

FELLOWS NEWSLETTER

BISHOPSLAND EDUCATIONAL TRUST



OLIVER MAKOWER

A message to Fellows from Pope, Jane and William...

There will be a memorial service for Oliver at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd April at the Dutch Church, Austin Friars, London. Please join us for Tea afterwards at Drapers Hall, Throgmorton Avenue. The closest stations are Bank (Central Line), Liverpool Street & Moorgate.

If you would like to come to the memorial service, to help with numbers please register using this Eventbrite Link :
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oliver-makower-memorial-service-tickets-787033708007>

Jane & Pope 07768 791429;
William 07932 035787

LIFELONG LEARNING

We are thrilled to be able to offer Fellows, on a first come, first served basis, the opportunity to join a masterclass to extend or refresh your skills. This offer includes accommodation in a self-contained room with ensuite in the House and use of a shared kitchen. The special rate for Fellows to join a masterclass includes tuition and accommodation but excludes food, travel and any materials/tools you may need.

Available masterclasses are:

- Engraving with Ruth Anthony : 12-16 Feb £500
- Alloying with Patrick Davison : 29&30 April and 7&8 May £450
- The Drawbench with Ray Walton : 13-17 May £500

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BUSCOT & COLESHILL HERITAGE & RURAL SKILLS CENTRE - HELP AND SUPPORTED NEEDED

During the summer we will relocate to a new dedicated Grade II listed Yard at Buscot, which is part of a National Trust estate. The new site will provide much enhanced facilities for the emerging makers participating in the Bishopsland programme, as well as incubation workshops (from 2025) and a home for the Tools Library. We will have two large workshops, a spacious kitchen, modern WCs, indoor and outside relaxation and creative spaces. Residential accommodation will be in National Trust cottages which are modern, clean & warm. (see plans on page 5)

This is a significant financial resource undertaking by Bishopsland and we REALLY need your help. Financially we are drawing on every source of funding but there is a significant shortfall.

The very sad winding up of Scottish Goldsmiths Trust last month just underlines how precarious funding is for charitable Arts organisations.

There are many ways you can support us and with over 250 Fellows, we hope that all of you will be keen to dig in and help:

- for our crowdfunding page, please could you donate a piece of your work as an item to bid on
- donations of £100 per Fellow would soon add up
- a £500 donation will see your name/business details entered on our Supporters Board at the new site
- you could sponsor a student bench for £3,500 with your name engraved on a permanent plaque

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- we need people to give time in July and August to help us move and set up the new workshops
- we need good quality furniture, outdoor picnic benches, crockery & cutlery for the new student rest area and kitchen, as well as good quality furniture for the residential units
- can you approach your networks and supporters and ask for donations.

Donating is easy - please contact me and I can send you a quick & simple payment link or I'd be happy to discuss more substantial donations in person/facilitate a discussion with our Board of Trustees. If there is further information you need, I will gladly supply it. c.murdoch@bishopsland.org.uk

I can't stress enough, without your help, the future of Bishopsland will be very uncertain.

OPPORTUNITIES

We have two exciting opportunities for Fellows to exhibit and sell work alongside our 23/24 cohort:

Desire Silversmithing & Jewellery Fair, Waterperry Gardens near Oxford, 19-21 July
www.desirefair.com

Our final Retro at the Bishopsland site will be held at Dunsden Village Hall on Friday 5 July.

Please contact Claire to register your interest.

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OPPORTUNITIES CONT

Local long established jewellers near Marlow and long term Bishopsland supporter, Bourne End Jewellers, are looking for gold & silversmiths for their busy workshop near Marlow. Please contact Richard Bull directly
richard@bourneendjewellers.co.uk

Benchpeg, run by one of our amazing Trustees, Rebecca Van Rooijen, has a much wider range of opportunities available which are refreshed weekly so please do check it out if its not already popping into your inbox.

West Dean are offering young graduate level students the opportunity to develop their skills on a funded silversmithing short course. The deadline for applications is Monday 12 February 2024 and the course must be completed by the end of April 2024. For more information on the bursary or to apply please visit:
www.westdean.ac.uk/short-courses/funded

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NEW SITE PLAN AND WORKSHOP LAYOUT

- Phase 1 Lease
- Stage 1 Works
- Phase 2 Lease
- Stage 2 Works
- Stage 3 Works



- Building A:** Silversmithing and Jewellery Workshop
- Building B:** Cohort kitchen and rest area; Admin; Visitor reception, meeting space and creative workspace; WCs
- Building C:** Hammer, Polishing, Linishing and Machine Rooms
- Building D:** Outdoor workshop, vocational training area
- Building E:** Tools Library
- Building F:** 4 Incubation Spaces
- Building G:** Meeting, Awards and Hospitality Space:

