



Upland | Call for Makers to lead Modern Makers 2021/22

A programme for young people (30 years and under) to learn craft skills.

We are looking for expressions of interest from Upland members to lead the future Modern Makers programme.

Modern Makers is a chance for a small group of young people from D&G (usually between 4-6) to be tutored intensively for 30 days by a professional maker to learn new skills, develop their own practice and gain insight into how a maker functions in today's social and economic environment. We hope that by working in a group, participants will gain new skills and confidence while at the same time be able to share ideas and build relationships through shared experience. We know that the best way to become a skilled maker is to learn from one so we would like to offer young people the opportunity to work with one of our experienced crafts people in the region.

The 2020 Modern Makers programme is being led by Amanda Simmons. We are looking for expressions of interest from established makers who would be interested in leading future Modern Makers programmes in 2021/22. Makers must be an Upland Member.

Please note that funding is not yet in place for 2021 onwards and will have to be sought. We are looking to shape the programme to fit the discipline involved. This allows us to create a more bespoke project and work with the maker(s) selected to hone the programme plan and then submit funding applications. The project is funding dependent at this stage.

We are open to any craft discipline however please do consider that the last five years have covered: woodwork & design with Sam Booth; ceramics with Fitch & McAndrew; costume design for performance with Alex Rigg; printmaking and glass work. Ideally, we would like to offer something different to keep the programme as varied as possible. But if in doubt please just get in touch. (See links at the bottom of the page for more info on past programmes).

What does the project involve?

Modern Makers is geared towards 16 – 30 year olds with an interest in learning craft skills, working in craft, or in setting up a micro business in Dumfries and Galloway.

The work is usually carried out over 30 days spanning 6 months. These 30 days can be spread throughout the project period or delivered in blocks, depending on the participants and the maker. The dates will be coordinated to fit with the makers schedule and that of the young people.

We are looking for professional craft makers who will teach new skills to a small group of young people. The size of the group will depend on the maker and be determined after the maker has been selected. The workshops could happen in your own workshop/studio or a suitable alternative in Dumfries and Galloway.

Budget and Fee

This would be developed in dialogue with the selected maker but we would look to apply for funding on the same principles as current and past Modern Makers projects. Makers are paid for their time at Scottish Artist Union rates of pay.

To Apply

Send a written statement detailing – what you do as a maker/ what experience you could bring to this project / why you would like to lead the programme - along with a CV and three images which represent your practice to - amy@weareupland.com

DEADLINE FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Monday 3rd February 2020 9am.

Please call Amy on 07871201473 if you have any questions. If you are not currently an Upland member and would like to apply for membership please visit the website: <http://www.weareupland.com/members/become-an-uplander>

More information on past Modern Makers project.

MM 2019: <https://www.weareupland.com/projects/modern-makers-2019>

MM 2018: <https://www.weareupland.com/projects/modern-makers-2018>

MM 2017: <https://www.weareupland.com/projects/modern-makers-2017>

MM 2016: <https://www.weareupland.com/projects/modern-makers-2016>