

Press Release

Local Co-op to boost local charity

Funding to help free family activities at the Devon Guild

For the next 6 months the Devon Guild of Craftsmen has been chosen as one of the Co-ops Local Community Fund charities. The local community fund is a way in which Co-op members and the three local supermarkets at: The Riverside, Bovey Straits, and Trago - can help support local communities. Every time Co-op members shop 1% of what they spend goes into the fund!

What it means for the Devon Guild is, if chosen they gain much needed funding for their incredibly popular family drop-in creative workshops, craft demonstrations and gallery activities. The activities are run by professional craftspeople and educators and give everyone the chance to get in touch with their inner maker, from Spoon People Making for children to the Hey Clay workshop which was part of the BBC's *Get Creative* campaign, the Devon Guild aims to run more regular activities for all ages <http://www.crafts.org.uk/Events.aspx>, but needs the help of the local community to keep the workshops going, free of charge and available for everyone.

How can you help? If a member of the Co-op you can sign into your [Co-op membership](#) and choose the Devon Guild of Craftsmen as the charity you wish to support. Now is a better time than ever to do so, as this year all donations and sponsorship for their charitable activities will be matched £ for £ by Arts Council England. Co-op members have already earned over £4 million for over 4000 local causes: <https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund>

Devon Guild of Craftsmen is a charity and free admission contemporary crafts venue with a friendly café, two galleries and a shop in the beautiful riverside setting in the moorland fringe town of Bovey Tracey, Devon. Their charitable work includes the innovative scheme [Freehand](#) which places artists and makers directly into regional schools and communities. Alongside exciting and diverse onsite exhibitions they also tour nationally and have helped establish and support 2 major festivals in Bovey Tracey – [Contemporary Craft Fair](#) and [Nourish](#).

Connect with us and support the Devon Guild, our local community and makers by joining in activities and social events: [DGC Facebook](#) [DCG Twitter](#)

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