



Call for Applications The Cockpit Arts / Newby Trust Craft Excellence Awards 2021



About the Award

The Newby Trust Craft Excellence Award aims to support **TWO** Craftspeople to practice their individual craft at a key stage in their skill development, to grow as an independent maker and to support their craft business to achieve financial sustainability. The Award is open to makers practicing any craft discipline.

Interview panellists may include a Trustee from the Newby Trust and a member of our in-house Business Incubation team.

Each Award recipient will receive tailored business support and studio space at Cockpit Arts Deptford for one year worth £3,000, plus a grant of £900 to support craft skill development.

This must be supplemented with a £1,000 contribution from the successful applicants, payable over the 12 months of the Award (approx. £84/month). The total sum (Award and maker's additional contribution) is linked to the cost of the space and support services. Electricity costs, insurance and office service charges will be payable on top and cannot be paid for from the Award.

The grant could be used to include short training courses, tools, equipment, mentoring and/or any other activity which supports craft skill development to be spent within the Award year. This will be redeemable against the cost, with proof of purchase. The Award space allocated is at Cockpit Arts discretion. Please note that most studios are shared, and sizes vary, but an average studio space per maker is around 100-150sq ft.

The Award includes the following benefits:

- Studio space for one year within the creative community at Cockpit Arts Deptford (SE8)
- £900 Grant to support craft skill development.
- Business incubation / acceleration services including on-site coaching and workshops
- Selling and promotional opportunities including Cockpit Arts twice-yearly Open Studios

The Award is open to makers practicing any craft discipline and to be eligible, applicants must:

- Be willing and able to make a commitment to take up the Award for its full duration from **December 2021**, attend an Awardee Induction day and attend a set of 'Make It Count' workshops starting **February 2022**.
- 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: [Application Form](#)
- Deadline for applications is **1st August 2021**.
- Interviews will be held on the 17th August 2021 and invites will be sent out the week before.

About the Newby Trust

Newby Trust makes grants to registered charities under the general categories of education, social welfare and health, it also has a small grants programme providing funds for individuals in need. The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and uses the income from its endowment for the purposes of its grant-making. The trustees and members of the Trust are all descendants (or spouses of descendants) of the founder, H.N. Smith.

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