

## Upland | Modern Makers 2016

### What is the project?

A chance for a group of young people to be tutored intensively for 20 days by a professional craft maker, to learn heritage craft skills, and to make at least one contemporary functional object.

### Who is it for?

15 - 25 year olds from Dumfries and Galloway

### What is heritage craft, a craft maker, and what do you mean by a contemporary functional object?

Craft makers work with their hands and using tools, machinery and technology to make (usually) wearable or usable objects such as jewellery, clothes, shoes, furniture, pots, bowls and hats. They use materials such as metal, wood, glass, plastic, fabric, leather and clay. Some makers use traditional techniques and machinery, some use cutting edge new technology, and may use a combination.

Have a look at <http://www.stevekenward.com/Made-Not-Manufactured>

Here are some examples of modern heritage craft made by professional makers:



These are some examples of products made by Modern Makers participants in 2014/ 2015:



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Who is the professional maker? (And where are they based?)

Maker for 2016 programme: Sam Booth - <http://www.echoliveing.co.uk/#!about-us/c24vq>

Sam Booth has over 30 years of experience in interior, product and building design. In the last two years he has established *Echo Living* realising a long held ambition to develop beautiful, sustainable, small buildings, and has now designed a collection of bespoke, site specific projects, and off-grid, modular solutions.

Each small building is designed and entirely hand built in-house; using a combination of traditional woodworking skills with both traditional and innovative materials, producing a beautifully designed and crafted sustainable building, both inside and out.

Although the building designs are primarily in timber, the workshop and techniques are not limited to any particular material. Contemporary, innovative materials such as cross laminated timber panels and recycled materials can be combined with simple traditional wood working and production techniques.

Sam's award winning interior and furniture designs have featured in international publications and exhibitions; he has lectured in interior and product design departments at Glasgow School of Art and Edinburgh College of Art. Two of Sam's buildings have also been featured in two episodes of the Channel 4 programme, 'George Clarke's Amazing Spaces'.

Sam's workshop is in Clarebrand, Castle Douglas.



Echo Living, Treehouse exterior

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Echo Living, House on Wheels



Echo Living, Brockloch Bothy

## What will be created?

The group will either work collaboratively on, or create an individual element of, a large scale structure.

## How many places are there?

6 places maximum

## When will the workshops happen and what is the commitment?

The final dates will be decided between the Maker and participants.

The workshops will ideally begin end of January / beginning of February 2016 with an initial design phase which will be three days over three consecutive weeks (one day a week). This time will be used to develop a brief which will then dictate the rest of the project.

The project requires each participant to undertake 20 days working with Sam which can be spread over 5 months, but due to the nature of the project this may be condensed over a shorter timescale, flexibility will be required. Upland will help negotiate these dates with school, college or your workplace if necessary.

## What will happen when?

Dec - Jan 2016: Call out for young people

Deadline for applications: 18 January 2016

Selection of participants: End of Jan 2016

From start of Feb: Initial design phase (a day a week for 3 weeks)

March - June: Workshops to take place within this time.



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## How can you be involved?

Email Amy Marletta on [amy@weareupland.com](mailto:amy@weareupland.com) with:

1. Personal Statement: outlining why you want to take part, what your aspirations are, what school you attend (if relevant), and where you live - no more than one A4 page in a word document
2. Examples of artwork created in the past, i.e. scanned drawings, photographs of 2D or 3D work etc\*

\*(if you are unsure of what to include or you don't have any images available but would like to apply please just email or call Amy, contact below, to chat about it)

## What will you need to organise?

1. Each young person will need to organise to be out of school/college/work for a 20 days (initially 3 days over 3 weeks and then possibly blocks of time i.e 3 blocks of 5 days) - we can help with the negotiation of this with school teachers/college tutors/employees.
2. Each young person will need to organise travel - we have a budget to contribute to travel costs and can help with the organisation of travel but ideally you would be able to get to the studio yourself.

## Would you just like to know more!

Please just ask! Email Amy ([amy@weareupland.com](mailto:amy@weareupland.com)) or give her a call on 07871201473

## Deadline

**18 January 2016**

## Further information

### What is Upland?

Upland is a bold, ambitious, world-class, rural-based visual art and craft development organisation that has evolved from Spring Fling Community Interest Company.

Our mission is to embrace a spirit of excellence, innovation and experimentation: nurturing, producing and promoting world-class visual art and craft and raising the profile of the creative industries of a rural area nationally and internationally through supporting and promoting visual artists and makers, developing mutually supportive partnerships, and engaging with diverse communities and audiences.

### What is Spring Fling?

Scotland's nationally acclaimed visual art and craft open studios event for professional artists and makers. It happens each year in May for three days across the whole of Dumfries and Galloway. In 2016 Spring Fling will run over the weekend of 28 - 30 May.

## Find out More

### Resources:

Upland Website: [www.weareupland.com](http://www.weareupland.com)

Sam Booth's website: <http://www.echolving.co.uk/>

Modern Heritage Craft film: <https://vimeo.com/128026467>

George Clark's Amazing Spaces: <http://www.channel4.com/programmes/george-clarkes-amazing-spaces/on-demand/52661-003>

Business Gateway short film on Sam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V24zLm09m0>



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