



Scotland's third Workshops Week takes place 17th-23rd April across our amazing art production centres. This year, events are inspired by 22nd April's Earth Day.

If you have ever wondered where artists in Scotland make their work, here's how you can find out. Join us during 17th-23rd April, to explore behind the doors of world-class spaces for making photographs, prints, sculpture and more.

Celebrating Earth Day on the Saturday 22nd, many events reflect climate change and environmental thoughts and issues. The week features exhibitions, drop-in and bookable creative workshops, learning courses, hosting talks, tours and workshops. There is something for everyone that has a creative curiosity - or just looking for something fun and fascinating to do. Entry to all the Workshops is free, as are many of the events.

Scotland's Workshops is a network of artists and creatives all around the country and is the backbone of Scotland's vibrant visual arts scene. Made up of individuals and collectives committed not only to their craft, but to sharing the positivity of art-making. This special week is the perfect opportunity to discover the wellbeing benefits of creating, learn new skills or refine your creative talent.

Events are suitable for those of all ages and stages, from beginners to art practitioners, families, hobbyists and simply those curious to find out more about making art in Scotland. Below is a selection of what's on offer by region, but for more information on everything that is available visit <https://scotlandsworkshops.com/>

WHAT'S ON?

In the north east, ABERDEENSHIRE find two exhibitions at **Peacock Visual Arts** in Aberdeen as well as tours of the building on Sat 22nd, showing printmaking techniques and equipment that with guidance from the team anyone can come and try.

In Dundee, **Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA)** Print Studio are launching four brand new courses throughout the week including Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Dry Pack Point Printing and Beginners Guide to Etching with concessions available.

Further north in Inverness, **Highland Print Studio** invites you to hear about their recent project Sexy Peat to demonstrate the nature of their work with artists and invite you to see inside where artists are at work daily, creating prints of all kinds.

Across the Central belt there's a range of events in Glasgow and Edinburgh. At **Edinburgh Printmakers**, Uprooted Visions is an exhibition of over 30 International artists, showing

throughout the week. Try Pick n Mix Printmaking and see what you find the most enjoyable. There's a curator talk on work from their archives and join Earth Day on Sat 22nd - a chance to come and take part in art activities exploring the environment.

At the **Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop** (ESW) will also be holding free tours and Open Studio day on Sat 22nd to see what artists are making and how - and adults and children alike can join an art workshop in the courtyard where families can make, play and work together - all free events. See the art installation onsite by Emelia Kerr Beale or check out their arts interviews online, both throughout the week.

For fans of photography, **Stills** in Edinburgh will be hosting a talk about the environment and creating art and this is also launching a new course on large-format photography and on handmade photography.

If you're in Glasgow, **Street Level** hosts a talk on Sat 22nd by Alexander Hamilton on the art of Cyanotype, discussing the ecological themes that are present throughout his work as an artist. And on the same day, in the same building **Glasgow Print Studio** is hosting tours and showing print processes from 2-4pm as well as a talk with the Archive Curator showing work from their extensive artist prints made there over the years.

And the following week, at Scottish Sculpture Workshop in Lumsden, Aberdeenshire, ceramic artist Matthew Wilcock will share how he is working to develop a sustainable ceramics practice and be building a bourry box kiln to enable wood firings on Friday 28th April.

About Scotland's Workshops



From sculpture to printmaking, photography and glassmaking, the 11 organisations that make up Scotland's Workshops have a huge wealth of experience built up over decades since their creation began in the 1960s.

They represent very practical reality of artistic production in Scotland. The workshops each specialise in particular art processes and provide in-house expertise and equipment to help enable art makers at all stages of ability and allow artists to realise their craft.

Scotland's Workshops are open to the public and their teams of committed staff and volunteers work to realise the creative potential of anyone interested in making, from complete beginners to prize-winning artists of international acclaim. The organisations in the network all individually bring artists together and bring art to the public in the form of classes, exhibitions, workshops and a programme of events. As organisations, they are admired both at home and

from abroad for their dedicated expertise and quality facilities. Their contribution to Scotland's international art success is born out of their work for 50+ years with artists here and from around the world.

The launch of Scotland's Workshops is the culmination of a process that began in 2017, when a handful of the Directors in the network expressed a desire to explore how they could collaborate to secure these production centres for future generations. This ambition to work and learn together mirrors the collaboration that goes on in the workshops themselves; those at the early stages of their career can work alongside established artists, with the same experienced technicians to help grow their skills.

Nurturing the making of art that happens right across the land, the geographic reach of the network spans 6 local authorities in Scotland, from the Central Belt to Inverness and Lybster in the North.

The 11 organisations in Scotland's Workshops are:

Printmaking – Highland Print Studio, Inverness; Dundee Contemporary Arts; Edinburgh Printmakers; Glasgow Print Studio, Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen

Sculpture – Scottish Sculpture Workshops, Lumsden; Glasgow Sculpture Studios; Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop

Glassmaking – North Lands Creative, Lybster

Photography – Stills Gallery, Edinburgh and Street Level Photoworks, Glasgow

For more visit scotlandsworkshops.com and call Tracey Kelly on 07812 193831 for further information or images.