

Devon Guild of Craftsmen

Press Information

FREEHAND

Exhibition exploring the value of hands-on making and connecting with people through creativity

Saturday 23 May - Sunday 5 July
Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Bovey Tracey, Devon

Freehand is a celebration of a series of participatory projects run by the Devon Guild, which took place with a range of groups through 2014-15. The work, made by people from various local communities, is to be shown in a new exhibition.

Using the project theme of *Freedom*, Devon Guild artists and makers have worked with children and young people from mainstream schools, young people supported by social services, young people with complex needs, older people living in supported communities, refugees, adults with learning disabilities and prisoners from HMP Dartmoor - all of whom have produced lively and imaginative work that the Guild is delighted to exhibit in their main gallery space.

The *Freehand* project provided productive, supportive, creative workshops for groups who don't usually access crafts. These have culminated in an exhibition directly-made by people from the region. This show will reveal the immeasurable value of hands-on making. *Exhibition is free admission. Open daily 10am-5.30pm.*

Devon Guild of Craftsmen is a partner in The Crafts Council Education Manifesto and is committed to promoting craft learning opportunities in educational and community settings.
<http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/what-we-do/education-manifesto/>

We would like to thank all our workshop leaders, the workshop participants, the partner organisations and our supporting charities: The Wakefield Trust, The Radcliffe Trust and The 29th May Charitable Trust.

Events

Launch Friday 23 May 2015, 6-8pm. Wine, formal speech. Book for dining: 01626 832223
Papier-mâché workshop, Thursday 28 May 10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30 – 4.30pm
Help to make a wild animal sculpture with Elizabeth Jardine.
Free family drop-in event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Images from top: Anya from Newton Abbot College. Anita Reynolds printmaking workshop; Max and Tom, Year 2 pupils, South Brent Primary School. Naomi Vincent (Naturemake) workshop; Mosaic project by Michelle McQuinn at Yourway Support Centre, Plymouth; over page: fairy house made by Hetty, yr 2, in South Brent school nature maker workshop.

Press: Contact our Education Officer, Philippa de Burelet phil.deburelet@crafts.org.uk to find out more about the project or for more details and high-res images Contact **Simon Williams** (Marketing Manager) simon.williams@crafts.org.uk or Anna Trussler (Marketing Assistant) anna.trussler@crafts.org.uk 01626 832223. Download hi res images from our [Press Page](#)

NOTES: Riverside Mill, home of Devon Guild of Craftsmen, is a hub for contemporary crafts culture in South West England. Our galleries, shop and café in Bovey Tracey, Devon are free admission and we welcome visitors 7 days a week 10am-5.30pm throughout the year. We are an educational charity and foster creative endeavour at all ages and levels. [More info.](#)



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