

Hello and welcome to the 53rd edition of POP! News. This December issue includes a sprinkling of festivities, featuring creative winter events. As always, we are sharing a host of funding and commission opportunities. Read on to find out more from Feral and Craft Scotland, and more locally from VACMA: Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Cycle Arts Festival. We hope that you enjoy our final newsletter of the year.

## News & Events



### **OneRen - Winter Craft Workshops - The Lagoon Centre, 10 Dec - Johnstone Town Hall, 15 December**

Thinking about making your own festive gifts? Or fancy a creative activity with friends or family? Join us for craft-based winter workshops led by Textile Designer / Maker Laura Spring, including: Block Print Your Own Festive Gift Bag or Tea Towel, Block Print Your Own Santa Sack, or Botanically Print Your Own Festive Gift Bag or Tea Towel!

Each participant will be shown simple design techniques to create their very own designs. Designs will be based around two colour patterns and examples and tuition will be given into how to make the most use out of your blocks, colour theory and printing techniques. Each participant will leave with their own beautifully hand made product.

<https://renfrewshireboxoffice.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/event-categories/426497029>

### **Freelancer's Drinks - The Oran Mor - 12 December**

Returning for the first time since 2019. Let's reignite the tradition. An opportunity for theatre people of all kinds to come together once again.

<https://allevents.in/glasgow/freelancer%E2%80%99s-drinks-the-return/200023711053025>

# Opportunities

**FERAL**

## Feral - Neighbourhood Outdoor Arts Residency

Feral are supporting a new outdoor arts residency aimed at Scotland based artists interested in developing outdoor arts projects responding to their local neighbourhood. The 'Neighbourhood Residency' is a 2-week funded outdoor arts residency for an artist interested in researching a new piece of work designed to respond to their own neighbourhood. The residency is self-led and open to artists working specifically within the field of contemporary performance including dance, live art, visual theatre, circus, or interdisciplinary practice.

**Deadline: 15 January**

<https://rb.gy/xnu3gj>

**E/.F  
Edinburgh  
Art  
Festival**

## Edinburgh Art Festival - Platform Open Call 2023

Platform is an annual group exhibition which is designed to provide a dedicated platform for early-career artists based in Scotland and working in the field of contemporary art within Edinburgh Art Festival's programme. Edinburgh Art Festival are looking to support early career artists who can demonstrate an independent creative practice.

**Deadline: 15 January**

<https://www.edinburghartfestival.com/platform23>

**Cycle  
Arts  
Festival  
Renfrewshire**



## Cycle Arts Festival - Opportunity for a Production Company to work on the Cycle Arts Festival 2023

The Cycle Arts Festival partners Steering Group are seeking Expressions of Interest from a Scottish Production Company to work in Partnership and support the development and delivery of the Cycle Arts Festival in Renfrewshire in 2023 and beyond.

**Deadline: 9 December**

<https://cycleartsrenfrewshire.co.uk/work-with-us/>



### Summerhall and Feral - Autopsy Award 23

The Autopsy Award (a collaboration between Summerhall and Feral) aims to help artists working in Scotland who make boundary-pushing performance work to undertake an Edinburgh Fringe run. It offers a supported deal with a small cash award for the successful artist.

**Deadline: 30 January**

<https://www.summerhall.co.uk/summerhall-performance-programme/autopsy-award/>

## Funding & Grants



### National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All

Awards for All provides funds of between £300 and £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. The programme is a partnership between The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland, sportscotland and Creative Scotland. Applications to this fund should do at least one of the following: bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities; improve the places and spaces that matter to communities; help more people to reach their potential.

**Deadline: 31 May**

<https://rb.gy/o25giq>

### Jorum Craft Award - Round 6: Unusual Weather

The Jorum Craft Award provides funding to support makers' exploration of materials, including but not limited to research and development of a new piece of work, project or collection. The theme for Round 6 is Unusual Weather. The influence weather and unusual phenomena can have on design; studying unusual weather phenomena to influence creativity.

**Deadline: 5 January**

<https://www.craftscotland.org/community/opportunity/jorum-craft-award-2022-23-round-6>



**APPLY FOR  
£500  
OR £750  
DEADLINE  
25 OCTOBER  
#VACMA  
SCOTLAND**

**OneRen and Creative Scotland: Visual Artists and Craft Makers Award (VACMA)**

VACMA Renfrewshire offers small grants to visual artists and craft makers for their creative development at all stages of their career.

The VACMA scheme offers two levels of bursaries:

- 1. Bursaries of £750
- 2. Early-career bursaries of £500

The fund is open to visual artists and craft makers who can demonstrate a commitment to developing their creative practice and who are living or working or maintaining a studio space within the Local Authority area to which they are applying.

**Deadline: 29 November**

<https://www.oneren.org/culture/arts/artist-opportunities-and-meet-ups/vacma/>

**Networks, Advocacy & Professional Development**

**Imagine**

**Imagine - Networking for the Anxious Workshop**

A skill building workshop exploring practical ways to reduce anxiety around networking events. Led by theatre maker Ross Mackay, and psychologist and hypnotherapist Alan Freeburn.

**Deadline: 20 January**

<https://www.imagine.org.uk/artists/opportunities/networking-for-the-anxious>

**Thank you for reading POP! News!  
Got something to share? Please send in your news to  
OneRen\_arts@renfrewshire.gov.uk by 12 January for the  
next issue, due out on 17 January.**

**Sign Up & Stay In Touch!**

Keeping Renfrewshire’s creative community connected, and supporting artists, makers and creative freelancers in the area through this time and into the future. *Please sign up, join in and stay in touch.*