

// POP NEWS / ISSUE 18 //

Hello and welcome to the second POP News of 2021. Thanks for signing up.

There are plenty opportunities for Renfrewshire creatives in this week's edition, including: actor call-outs for *Civil Disobedience's Paisley Radicals* project and *Paisley Book Festival's Roxana*. Also - just a quick reminder that applications for the next round of *VACMA:Renfrewshire* close on Tues 2 Feb. If you're thinking of applying, email me - kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk to chat about your ideas and reasons for applying. I'm here to help!

This issue has gone out a day later than usual - again! I'm aiming for the next one to go out on **Mon 8 Feb** (but it might be Tues 9). Please get in touch with any news, events or opportunities that you'd like included in the next edition: artsteam@renfrewshire.gov.uk
Hope you are all staying safe and creative, Kate & all the Arts Team at Renfrewshire Leisure



// JAN 2021 //

// FUNDING & GRANTS //

**Visual Artist and
Craft Maker Awards**
RENFREWSHIRE
Bursaries 2020/21

**DEADLINE
FOR
APPLICATIONS
Tues 2 Feb**

IDEAS MENTORING INNOVATION
DEVELOPMENT CREATIVITY
OPPORTUNITY PRACTICE
SUPPORT SKILLS PRESENTATION
RESEARCH EXPERIMENTATION
REFLECTION
#VACMASCOTLAND

VISIT www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/vacma/
FOR MORE INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORMS

VISUAL ARTIST & CRAFT MAKER AWARDS : RENFREWSHIRE
Round 5 of Visual Artist & Craft Maker Awards: Renfrewshire Bursary Scheme, run in partnership with Creative Scotland, is now open for applications. The bursaries are available to individual visual artists and craft makers living and/or working in Renfrewshire to support creative and/or professional development activities.

Please email kate.drummond@renfrewshire.gov.uk to book an informal advice session to discuss your ideas and reasons for applying before sending your application in.

For more info: www.renfrewshireleisure.com/opportunities/vacma/
DEADLINE: Tues 02 Feb, 2021



WOMEN MAKE MUSIC - PRS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
All applications must be submitted by 6pm on the day of the deadline.
More information: <https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/>
DEADLINE: Fri 12 Feb, 2021



ANALOGUE PHOTOGRAPHY GRANTS: THE RICHARD AND SIOBHÁN COWARD FOUNDATION

The Foundation supports and promotes analogue photography and its central importance to the art and practice of photography. Sums of between £250 and £1000 are available to individuals or groups for analogue photography projects.
For further information about applying for a grant, including an application form visit: www.cowardphotography.org
DEADLINE: Fri 02 Apr, 2021



INCHES CARR £5000 BURSARIES FOR CRAFT MAKERS
Applicants must be professional makers working in Scotland. Each bursary is a sum of £5000. Applicants must have worked in their craft in Scotland for at least 5 years.
The Trust will consider applications that look into strategic research and development projects, for example through the learning of a new skill, the opportunity to attend a course that would significantly improve existing skills, or residency to achieve these objectives.
For more info: www.inchescarr.org.uk/craft-bursaries.php
DEADLINE: Weds 10 Mar, 2021

HARDSHIP FUNDS FOR CREATIVE FREELANCERS

HARDSHIP FUND FOR CREATIVE FREELANCERS - CREATIVE SCOTLAND
This fund will support creative freelancers working in Scotland who are experiencing immediate financial hardship due to the loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds offer a one-off monetary contribution to those who are most deeply impacted and disadvantaged by the cancellation of work as a result of the emergency situation.
For more information, and details of how to apply, visit: www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/
DEADLINE: Weds 31 Mar, 2021

// OPPORTUNITIES //



CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND THE PAISLEY RADICALS

Civil Disobedience is currently looking to recruit a diverse team of actors for a digital immersive experience being created remotely throughout February. TO APPLY: Grab our attention with a selfie, a fun email and a short audio monologue (one-take self tapes on your phone are perfectly acceptable). We're particularly keen to hear from applicants from marginalised communities, and welcome applications from untrained individuals. For more info about the project, visit:

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

or email: barry@wearecivildisobedience.com

DEADLINE: Fri 29 Jan, 2021



INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS SCOTLAND: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

The IOP Scotland (IOPS) public engagement grant offers up to £2,500 to individuals or organisations based in Scotland for physics-based events and activities. Our public engagement grant scheme is designed to provide financial support to physics-based creative projects that reach audiences that might not usually engage with physics in Scotland.

www.iop.org/physics-community/iop-membership-where-you-are/Scotland/

DEADLINE: Applications can be submitted at any time.



£750 AWARD FOR UNPUBLISHED WRITERS IN SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH ARTS TRUST

Unpublished writers in Scotland can apply for the Isobel Lodge Award by entering stories up to 2000 words on any topic to the Scottish Arts Club Short Story Competition. Chief judge Andrew O'Hagan.

More info here: www.storyawards.org/isobel-lodge-award

DEADLINE: Sun 28 Feb, 2021



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LB X A-N ARTIST BURSARIES | IN ASSOCIATION WITH OPEN CULTURE

As part of a shared commitment to supporting artists across the UK, Liverpool Biennial 2021, a-n The Artists Information Company and Open Culture are joining forces to offer five support and research bursaries of £1500 each for artists between March - June 2021, within the 11th edition of Liverpool Biennial. You need to be a member of a-n to enter, but it is worth joining them anyway - as there are loads of great benefits to being a member. More info here:

www.biennial.com/collaborations/lb-x-an-artist-bursaries

DEADLINE: Fri 12 Feb, 2021



CASTING OPPORTUNITY: ROXANA - PAISLEY BOOK FESTIVAL

Seeking ONE ACTOR for "Roxana" by Laurie R. King.

A co-production with the Paisley Book Festival and Renfrewshire Leisure. Directed by Shilpa T-Hyland. For further information, please contact:

louise.oliver@renfrewshire.gov.uk or visit <https://paisleybookfest.com/>

Copy and paste the FULL link below to view full details on the Creative Scotland Opportunities site:

<https://opportunities.creativescotland.com/opportunity/index/2f7e12ca-71ce-4a25-99de-42ad6215c9cb/?Ref=%2F>

DEADLINE: Fri 5 Feb, 2021



ARTCYCLE ECO-ART PROJECT CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

FORTH VALLEY ART BEAT

Call for Artists: Three new outdoor based artist commissions now available in and around Falkirk & Stirling. Contemporary, visually striking works that respond to ideas of people & place, local environments, ecology, mapping, well-being or other eco-art related areas are sought. Each selected artist will be expected to carry out a led-cycle event, walk or talk with the public as part of their commission: <https://forthvalleyartbeat.com/artcycle-project/>

DEADLINE: Fri 29 Jan, 2021



GREENOCK PUBLIC ARTWORK PHASE II - DESIGN & BUILD

SUSTRANS AND INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

After a successful community engagement project in 2020, Sustrans, in partnership with Inverclyde Council, are looking for an ambitious artist to deliver Phase 2 of this project. The selected artist will build on the previous community engagement (Aug-Oct 2020) to develop new public artwork or artistic intervention for the Greenock waterfront along the National Cycle Network Route 75. There is a budget of £65k for the project. For information on how to apply and full project brief please get in touch with Cosmo Blake at Sustrans on cosmo.blake@sustrans.org.uk

DEADLINE: Tues 9 Feb, 2021



UNLOCKING OUR SOUND HERITAGE - NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE The National Library of Scotland seek to commission an artist to deliver new work as part of their artist-in-residence programme. Artists are invited to explore the collections and their context to inspire new works and interpretations, and to compose new pieces. The artist will be invited to research the sound archives and open up the collections to new audiences. £4,800 set fee. More info: j.park@nls.uk or visit: www.nls.engageats.co.uk/Welcome.aspx

DEADLINE: Tues 9 Feb, 2021



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Mick Haupt on Unsplash

COMPASS : BRAND STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS – CRAFT SCOTLAND

This series of COMPASS: Online Workshops will give you the tools to tell your maker story through content, branding, campaigns, websites and social media. This workshop series has been specifically designed for makers, artists and other creative practitioners, to connect with your customers in an engaging and authentic way.

The COMPASS: Online Workshops 2021 will take place online via Zoom.

Find out more: www.craftscotland.org



DEVOTED & DISGRUNTLED – UNCONVENTIONAL CONVENTION

Join our 16th annual “*unconventional convention*” for everyone who loves, makes and lives theatre and the performing arts – this year, online for the first time ever. Devoted & Disgruntled (D&D) is an opportunity for everyone passionate about the arts – from audiences to artists, CEOs to FOH staff, grassroots groups to seasoned professionals – to get together and focus on the question: “*What are we going to do about theatre and the performing arts?*” Anyone and everyone is invited to take part, no matter how “*experienced*” you are. Find out more: www.devotedanddisgruntled.com



ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE – TUDOR TRUST FUNDING SPOTLIGHT SESSION

The spotlight session gives those interested the chance to see a presentation on available funding, how to apply and then to take part in a question & answer session.

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK to make positive change in their communities.

The session will take place on zoom. More info:

engagerenfrewshire.org/calendar/the-tudor-trust-funding-spotlight-session.html

SESSION DATE: Thurs 28 Jan, 2021



CROWDFUNDING CREATIVITY

Following the success of the initiative last year, Crowdfunder and Creative Scotland have once again set aside £75,000 to award to 20 creative projects across Scotland; and are encouraging creative individuals, groups or businesses to submit their creative ideas in order to take part in a competition to win a share of £75,000 in match funding (up to £10,000 per project) from Creative Scotland towards their crowdfunding campaign.

Find out more, and submit your entries, here:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/creative-scotland-crowdmatch

DEADLINE: Mon 8 Feb, 2021



Cat Hepburn

SCOTTISH YOUTH POETRY SLAM – DIGITAL WRITING GROUP

Following on from the success of the Scottish Youth Poetry Slam, organisers are delivering a new year-long project open to young writers aged 14+ to help develop their skills, build their confidence and be part of a community of new talent. Young writers of any experience can sign up for the digital writing group which will deliver an exciting programme of workshops outwith school hours. Award-winning writer and spoken word artist, Cat Hepburn will speak at the first group.

Monthly workshops with industry professionals. FREE!

To sign up, email lauren@confab.org.uk

FIRST WORKSHOP: Weds 3 Feb, 2021



LOCKDOWN IDEAS SWAP SHOP: COLLECTING EDI DATA YOUTH THEATRE ARTS SCOTLAND

Join YTA for their second Lockdown Ideas Swap Shop of 2021, focussing on collecting EDI data in a meaningful and ethical way. To find out about this workshop, and a full list of all sessions in the series, visit:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/youth-theatre-arts-scotland-4717749685

SESSION DATE: Thur 25 March, 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.



PROVOST'S COMMUNITY AWARDS 2021

Nominations are now open for the Provost's Community Awards 2021. One of the categories is Arts & Culture - this category is open to individuals or groups who have demonstrated their creativity through the common elements of arts and culture for the benefit of the community and not for profit. You can send in a nomination by downloading the form: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/provostawards2021 Then email your completed form to: provostawards@renfrewshire.gov.uk

COMING UP ON RenTV

PAISLEY ARTS CENTRE ON RenTV is delighted to host...



Granny Fenella by Zoë Bullock, Christine Urquhart and Samuel Pashby. *Granny Fenella* has been stuck at home for a very long time. Nobody comes to visit, and little comes through her letterbox. Then, one day, a package arrives that changes everything. *Granny Fenella* soon discovers that her little home is far bigger than she thought... *it's a magical playground where anything is possible.*

Watch three stop-motion animations - each with accompanying activities and extra behind-the-scenes adventures - on RenTV: www.renfrewshireleisure.com/family-activities/



Search for the Lighthouse written and performed by Petre Dobre. Artist and Illustrator: Alice Muir. BSL Interpreter: Karen Forbes. A sailor energetically navigates a splashy-splashy and sunny, windswept, wet and wavy adventure - encountering animals of land and sea along the way. Although at times darkness closes in, like all storms, this too shall pass - with brighter days ahead.

A short introduction to BSL ensures that everyone, of all ages, can together enjoy this humorous and engaging story - on RenTV: www.renfrewshireleisure.com/family-activities/

Both the above projects were originally produced as part of Imagine! Ideas Fund 2020. www.imagine.org.uk/artists/projects/ideas-fund-2020

SUBMISSIONS OPEN DEADLINE: 12TH FEB

KAIROS CHRONICLE: SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Would you like to see your creative work in the next issue of the brilliant KAIROS community zine? They are looking for submissions from women & non-binary people in Scotland (particularly in Renfrewshire) of: Visual Art Crafts | Poetry & Creative Writing | Factual Articles | Real life stories and Puzzle pages. Written submissions should be no more than 400 words. They deliver 250 print copies plus 100s of digital copies across Scotland. Take a look at October's issue for inspo: <http://bit.ly/3p8m3oo> If your submission is accepted you will receive a free print copy in the mail. There is no age limit, children and young people are also welcome to submit. Email adeola@activecommunities.co.uk with your submission **DEADLINE: Fri 12 Feb, 2021**



VEVAR X SMA'SHOT COTTAGES

Paisley-based Dress and Textile Historian, Lucy McConnell, has teamed up with VEVAR to create a range of handwoven limited edition lambswool and silk scarves for [@Sma_Shot](https://twitter.com/Sma_Shot) Vevar is a woven textile studio based in Glasgow's East End. They produce small batch fabrics on their 1940's dobcross loom, as well as smaller hand woven lengths on their range of antique and traditional sample looms. You can acquire your very own Vevar x Sma' Shot scarf, and read Lucy's guest blog post on the inspiration behind the scarves here: www.vevar.co.uk/blog/smashotxvevar



V&A CULTURAL CARE PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS

For the student community in Dundee, and across Scotland. The V&A Dundee have pulled together a few recommendations from staff across the museum to read or watch, either created by the V&A or things that the staff discovered themselves over lockdown from across the internet. They'll be adding more over time, so be sure to check back: www.vam.ac.uk/dundee/info/cultural-care-package

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