



Call for Applications The Cockpit Arts / Worshipful Company of Basketmakers' Award 2021



About the Award

Applications are invited for the Cockpit Arts / The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers Award 2021. The Award assists a basketmaker to start up and grow as an independent maker and business owner. We are looking for an individual who demonstrates entrepreneurial spirit, creative excellence and developed craft skills. The Company, in addition to supporting the Award financially, will be involved with the promotion and the selection of the recipient. The Award contributes to the cost of a place at Cockpit for one year from January 2020 and will include a space in a shared studio. Panellists include Bunty Ball, Basketmaker, representing The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers and a member of our [in-house Business Incubation team](#).

The Award recipient will receive tailored business support and a studio at Cockpit Arts worth up to £4,500. To be supplemented with a £500 contribution from the successful applicants, paid in 12 monthly instalments over the duration of the Award. The total sum (Award and additional contribution) is linked to the cost of the space and support services.

The Award includes the following benefits:

- Studio space for one year within the creative community at Cockpit Arts Holborn or Deptford
- Business incubation / acceleration services including on-site coaching and workshops
- Selling and promotional opportunities including Cockpit Arts twice-yearly Open Studios and other events

To be eligible for the Award you must:

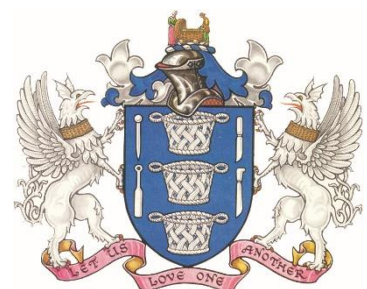
- Be a maker working in traditional or contemporary basketry.
- Be willing and able to make a commitment to take up the Award for its full duration from **January 2021**, attend our Awardee Induction day, date TBC, and attend a set of 'Make It Count' workshops.
- Be a UK resident currently living in the UK and entitled to remain in the UK for the period of the Award (Cockpit Arts is not able to sponsor or support visa applications in any way.)

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the application form, link here: <http://www.cockpitarts.com/applicationform>
- Deadline for applications is 2nd October at 5pm.
- Interviews will be held in mid-October.

About The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers

The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers was constituted by the Court of Aldermen in 1569, granted a livery of thirty in 1825 and received its Royal Charter from George VI in 1937. The Company was formed to regulate the basketmaking



Images (L to R): Previous winners of the Cockpit Arts Worshipful Company of Basketmakers Award, [Esna Su](#) (2020) and [Alison Dickens](#) (2019).

trade in the City of London and in 1463 trade was concentrated in the manor of Blanche Appleton, in the area of the present Guild Church of St. Margaret Pattens. The Company not only possesses a superb collection, extending more than three centuries, of plate, regalia and records, but many examples of basketwork, including some miniature Madeira baskets presented by the late Princess Royal when she became an honorary Freeman as was the late Queen Mary. HRH the Duchess of Gloucester is currently an honorary Liveryman of the Company.