

Craft & Design Fairs / Shows / Open Studios / Exhibitions

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2020 Art Walk Porty Festival (5-13 Sept 2020, Portobello, Edinburgh)

Art in Houses DL 1 Mar

Art in Shops DL 15 Mar

www.artwalkporty.co.uk / <https://en-gb.facebook.com/artwalkporty/>

British Ceramics Biennial FRESH Show (Stoke-on-Trent)

Next Biennial Sept 2021

www.britishceramicsbiennial.com/

CLOTH#20 (textile fair at Dovecot Studios, Edinburgh, organised by weaver James Donald; in 2 parts during Aug)

<https://www.facebook.com/clothedinburgh/>

DL is 27 Mar 2020

Craft Festival (Bovey Tracey, Devon); includes STARTup, area for businesses 2 years' old or less

(Also fairs in Cheltenham and Bath now with different deadlines)

DL for 2020 was Friday 29 November 2019

START-UP applications: DL was 24 January 2020

<http://www.craftsatboveytracey.co.uk/>

Craft in Focus

They run a programme of craft fairs throughout the year in the south of England mostly – eg Kensington, RHS Wisley, Brooklands, Winchester. They take makers from across the UK and include new makers as well as established. Apply via their website.

<http://www.craftinfocus.com/>

DCA CRAFTED – Christmas Craft & Design Market (Dundee)

2019 DL was 24 Sept

<http://www.dca.org.uk/>

DESIGNMARKET at the Fruitmarket (Edinburgh; June; 2020, currently closed for redevelopment)

<https://www.fruitmarket.co.uk/events/talks-and-events/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1643584299050751/>

Dundee Ministry of Crafts (monthly makers' markets organised by Aberdeen Ministry of Crafts, now also in Steeple Church, Dundee)

DL for 2020 Dundee events was 29 Feb

<https://www.dundeemoc.co.uk/apply>

DL for 2020 Aberdeen events is 31 Mar

<https://www.aberdeenmoc.co.uk/apply>

Earth and Fire (international ceramics' fair; Nottinghamshire)

For 2021 fair, applications will open in late Oct 2020

<http://www.earthandfire.co.uk/>

<http://www.earthandfire.co.uk/apply-for-a-stall/4594443463>

EP Christmas Market (Edinburgh Printmakers, at their new Fountainbridge address)

DL 22 Oct 2019

<http://www.edinburghprintmakers.co.uk/>

Elements Festival of Jewellery, Silver & Gold (organised by the Incorporation of Goldsmiths, Scotland; at Lyon & Turnbull, Edinburgh; takes place 6-8 Nov 2020)

DL for 2020 was 2 Mar

<https://www.elementsfestival.co.uk/>

Goldsmiths' Fair (organised by the Goldsmiths' Company, London)

DL was 27 Feb for 2020 Fair

<https://www.goldsmithsfair.co.uk/>

Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair (original one in Manchester; also Gateshead, Altrincham & Sheffield now too)

DL was 8 Mar for 2020

<http://www.greatnorthernevents.co.uk/>

Handmade in Britain, including:

- Chelsea, DL 30 Apr 2020

<https://www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Handmade-Chelsea-2020-Information-Pack.pdf>

- Oxford 2020 (Waterperry Gardens), DL was 31 Jan 2020

<https://www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk/event/handmade-oxford/#Exhibiting>

<https://www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk/>

London Design Fair

Mar 2020 - applications still being taken for 2020 Fair

<https://www.londondesignfair.co.uk/application-form/>

Nice Markets – held in Milngavie, Glasgow, & eco-friendly ones in the west end of Glasgow

2018 DLs 17 & 28 Apr

Email them (nicemarketsscotland@gmail.com) with examples of your work and explaining how your work is eco-friendly focused – this is the only way to apply!

New Designers - One Year In (formerly One Year On; late June/early July)

2020 DL 31 Jan

<https://www.newdesigners.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ND20-OYI-Info.pdf>

North Wales Contemporary Craft Fair (with Mostyn, Llandudno; Nov)

DL for 2019 was 20 Sept 2019

<https://www.mostyn.org/news/north-wales-contemporary-craft-fair-winter-2019>

Perthshire Creates Summer & Christmas Design Markets

DL 29 Mar 2020

<http://perthshirecreates.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/PDF-2020-SUMMER-DESIGN-MARKET-GUIDELINES-Artist-Applications.pdf>

Schmuck 2020 (Munich Jewellery Week – cancelled this year because of coronavirus; opportunities for new & experienced artists)

DL was 8 Oct 2019

<https://munichjewelleryweek.com/events/50-years-v-schmuck>

Scotland's Trade Fair (SECC, Glasgow, including Craft Gallery, Launch Gallery, Autumn Craft; held in Jan & Sept)
DL for 2020 was end of Jan (Spring); contact them for Sept Fair
<https://autumn.scotlandstradefairs.co.uk/contact-us>

Scottish Design Exchange

Selling opp @ Ocean Terminal, Edinburgh, and now Glasgow, plus online
Contact them to apply to join them
<https://www.scottishdesignexchange.com/join-us>

Tea Green Events

Various event (eg Dundee, Fife, Glasgow) throughout year
DLs typically Feb for Spring & Summer shows; July for Autumn & Christmas
For V&A Dundee Festive Market, 2019 DL was 15 Sept
<http://www.teagreen.co.uk/>

Top Drawer | Craft (A/W20 is held in Sept, & S/S21 in Jan; Olympia, London)

Fill in a stand enquiry - <https://www.topdrawer.co.uk/STANDENQUIRY#/>
<https://www.topdrawer.co.uk/>

Open Studios' events in Fife

Central Fife Open Studios

1st w/end in Sept
<http://www.centralfifeopenstudios.org/>

East Neuk Open Studios

W/ends in June, July, Nov
<http://www.eastneukopenstudios.org/>

Open Studios North Fife

1st w/end in May
<http://openstudiosfife.co.uk/>

Open Exhibitions (that include applied art/craft & design)

Craft Scotland Summer Show

DL 22 Jan 2020
<https://www.craftscotland.org/>

SSA & VAS OPEN (Society of Scottish Artists & Visual Arts Scotland; other opportunities for members)

DL 10 Oct 2019 for 2019 event
<http://www.s-s-a.org/>

Craft & Design Funding / Awards / Mentoring / Useful Websites

Funding & Awards

Art Jewelry Forum Young Artist Award (USA-based award/group)

DL 12 Jan 2020 for 2020 award (announced in Mar 2020)

<https://artjewelryforum.org/2020-art-jewelry-forum-young-artist-award>

Creative EDGE Award

Next round of applications opens in July 2020

<https://scottishedge.com/>

Daiwa Foundation Small Grant and Award Applications

DLs 31 Mar & 30 Sept 2020

<http://dajf.org.uk/grants-awards-prizes/>

Derwent Art Prize (showcases the very best 2D & 3D artworks created in pencil or coloured pencil as well as water soluble, pastel, graphite and charcoal by British and International artists)

DL 17 Feb 2020

<https://www.derwent-artprize.com/>

Dewar Art Awards (for artists under 30 working in any discipline)

Trustees meet 4 times/year

<http://www.dewarawards.org/>

Goldsmiths' Centre – Career Catalyst Grants (for artists with 5+ years' experience; £5,000 – but have to make contribution of minimum of 10%)

DL 23 Mar 2020

<https://www.goldsmiths-centre.org/courses/career-catalyst-grants/>

Goldsmiths' Company Graduate Bursaries (sponsors up to 10 selected recent graduates to display their collections; includes award of £1,500 to help prepare for the Fair)

Heritage Craft Awards (several different awards; some require nomination rather than just application)

DL 1 May 2020

<http://awards.heritagecrafts.org.uk/>

Inches Carr Craft Bursaries 2020 (£5,000 awarded to professional makers who have been working in Scotland for at least 5 years)

DL was 4 Mar 2020

<http://www.inchescarr.org.uk/craft-bursaries.php>

Jerwood Charitable Foundation

eg Jerwood Bursaries (for artists within 1-5 years of starting up – can apply for up to £1,250)

DL was 9 Mar 2020

<http://www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org/how-we-work/>

Loewe Craft Prize

DL for 2020 prize was 31 Oct 2019

<http://craftprize.loewe.com/>

Marshwood Arts Awards (biennial award – disciplines supported changes for each award)

Next award in 2021 (DL likely to be Sept 2020)

<http://www.marshwoodawards.com/>

Pittenweem Arts Festival Bursary

2020 DL was 15 Mar

<https://www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk/bursary-award.html>

QEST (Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust - offers craft scholarships & apprenticeships)

Scholarship applications' process opens twice a year, in Jan & July. Application period is open for one month & the assessment stages begin soon after the applications close.

DL was 10 Feb 2020; next application period is 14 July - 24 August 2020

<https://www.qest.org.uk/>

Ruskin Prize (organised by visual literacy charity The Big Draw)

To receive details about the 2019 Ruskin Prize, sign up for alerts on their website

DL for 2019 prize was 12 May 2019

<http://www.ruskinprize.co.uk/about/>

Sunny Art Prize (sculpture, painting, drawing, original print, photography, ceramic, mixed media, installation, video art and/or moving image, digital art (including physical work which is computer generated, eg digital prints))

DL 30 June 2020

<https://www.sunnyartcentre.co.uk/artprize/>

UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) Tradeshow Access Programme

Provides government funding in the form of grants to help eligible UK businesses attend overseas trade shows or conferences

2017 DL 31 Dec

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tradeshow-access-programme>

VACMA (Visual and Craft Maker Awards; set up by Creative Scotland and co-funded by various local authorities across Scotland; in 2019 introduced Bursary of £500 for new makers)

DLs in early Oct and early Feb

<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/funds-delivered-by-partners/visual-arts-and-crafts-awards>

<https://www.fcac.co.uk/opportunity/visual-artist-and-craft-maker-awards-fife/> (for Fife-based artists)

Mentoring

VAS Inches Carr Mentoring Award

2017 DL 6 Nov

<http://www.visualartsscotland.org/gallery/inches-carr-mentoring-award>

Useful Websites

Fife Contemporary ([sign up to our free fortnightly artists' news & opportunities Newsflash](#))

<http://www.fcac.co.uk>

Business Gateway Fife (eg Digital Boost, free online tutorials for online marketing, social media and IT support)

<https://www.businessgatewayfife.com/>

Crafts Council (check out their opportunities)

<http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/>

Craft Scotland (sign up to their free monthly Opportunities e-bulletin)

<https://www.craftscotland.org/>

Creative Scotland (sign up to their free weekly Opportunities' e-bulletin)

<http://www.creativescotland.com/>

Creative Entrepreneurs' Club (formerly Cultural Enterprise Office – have to pay to become a member)

<https://creativeentrepreneursclub.co.uk/>

Design Trust (sign up to their free e-newsletters)

<http://www.thedesigntrust.co.uk/>

Selvedge (also magazine)

<https://www.selvedge.org/>

Scottish Artists Union (The SAU campaigns for better working conditions for all visual and applied artists throughout Scotland: JOIN AND BE HEARD!)

<https://www.artistsunion.scot/>

Ethical Making Resource An online tool designed primarily for jewellers and silversmiths who are looking for practical information on how to make their work ethically. The Resource hosts reliable information on what ethical making means, why it is important for the jewellery sector, and ways to achieve a more ethically led practice. The resource presents this information in a clear and accessible format and includes:

Research on the benefit of ethical making practices

- How to register for the Fairtrade and Fairmined accreditation schemes
- Safer alternatives and tips for running an environmentally conscious studio
- Supplier lists of responsibly sourced metals and stones
- Lists of key organisations in the industry
- Further research into ethical making for those who want to delve deeper into the subject

<http://www.ethicalmaking.org/>