



Join our Advisory Group

Craft Scotland Opportunity

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Key dates

Closing date: 5pm, Monday 19 October 2020

Interviews: Week of Monday 26 October 2020

Next Advisory Group meeting: Week of Monday 9 November 2020

Introduction

Craft Scotland has an exciting opportunity for makers, curators and craft industry professionals to join our Advisory Group. Your voice matters and we are keen to hear from those who are passionate about the future of the Scottish craft sector.

To ensure the sector informs Craft Scotland's work and thinking, we meet twice yearly with the Advisory Group to review our programme and plans. The Advisory Group is separate from our Board and members participate on a voluntary basis for a two-year term.

The Advisory Group advises the Craft Scotland team and Board on new developments, initiatives, challenges and opportunities within the Scottish craft sector that we should be addressing.

There are currently 4 places available on the Advisory Group. To ensure as broad a representation of the sector as possible the group will be representative of different backgrounds, gender, disciplines and use of materials, experience, stages in career, business models, and geographical spread.

Additionally, we are interested in finding people for the Advisory Group who bring with them a passion, knowledge and experience of these areas:

- Lived experience of being a Black, Asian, Mixed Heritage and Person of Colour, refugee, D/deaf, disabled, working class and/or LGBTQIA+ maker
- Climate Emergency work and sustainable making
- Community work, health and wellbeing, mental health and resilience

How does the Advisory Group work?

- The Advisory Group has no governance responsibility for the organisation, this remains with the Craft Scotland Board.
- The group is up to 12 volunteers and meetings are chaired by Craft Scotland's Director, with attendance by some of the Craft Scotland team and/or Board.
- Meetings are held twice a year to discuss current concerns, developments and best practice within the sector and to advise on forthcoming plans. The next meeting will be week of Monday 9 November 2020.
 - Agenda and Papers will be supplied in advance
 - Meetings will be online through Zoom

- Participants serve a minimum term of two years on the Advisory Group.
- Group members are sometimes asked to sit on Craft Scotland selection panels where appropriate.
- The Advisory Group is acknowledged on our website and in reports. Comments made in the meetings will not be attributed publicly to any one person although we may wish to say that a certain item had the consensus of the group.
- These are voluntary unremunerated posts but out of pocket and travel expenses will be reimbursed where required.
- Please note, that participation in this group does not prevent individuals from applying for or taking part in Craft Scotland activities where there is selection by an external panel or partner.

Benefits of being part of the Advisory Group

- The opportunity to inform and contribute to the future development of the Scottish craft sector.
- Networking with your peers, a group of passionate and talented industry professionals.
- The opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of Craft Scotland.
- Invitations to Craft Scotland events.

Equal opportunity & Access

Craft is culturally significant, essential to our economy and meaningful to our communities. Craft Scotland believes that everyone should have the opportunity to see, enjoy, learn about and participate in craft.

We are committed to equality and opposed to all forms of unfair discrimination. We believe that embracing diversity enriches the craft sector and sparks new interpretations of contemporary craft.

We welcome applications from candidates from all backgrounds. If you are interested in this voluntary role but feel there are some barriers to participation (caring responsibilities, financial, accessibility, travel, slow internet/devices etc.) please do get in touch. We would be happy to discuss this with you and see what support is available. Please email the Craft Scotland team on hello@craftscotland.org.

Who should apply?

Makers

- Professional makers, living and working in Scotland

- Makers should be working in one or more of Craft Scotland's [eligible disciplines](#).
- Applicants should fit within Craft Scotland's general eligibility criteria: all work should be the design of the maker and made by the maker (or small-batch production under their direct supervision). Additionally, all work must reflect excellence and the unique vision of its maker, be well-conceived and skilfully made.

Curators & Craft Industry Professionals

- Professional curators or craft industry professionals, living and working in Scotland.
- Demonstrable experience and passion for contemporary Scottish craft through work experience and training.
- Knowledge of one or more of Craft Scotland's [eligible disciplines](#).

How to apply?

Please apply outlining why you are interested in the role, what experience you could bring to the Advisory Group and how it might benefit your practice/career.

Your application should include:

- Covering letter (max 1 x A4 pages)
- Current CV (max 2 x A4 pages)
- 2 x relevant referees (please include Name, Organisation, Job Title, Email and Contact Phone Number. Please also detail in what capacity they know you)

Email your application to Gwenan Davies, Office Assistant at gwenan@craftscotland.org stating Advisory Group Role in the subject line.

Selection and interview panel will consist of the Craft Scotland's team, Board and/or a current Advisory Group member.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the opportunity further please email Irene Kernan, Director, at irene@craftscotland.org.

This information is available in large print or as a word document upon request.

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Supporting Makers, Promoting Craft

Craft Scotland is the national development agency for craft.

We put makers at the heart of all we do, championing diverse and high-quality contemporary craft.

We help people learn about, appreciate and buy craft, promoting the contribution of craft to Scotland's cultural, economic and social well-being.

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Craft Scotland is a company limited by guarantee registered in Scotland no. SC 270245. A registered Scottish Charity no. SC 039491.

Through our exhibitions and events programmes, digital platforms and strategic partnerships, we provide leadership for the sector.

We create opportunities for makers to develop their creative and business practice, and to exhibit and sell work in Scotland and beyond.

We are a registered charity supported by Creative Scotland.



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