image: Izzy Thompson from Wasps, Inverness Creative Academy



**SCAN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST**

Support local arts whilst doing your Christmas shopping this year! SCAN have put together a listing of members that are hosting online shops, to help you choose a unique gift for friends and family. Do some festive shopping and support Scotland's artists, makers and organisations:

<https://sca-net.org/support-artists-and-makers-this-festive-season/>



**THE FERGUSLIE COMMUNITY ADVENT CALENDAR** is Ferguslie Parks December-long festive event.

The Community Advent Calendar is a trail of windows in Ferguslie that are illuminated with a festive scene with one being 'opened' daily from 1st December until 24th December and then remaining open to view until 1st January. The window scenes will be lit up every evening so you can join in by strolling around the streets of Ferguslie - download a map here:

<https://engagereinfrewshire.org/couch/uploads/file/ferguslie-community-advent-calendar-trail.pdf>

**\*\*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.