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NEW ARTISTS COLLECTIVE LAUNCHES IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Makers West is a new artist led collective created to better support our creative community here in West Dunbartonshire. In the initial next eight months it will run networking events, training sessions and highlight the work of local artists and makers.

The project is led by a steering group composed of local social enterprises Lodestone Creative, Clifftop Projects and Frill Factory as well as independent artists Joseph Dalton, Nic Green and Peter McMaster. The group is free to join and local artists whether you're a musician, theatre maker, painter, crafter, photographer or more are encouraged to sign up to the mailing list here: www.makerswest.org

Funded by [Creative Scotland's Create:Networks Fund](#), Makers West will connect creatives from across the county helping them share resources and ideas as well as being a support network for one another. Training will be delivered based on the needs of the artists that sign

up and will include: business planning, how to work across artistic disciplines, social media development and more.

Lottie Barker, Artistic Director of Clifftop Projects and part of the steering group says:

This is a fantastic opportunity for us artists of West Dunbartonshire to find out more about what other people are creating, share our skills with one another and collaborate on future projects. Often working as a freelancer or small business can feel quite isolating so I hope that Makers West will be a supportive network that allows the fantastic artistic community of West Dunbartonshire to flourish even more.

To launch the network this July the steering group are highlighting local artists and showing you some of the behind the scenes work that goes into their creations - you can catch the following events over the next few weeks:

Thursday 16th July - Frill Factory Live Stream

Maker Alison Bell shows you the inside of her studio and invites you to see how she makes her frills, check out her social media during the day for updates.

www.facebook.com/frillfactoryglasgow

www.instagram.com/frillfactory

Friday 24th July - Joseph Dalton Art Live Stream

Visual artist Joseph Dalton will take his bike to the hills and we can join him to see what he will sketch and photograph on his trip through a live stream on social media.

www.facebook.com/josephdaltonart

www.instagram.com/josephdaltonart

Saturday 25th July - Littoral Vessels with Nic Green on Bowling Beach

Nic will create a series of clay pots on Bowling Beach. Visit her to speak about her work and see her in action by the changing tidal water of the Clyde that inspires her work.

Friday 31st July - Family Dance Party!

Lottie from Clifftop Projects ends our launch events with a family dance party - teaching you routines to songs through the ages! Book your free ticket here and the zoom link will be sent through to you on the day:

<https://clifftopfamilydanceparty.eventbrite.co.uk>

More information can be found on the Makers West website and socials and the first networking event for artists and makers in West Dunbartonshire will be held in August via Zoom.

www.makerswest.org

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