



MAKE



Advisory Group

The practice of craft is global and contemporary. It is woven into our social, cultural and economic agendas. Craft also articulates our essential human connection to objects, their systems of value and their narrative capacity as forms of remembrance, experience and identity.

MAKE is a manifesto for craft in Scotland and is drawn from the aspirations, ambitions and concerns of Scotland's many-sided craft community. It is guided by curatorial practice Panel, with an advisory group of makers based in Scotland, with the overarching aim to positively influence the perception of craft in Scotland.

Since 2021 MAKE has been delivering its flagship project, MAKE Learn, in partnership with Craft Scotland, championing the long-term value of teaching craft and making skills and developing useful resources and case studies for the sector.



On 20th April 2023 we hosted a drop-in event for MSPs at The Scottish parliament to showcase the findings and recommendations from the 'Craft and Making Education in Scotland Today' report and case studies, including the 'Pilot Project for Schools', commissioned by MAKE Learn.

Through this work MAKE Learn is advocating for the explicit inclusion of craft within Scotland's education curriculum, based on the contribution craft skills make towards creativity, learning for sustainability, and wellbeing. We will continue to promote this message to MSPs later this year at a parliamentary exhibition from 5–7th September.

MAKE is currently guided by Panel, an independent curatorial practice led by Catriona Duffy and Lucy McEachan. Based in Glasgow, Panel promotes design and craft in relation to particular histories, archives and collections through exhibitions, events and cultural projects.

MAKE Learn is a partnership between Panel and Craft Scotland, supported by Creative Scotland as part of their targeted funding to strengthen the craft sector in Scotland.

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The MAKE Advisory Group



MAKE is seeking 8–10 makers, or people working closely with the craft sector, from across Scotland, to join the MAKE Advisory Group, placing makers at the heart of what MAKE sets out to achieve.

Your time and your role

The role of the Advisory Group will be to respond meaningfully to MAKE's vision and strategy and to help advise on and evaluate our activity through group meetings. This is a voluntary role, which will involve no direct responsibilities to accounting, partners, funders or stakeholders. Rather, we want the MAKE Advisory Group to encourage and strengthen links between MAKE projects and other relevant communities, networks or institutions and to respond to and propose ideas to strengthen the sector. We also want the Advisory Group to be critical and open, to challenge and push the project forward.

Meetings of the Advisory Group will take place twice a year (around March and September) and, generally, all meetings will take place online. Opportunities and support to meet in person will also be explored, with travel and accommodation expenses, and caring costs incurred for any planned in-person meetings covered by Panel. All meetings will be chaired by a member of the MAKE team and will last approx. two hours. Meeting agendas and documents will be circulated at least one week in advance of each meeting. All meetings will be minuted by a member of the MAKE team and a copy of minutes will be circulated to all Advisory Group members within two weeks of each meeting.

The first meeting of the Advisory Group will take place in September 2023. There are no set terms for membership. Members can opt out at any point and new members may also be invited to join as and when required.



Apply!

If you'd like to be part of the MAKE Advisory Group, please get in touch by email by 9 June at hello@makemanifesto.com with the following details –

1. Your Name
2. Where you live
3. A brief outline of your practice and/or relationship to the craft sector (no more than 200 words)
4. What do you think are the most important issues facing Scotland's craft sector today? (no more than 200 words)

If writing is not your thing, please send us a video or audio file, which considers these questions or give us a call on 07870195513 (Lucy) to chat through.

The Advisory Group will be selected with an awareness that the making community in Scotland is hugely diverse, engages in many different creative disciplines and works across scale and across the country. We welcome interest from individuals whose lived or professional experience can make a valuable and distinctive contribution to MAKE's work in Scotland. We would especially welcome interest from people who belong to groups currently underrepresented within the craft sector, including Black, Asian, Mixed Heritage and People of Colour, refugee, D/deaf, disabled, working class and/or LGBTQIA+.