



Emerge Bursary Programme 2021

A 6 month programme of mentoring and a bursary of £1,000 for emerging artists or makers who have a connection to Dumfries & Galloway.

Two EmERGE Bursaries are available in 2021 for emerging artists and makers 30 years and under (funded by The Holywood Trust, the Archie Sutter Watt Trust and Creative Scotland).

ABOUT UPLAND AND THE PROGRAMME

What is Upland?

Upland is a bold, ambitious, rurality-based visual art, design and craft development organisation that evolved from Spring Fling CIC and was established in 2015.

Spring Fling Open Studios continues as Upland's flagship event but we now offer a year round programme delivering a range of projects, events and exhibitions working with young people, emerging and established artists and makers. As the visual arts and craft development organisation for Dumfries & Galloway, Upland aims to provide a network for learning and sharing, offering advice and support to creative practitioners whilst aiming to inspire and educate a wide range of audiences to participate in and be supportive of visual arts and crafts.

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For 2021, Upland is offering two EmERGE Bursaries for early career artists and makers originally from or with a strong connection to Dumfries and Galloway. Upland will offer a mentoring programme with an established practitioner in a related discipline, £1000 to fund the creation of new work and funded and automatic entry into Spring Fling 2021 (29th – 31st May 2021). The programme is aimed at emerging artists who intend to pursue a career as a professional artist / maker. EmERGE aims to provide support which will enable the participants to develop both creatively and professionally providing a stepping stone between education and a career in the arts.

The deadline for applications to the EmERGE Programme is **12noon 6th November 2020**.

The 2020 programme: For 2020, we awarded three EmERGE Young Artist Bursaries, including a new bursary for emerging artists and makers of any age (supported by Creative Scotland). The recipients were Blossom McCuaig, Izzy Leach and Sophie Jarzyna. Blossom is a visual artist based in Dumfries who graduated from Lancaster University with a BA English Literature & Philosophy. She is being mentored by Emma Varley, Lucy MacLeod and Mark Zygadlo. Sophie is a self-taught potter from Langholm who completed an Art & Design Foundation Diploma at Cumbria Institute of the Arts and is being mentored by Chris Taylor and Clare Dawdry. Izzy is a photographer and filmmaker who studied Communication Design (Photography) at Glasgow School of Art and is being mentored by CT Productions (Colin Tennant & Saskia Coulson) and Kim Ayres.

The 2019 programme: The recipients were Jordan Chisholm and Sarah Rogers. Sarah graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee in 2017 after completing her BA (Hons) in Jewellery and metal design and was mentored by Alison Mcleod and Lisa Rothwell-Young. Jordan graduated from The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in 2018 achieving a BA Honours (First Class) Contemporary Performance Practice and was mentored by Jo Hodges.

<https://www.weareupland.com/news/emerge-2020-recipients-and-mentors-announced-26022020>

And find out more about the programme in general here: <http://www.weareupland.com/projects/emerge>

Comments from previous participants: *"I would recommend the programme, because it has given me so much help and advice and encouragement that I wouldn't have had otherwise. It has also helped me with confidence and made me more confident about my own ability."*

"Emerge was even better than I expected. I feel like I have grown so much as an artist, I have learned an unbelievable amount through my mentor and also through visits to other local artists and their studios."

Please note: last year we were able to offer three bursaries, one of which had no age limit. We are not able to offer this for 2021, however it is our intention to fundraise for this again going forward. If you do not fall into the age bracket but are looking for support please contact amy@weareupland.com who can advise on alternative funding routes and also on Upland's peer support programme for Upland members.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be a graduate, postgraduate or final year student from a UK art school*
(PLEASE NOTE: Applications will be considered from graduates of Dumfries & Galloway College. In exceptional circumstances applications will be considered from artists without an art qualification, however in this instance applicants must be nominated by a suitably qualified sponsor or referee - i.e an arts professional or arts organisation).
- Be 30 years old or under by 30 June 2021
- Demonstrate a strong connection to Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland
- Be available for 12 days mentoring with a matched mentor between January – June 2021
- Be available to create new work to show at Spring Fling Open Studios 2021. You should be in attendance in a temporary 'open studio' space from 10.30am - 5.30pm each day over 29, 30 and 31 May 2021**
- Agree to the Terms & Conditions of taking part in Spring Fling 2021. These will be made available for applicants to view on request.

**please note, final year students must be available to spend at least 12 full days in Dumfries and Galloway with their Mentor between January – June 2021 and should be available to show their new work in Dumfries and Galloway during Spring Fling 29 – 31 May 2021.*

***Bursary recipients are strongly encouraged to take part in Spring Fling but in exceptional circumstances an alternative showcase may be considered.*



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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. Quality of the applicant's work (design and/or concept, technical ability)
2. Quality of CV and artist statement
3. The applicant's connection to Dumfries & Galloway
4. The applicant's reason for wanting to take part in the programme and the level of potential impact this will have on their creative and professional development.

BENEFITS

- **£1000 to aid the creation of new work** (£800 paid January 2021 and £200 paid on completion of programme). This bursary will be used for materials and expenses incurred in creating the new work, and in participating in the programme.
- **Free and automatic entry into Spring Fling Open Studios 29 - 31 May 2021** (this is a selected event with a participation fee of £230)
- **A free studio/exhibition space for the Spring Fling weekend**
- **Marketing** under the Upland banner – including a profile in the Spring Fling brochure and on the Spring Fling website and inclusion in Spring Fling launch events and press releases.
- **12 days mentoring** programme over a period of 6 months from an established Upland artist/maker who works in a similar discipline providing the awardee with both creative and business advice.
- **Additional go and see trip** to be organized between mentor and young artist.

PROGRAMME TIMELINE

6 November: Applications close 12noon.

10 November: Notification of shortlisting

17 November: Shortlisted candidates to attend interviews (via Zoom)

20 November: Applicants will be notified of the outcome by this date and any unsuccessful applicants who wish to be considered for Spring Fling Open Studios 2021 will be considered at the SF selection panel meeting and notified by mid November.

Mid Nov 2020: Call out for Mentors, matching mentors and artists

December 2020: Contracting mentors

January 2021: Introduction to mentor, £800 released to Emerge Artists, mentoring programme begins

January – 30 June 2021: 12 days of mentoring (to be agreed between Mentor and Emerge Artist).

29-31 May 2021: Emerge Artists will show their work at Spring Fling 2021. This will either be in the studio of the Mentor or in a studio/exhibition space organised by Upland.

30 June 2021: Completion of the programme - £200 released to Emerge Artists after evaluation completed.



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HOW TO APPLY

Fill in the application form here: <https://form.jotform.com/202654922350956>

If you do not receive a confirmation that your application form has been received from an Upland team member within 2 days of submitting please email amy@weareupland.com to confirm your application has been received. There are 2 x EmERGE Young Artists Bursaries available for 2021.

However, all EmERGE applicants have the opportunity to be considered for Spring Fling Open Studios 29-31 May 2021 at a reduced cost (providing the criteria is met). Please check the relevant box on the application form to be automatically considered if your EmERGE bursary application is not successful.

Further Information

For more information about Upland please visit – www.weareupland.com

For more information about Spring Fling Open Studios please visit - <https://www.spring-fling.co.uk/>

If you have any queries regarding the EmERGE programme or application please contact Amy Marletta, Creative Director on amy@weareupland.com or 07871201473.

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