

Dear Artists. 16th July 2021

We hope you are safe and well. Our newsletter celebrates your amazing new art works and brings news from the studio. There is also an important message from the Richmond Fellowship instructing all services to continue to work to Covid secure measures from Monday 19th July and a response to the racist attacks on England's young footballers. We begin with a new artwork from artist Gerri.



'Kingfisher'. Amazing new work from Gerri

Covid-19.

Last Monday the Government announced that from July 19th many of the Covid-19 restrictions would come to an end. However, with infections on the rise the Richmond Fellowship has made the following statement:

'Coronavirus cases are increasing across the country. In our organisation, we are seeing this upwards trend replicated, with a small, but significant increase in cases and people self-isolating. We do not yet know what impact the lifting of restrictions on the 19 July will have.'

As a health and social care organisation, we have a duty of care to the people we support and we must remain cautious and vigilant in carrying out our roles.

We are therefore not lifting any of the current Covid safe measures we have in place across all our services and offices for the time being. For the next month we are asking all staff and services to keep to your existing Covid secure risk assessments, and ways of working. You must continue to wear the relevant PPE and maintain social distancing, even if you have both vaccines doses.'

If for any reason these safe measure are going to be difficult for you please contact the studio. We will update you to any changes over the coming weeks.



*Scars on my mind and body?
Still healing from trauma!*

*Like a tree which is majestic!
We all stand tall and green with renewed vigour!
At Art Matters, we are cherished and nurtured!
Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!
Never doubt for a moment!
You will get better!
A big hug to all!*

Raj

Thank you for thinking of us all Raj.

Art Matter Studio Summer Closure

The studio will be closed from Monday 16th August until Tuesday 31st August 2021 for our Summer break.

Gatton Park Art Hunt 1st August.



Richmond Fellowship is now part of Recovery Focus.



Gatton Park will be open to explore, with walks around the rock garden, Japanese garden, lake and more. Take away refreshments available to purchase, plus a small plant sale. There will be guided walks available. The Gatton Art Hunt is in partnership with Art Matters. Find one of the special fir cones to claim your free piece of artwork. There will be demonstrations of print making and you can have a go at foam printing.

The park and gardens are open 12 noon – 5 pm. Please arrive within your 30 minute time slot to help with social distancing.

Booking is essential ; <https://gattonpark.co.uk/events/open-day-62/>

£5.00 entry for adults and children go free.

Thank you to Natasha and David for their amazing contribution to this project alongside Art Matters print artists Nigel, Orlean, Sal, Lucy and Angela. A wonderful collection of six individual prints in a range of techniques - foam print, lino, woodcut, reverse embossing, collagraph – totaling 300 individual prints.



'Surf's Up!!'

Studio life: Lucy's great new 'Foam Print' in preparation for her workshop – dates to follow.

Workshops.

Sorry everyone. We've had to put a temporary hold on the Monday workshops – they will be back!



New work from Barry's amazing sketchbook.

Message from Derek Caren – Richmond Fellowship CEO.

As disappointed as England fans are by Sunday's Euros result and losing a final on penalties, we should all be proud of this team, what they stand for and their achievements on and off the pitch:

- *At the age of just 23, Marcus Rashford raised £20m for children to eat last year*
- *Jadon Sancho is only 21 and has already opened up new football pitches for those in the suburbs of London*
- *Bukayo Saka is 19 and an inspiring voice for young people in football today, whilst helping local communities*

We are so grateful for what the team have brought us this summer. The leadership, diversity, team culture, camaraderie and resilience has been evident for all to see and a boost for the nation as we continue to battle the pandemic, so we were deeply saddened to see the racial abuse these young men have been subjected to.

It is times like this when you can either take a clear stance and challenge racism when you see it, or sit back and say nothing.

There is no place for racism in football, in society, in the workplace or this country. We must all unite and fight it, wherever we see it.

We are proud of the work we are all doing across Recovery Focus on equality, diversity and inclusion. We also know we have work to do to truly become an actively anti-racist organisation - and encourage you to be part of the conversation and solution ahead. We'd also encourage you to be involved in one of our Inclusion Communities. If you would like to find out more, please contact charlotte.watmore@richmondfellowship.org.uk.

Please also take time to check in on each other.

With thanks,

Derek Creen

Derek and the Group Leadership Team



Finished, Molly's beautiful garden pastel.

Artist in Residence. Emma Tilbury-Barrow.

We are very pleased to announce Emma will be joining Art Matters as Artist in Residence. Emma is an artist with a wide experience in the arts and will be making jewellery with us; from initial prep drawings to wax carving to polishing rings and pendants. Her work is inspired by nature. She'll be in the studio on Wednesday afternoons so do please say hello and welcome. We'll bring you news of her residency and show you her work in this newsletter in the coming weeks. Fantastic!



Great new work from artist Deanna.

Thank you from Mark.

As you may be aware, I've not been into the studio for the past couple of weeks having had Covid and needing to isolate. I'm much on the mend and hope to see you soon. Thanks everyone for your kind messages. Best wishes to you all. Mark.

Art Matters website.

Art Matters are back on line with a new website. Check us out at:

www.artmatters-richmondfellowship.org.uk

All of the images and other works can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.

Thank you everyone for sending in your work. It's an amazing collection. Art Matters feels very proud.

Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch. Look after yourselves and each other.

Contacting Art Matters: artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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Enjoy the rest of your day.

The Art Matters team.

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