



BOOTSTRAP ARTISANS

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Welcome Newsletter

Hello and welcome!

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Hello and thank you for joining the Bootstrap Artisans as a member. We are a multi stakeholder co-operative which welcomes anyone that wants to be involved.

This welcome newsletter is intended as an overview of some of the things we would like to achieve, but as we are a group some things will be added and changed as we grow and other ideas are put forward.

Our over-riding aim is to create both a physical and virtual place where artists, makers, customers and visitors can get involved and enjoy all the different

creative activities that we have to offer.

Some of the key things we are aiming to do in 2015:

We have put a bid in for the Boot Factory, Wolverhampton to house:

- Galleries
- Teaching spaces
- Artists' studios
- Café/bar
- Event space
- Equipment for hire
- Small business units
- Photography studio
- Creative meeting spaces



We also want to attend events as a group, become a recognised learning centre for courses and classes as well as putting on our own events such as wedding fayres, beer festivals and generally anything else that involves having some fun together!

Again, thank you for getting involved as each member helps us get that little bit closer to achieving all these goals.

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Benefits of being a member

As with all things, there is always an element of 'why should I do this, what do I get out of it?' and we recognise that question!

Member benefits will vary according to the type of membership you hold but

will all include things like the quarterly magazine which you can contribute to; priority access to events and facilities as well as our very own loyalty card to build up rewards!

We also want to run members only events as a thank you for getting involved plus tailoring things during

the year that are useful or appropriate to members.

If there is something that you would like to see, or think would be a useful idea then please tell us! This is a group effort so if we don't know we can't put it in place!

Dates for your diary

Saturday 11th January; Party in the PopUp!

We will be open to the public to share some wonderful makers, so please join us if you can for a mini party and to meet other members. Cake is not an option!

It's also a way to say thank you to all those that have helped us get to this point in the journey.

Sellers interested in being part of the pop up shop can find all the details and how to apply on the website, but be quick as we already have loads of amazing artists and makers busy making new stock ready for the opening day!

Public get together

We will host another get together during January to share where we've got to and what we plan to do next.

Please make sure you have signed up to the mailing list which is on the website so you can come along too.

Thank you to those that braved the cold and came to say hello in December, and because there was so much support and enthusiasm it gave us the confidence that this is something that people really want to get involved with and can see a future for us all.



Saturday 7th June, Artists & Crafters Fair 2014

our annual event but this year in the Civic Hall with over 90 local artists, makers and suppliers in the area. Loads of activities and demonstrations during the day so whether as a stallholder or visitor you are bound to find new friends and learn a new craft. Stallholders interested in booking a place please go to the website where full details and booking are available.

Creativity is intelligence having fun!
Einstein

If you are interested in becoming a Director on the Board of Directors, please contact us to discuss. The Board has space for an additional seven members to be drawn from Producers, Consumers and Supporters to reflect the balance of interests. Although it is a legal responsibility to become a Director we really don't want stuffy meetings as nothing gets done that way! We want those that are interested and passionate about seeing the co-operative grow and expand to support others. You need to be able to attend meetings which should only be one a month but we can give you more details if you are interested.



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That said, we do use lots of social media to share stories and pictures about everyone, so if you use Twitter, FaceBook or Pinterest please say hello to us!



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