

Craft London: Discover Craft

A fun and exciting calendar of events from September 2009 to March 2010

<http://www.craftcentral.org.uk/craft-london-emerging-new-talent>

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS and 21 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DX

The London Development Agency's (LDA) 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund, which is supported by the Mayor of London, is enabling a diverse range of art and skills organisations in the capital to put on courses in activities including theatre, dance and music production, writing and design. This is the second round of the £1.2m fund with a further £500,000 to be awarded later this year through round three. Managed by Arts Council England, the fund will help Londoners to improve their employment prospects in the creative industries as well as tap into London 2012 opportunities such as the Cultural Olympiad.



Friilly by Lily



Emily Jo Gibbs



Katherine Elizabeth



Keep and Share

Anyone can get involved with Craft London - come and satisfy your crafty urges!

We want Londoners to discover the relevance of craft and design to their city, inspiring debate and potential career options. **Craft London** is a celebration of London's creative excellence for all. Our fun programme of **Craft It Yourself** workshops offers the chance for anyone to take part in craft!

Craft London: Discover Craft is a fun public programme of creative activities to experience contemporary craft and design in London. This series of enjoyable activities will include **'Behind the Scenes' Tours** around Craft Central studios during Made in Clerkenwell (26-29 Nov 09), a **'Meet the Maker' Artists Talk** with Jewellers Cosmima (9 Dec) and designer-led **'Craft It Yourself!' Workshops** to learn from the experts! Our first Knitting workshop with award-winning knitwear designer Amy Twigger Holroyd from **Keep and Share** helped us get to grips with the age-old craft of hand knitting. And next we have.....

Make a Handbag with Emily Jo Gibbs www.emilyjogibbs.co.uk Date: 12 October 2009 6-8pm

Join maker Emily Jo Gibbs to create your own soft cotton bag with vintage Liberty print applique decoration. Emily will demonstrate some of the different techniques she uses in her work, including forming spheres. All materials supplied.

Make a fascinator with Katherine Elizabeth www.katherineelizabethhats.com Date: 2 November 2009 6-8pm

Design your own fantastic fascinator with award winning milliner Katherine Elizabeth. Having worked for star milliner Stephen Jones and made hats for Dita von Teese, now Katherine will share her hat-making secrets with us all.

Craft It Yourself – Make Jewellery with Frilly by Lily www.craftcentral.org.uk/frilly-by-lily Date: 2 December 2009 6-8pm

Frillybylily is a fun high fashion jewellery brand with a focus on recycled materials. Lily will help you freshen up your jewellery box, by reinventing your old or broken jewellery into a new contemporary piece! Don't worry if you don't have anything, there'll be extra materials provided (including vintage bits and lots of new elements).

Location: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London, EC1M 4DS

Cost: All **Craft It Yourself** workshops cost £10 (including materials and complimentary wine)

Booking is essential. Please call 0207 251 0276.

Please keep an eye out for our next series of 'Craft It Yourself' workshops starting in January 2010 making craft your New Year's resolution.....Visit our online events calendar: <http://www.craftcentral.org.uk/calendar>

Notes to the Editor...

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Craft Central's dynamic Network connects over 400 UK designer-makers, helping them to discover valuable opportunities and benefit from really practical and well thought-out services and resources. Craft Central takes time to understand makers and encourages them to develop groundbreaking new work. Alongside this support, Craft Central promotes cutting edge craft and design to the public through an exciting programme of innovative exhibitions and events.

Special Services for Industry and Press...

Media and buyers industry are invited to use Craft Central as a resource. Craft Central's current Network includes a portfolio of 500 cutting edge designers producing work in a vast array of disciplines (including; fashion, textiles, accessories, jewellery and interior products). Craft Central can help you source new products, maker's profiles, accessories for shoots, news stories and more.

In order to bring talented designers and trade professionals together Craft Central offers a range of special service for industry and press visitors:

Designer Introductions... Bringing talented designers and trade professionals together.

To maximise your time, Craft Central can arrange a day of meetings providing the chance to view and discuss work by designers selected to match your requirements. International buyers already utilise this service and find it an essential tool when sourcing new products. These meetings take place at Craft Central's offices in London EC1M. View a selection of Craft Central designers in the online Designer Maker Gallery and just let us know if you would like to organize an appointment!

www.craftcentral.org.uk/designermakergallery

Keeping you in touch... Keep up to date with the hottest design talent!

Throughout the year Craft Central organises an exciting programme of exhibitions and events to promote new work by contemporary designers. Press releases are circulated regularly, but if you have a specific request please get in touch!

To view the latest press releases visit www.craftcentral.org.uk/press-area

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The London Development Agency (LDA) aims to improve the quality of life for all Londoners - working to create jobs, develop skills and promote economic growth.

Arts Council England (ACE) works to get great art to everyone by championing, developing and investing in artistic experiences that enrich people's lives. As the national development agency for the arts, we support a range of artistic activities from theatre to music, literature to dance, photography to digital art, and carnival to crafts. www.artscouncil.org.uk

The 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund is worth £1.2m over two years with award grants ranging from £25,000 - £50,000 to projects across London. These could be anything from multi-media skills gained through a film project, to set design or set construction skills gained through work in a theatre.



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