

Emerge Bursary Programme 2022

A 7 month programme of mentoring and a bursary of £1,000 for emerging artists or makers, working in any visual art or craft medium, who have a connection to Dumfries & Galloway.

Two EmERGE Bursaries are available in 2022 for emerging artists and makers:

- One for emerging artists and makers aged 30 years and under (supported by The Holywood Trust).
- One for emerging artists and makers of ANY age (supported by Creative Scotland).

About Upland and the Programme

What is Upland?

Upland is a bold, ambitious, rurally-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 2022, 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 2022 (2 – 5 June 2022). 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 or employment and a career in the arts. This year we are offering one bursary for an artist/maker aged 30 and under and

one for an artist/maker of any age, recognising that embarking on a creative career can happen at any age.

The deadline for applications to the 2022 Emerge Programme is midnight on Wednesday 29th September 2021.



'17 Hertz', installation by Rachel Shnapp for Spring Fling 2021. Image by Colin Tennant.

The 2021 programme: For 2021, we awarded two Emerge Bursaries. The recipients were Sian Yeshe and Rachel Shnapp. Rachel graduated from University of Glasgow with a MA in Philosophy and English Literature and having worked within the film industry for a number of years, was looking to hone her creative practice within visual art film. She was mentored by Mark Lyken with additional support from Colin Tennant and Saskia Coulson (CT Productions). Sian works in film and digital media and since graduating from a MA creative practice course from the University of Cumbria in 2020 was keen to further explore the rural culture of Southern Scotland through documentary work. She is based in Langholm and was mentored by John Wallace with additional support from Colin Tennant and Saskia Coulson (CT Productions).

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 was mentored by Emma Varley, Lucy MacLeod and Mark Zygodlo. Sophie is a

self-taught potter from Langholm who completed an Art & Design Foundation Diploma at Cumbria Institute of the Arts and was mentored by Chris Taylor and Clare Dawdry. Izzy is a photographer and filmmaker who studied Communication Design (Photography) at Glasgow School of Art and was mentored by CT Productions (Colin Tennant & Saskia Coulson) and Kim Ayres.



Sophie Jarzyna at the wheel during Emerge 2020. Image by Colin Hattersley.

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.”

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

Requirements

Applicants should be:

- A graduate, postgraduate or final year student from a UK art school* OR a graduate from Dumfries & Galloway College. Applications will also be considered from artists without a formal art qualification, however in this instance applicants must provide an arts related referee - i.e an arts professional or arts organisation, if you are unsure about this then please do get in touch.

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate a strong connection to Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland
- Be available for 12 days mentoring with a matched mentor between January – July 2022
- Be available to create new work to show at Spring Fling Open Studios 2022. You should be in attendance in a temporary 'open studio' space from 10.30am - 5.30pm each day over 2 – 5 June 2022**
- Agree to the Terms & Conditions of taking part in Spring Fling 2022. These will be made available for applicants to view on request.

Applicants will be asked to enter your date of birth on the application form.

You will also be asked to enter why you want to take part in the programme, what you hope to gain and outline why you consider yourself an 'emerging' artist or maker.

*please note, final year students must be available to spend at least 12 full days in Dumfries and Galloway with their Mentor between January – July 2022 and should be available to show their new work in Dumfries and Galloway during Spring Fling 2 – 5 June 2022.

**Bursary recipients are strongly encouraged to take part in Spring Fling but in exceptional circumstances an alternative showcase can 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 2022 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 2 - 5 June 2022 (this is a selected event with a participation fee of £250)
- 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 7 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 organised between mentor and young artist.

Programme Timeline

29th September 2021 : Applications close midnight.

1th October: Notification of shortlisting

6th or 7th October: Shortlisted candidates to attend interviews (via Zoom)

11th October: Applicants will be notified of the outcome by this date and any unsuccessful applicants who wish to be considered for Spring Fling Open Studios 2022 will be considered at the SF selection panel meeting and notified by mid-November.

November: Call out for Mentors, matching mentors and artists

December: Contracting mentors

January 2022: Introduction to mentor, £800 released to Emerge Artists, mentoring programme begins

January – July 2022: 12 days of mentoring (to be agreed between Mentor and Emerge Artist).

2-5 June 2022: Emerge Artists will show their work at Spring Fling 2022. This will either be in the studio of the Mentor or in a studio/exhibition space organised by Upland.

End of July 2022: Completion of the programme - £200 released to Emerge Artists after evaluation completed.

How To Apply

Fill in the application form here: <https://form.jotform.com/212302832917956>

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 hello@weareupland.com to confirm your application has been received.

There are 2 x Emerge Young Artists Bursaries available for 2022.

However, all Emerge applicants have the opportunity to be considered for Spring Fling Open Studios 2-5 June 2022 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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