

MARKET MAKERS

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SKILLS CLASSES LAUNCHED



Our first arts and crafts course started on Thursday 17th February. Our programme of [practical skills classes](#) is designed to support residents of Liskeard who aren't currently in work, to promote wellbeing, confidence, skills and prospects, and to help our participants develop their aspirations in employment, education and enterprise.

Our inaugural class, in watercolour painting, attracted a lively cohort of learners, with a diverse range of interests and experience – from adept amateurs to absolute beginners.

Our first classes are being led by talented local artist [Shari Hills](#). “I’m really excited to be working with this wonderful group of people, and to help them get creative with watercolour,” Shari said.

The participants were also very positive about their first class. “It’s very, very enjoyable so far,” said Reece, a keen painter. “I’m loving it,” added Lee, also an enthusiastic artist.

“It’s good to learn new techniques and skills, and it feels like a really nice safe space. Everyone’s really supportive towards each other,” said Laura.

“It’s supportive, inspiring and brilliant,” added another member of the group – also called Laura. “I’m learning new things – I’ve never tried this kind of watercolour before.”

“It’s going really well for me,” said Emily, “even though I’ve never done watercolour in my life!”

“I’m really enjoying it and it’s bringing new skills,” said Kay. “I reckon everyone should do it.”

Our classes meet for three hours each week at the Public Hall in Liskeard. Future strands of our creative programme will be themed around print-making, woodcrafting and soft fabric work. Members of our programme are encouraged to use their involvement in our classes to develop a range of creative and professional skills; and it is hoped that some will go on to join our programme of mentoring and support for new arts entrepreneurs.

Our classes are free to join, and all materials are provided. We can also help to support childcare arrangements for participants with young children and travel arrangements for those with mobility issues.

Anyone interested in taking part should please contact us at cmm.manager@liskeard.gov.uk or call us on 01579 683063 for a chat.



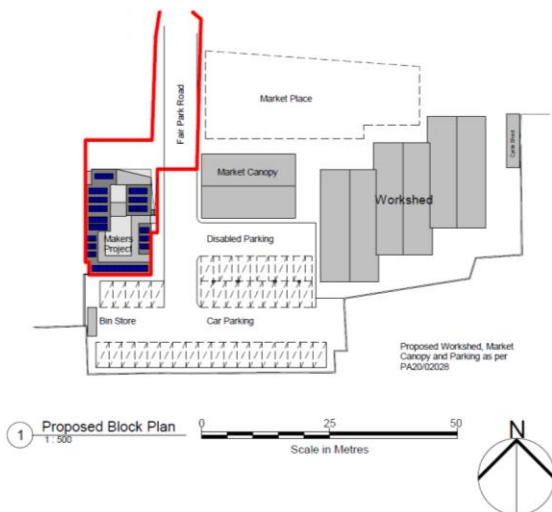
MENTORING BEGINS

Last week also saw the launch of our programme to provide one-to-one business mentoring with a number of Liskeard-based creative enterprises. We have started working with some brilliant local arts & crafts businesses, including [DrinKinaHand Art](#), [Pot Stars Studio](#), [Woodhill Studio](#) and [DAK Art](#).



CONSTRUCTION TENDER

The current open tendering process for the construction of our project's proposed studio facility space as part of the major ongoing redevelopment Liskeard's historic Cattle Market site is due to close on 25th February.



ENTERPRISE FORUM

Our local creative enterprise network held its second business forum and first workshop event on Tuesday 15th February at Liskeard's Public Hall. Our two-part workshop explored aspects of statutory compliance for businesses (equality & diversity, and data protection), and, in its second half, the use of e-commerce platforms. Any artists, craftspeople and creative enterprises based in the Liskeard area are very welcome to join our group. Please contact us at cmm.manager@liskeard.gov.uk for more details.



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