

## Made in the Middle Artist Development Day

Saturday 8 November – 11am-4.00pm

11.00am – 11.15am Tea and coffee, welcome and introduction

### **11.15am – 12.00pm, Ekta Kaul, Textile artist and educator**

In this presentation, artist and educator Ekta Kaul will share insights on how artists can develop their creative practice into new directions with clarity and confidence. Drawing on her own journey as an artist, author, and mentor, she explores ways to grow your work in new directions — from teaching and collaborations to exhibitions, commissions, and beyond — while staying true to your creative voice. Ekta also offers practical tools for advocating for yourself as an artist: communicating your value, setting healthy boundaries, and shaping opportunities that align with your vision and values.

### **12.00pm – 12.45pm, Caroline Jackman, Business consultant, trainer and coach**

Looking at open calls and applications, Caroline Jackman, business consultant and coach, is the project lead for Collect Open, the platform for individuals at the Collect Art Fair is offering a talk and open discussion on developing your creative practice. This talk will help you reflect on where you are now, look forward towards your future aspirations and give tips on how to reach your goals.

### **12.45 – 1.30pm, David Rowan, Visual Artist/ Photographer**

David will deliver a short presentation on different approaches to photographing your artwork, specialist workflows, basic theory and standardisation to suit your work and budget. He will be available to answer specific questions later in the afternoon.

**Surveys for people not returning in the afternoon.**

### **1.30pm-2.30pm Lunch and opportunity to view Made in the Middle**

### **2.30pm-3.45pm, Claire Hickey, Arts Officer, Heritage & Culture Warwickshire**

General networking in association with Nuneaton & Bedworth Cultural Network

The networking will begin with a share session. This is an opportunity to share something about your practice, or something you've been working on that you'd like to share with other creatives in the room.

You can either send PowerPoint slides or bring an object or objects with you. The slots will be available on a first come first served basis. Please indicate when booking if you would like to participate. PowerPoints should be sent a week before the event.

The rest of the session is an opportunity to meet other creatives and discuss practice, opportunities and ideas.

Tea, coffee available throughout.

**3.45pm Event surveys**

**4.00pm Close**

**4.00pm – 4.30pm Opportunity to view Made in the Middle**